

## David Louis Jenkins

October 15, 1916 - October 17, 2015



NEWPORT – David Louis Jenkins, 96, passed away at home on Monday, December 24, 2012.

Born October 15, 1916, at Newport Hospital, he was a life-long Newporter. Dave was the son of David Joshua Jenkins and Gertrude McCormick. His wife of 66 years, **Sally**, died in July of this year.

Dave was the valedictorian of the Class of 1934, **De La Salle Academy**, proud of his medals in Latin, English, and Math.

He worked as a brass molder at the **Goat Island Torpedo Station** and served in the **US Navy during WWII** as a Morse code operator on destroyer escorts on the North Atlantic convoy routes.

Following the war and marriage he operated a number of local businesses, Vets Cab, Thrifty Car Rental, Western Union, and Bellagamba's Pizza.

In his "retirement" he worked as property manager for several developers.

Dave was a determined athlete, excelling in basketball in the old city leagues, passionate about running and his late-blooming tennis prowess. He was a doubles regular at the Pop Flack courts, challenging players of all ages well into his eighties.

He is survived by his eight children,

- **Michael Jenkins**,
- **Mary Hayes** and her husband, Michael,
- **David Jenkins** and his wife, Karen,
- **Sally Casey** and her husband, Steve,
- **Anne Jenkins** and her husband Chip Moatz of Leadville, Colorado,
- **Patricia Dougherty** and Dennis Dougherty,
- **Dr. Kathleen Jenkins** and her husband Michael McDonald of Silverthorne, Colorado,
- **Thomas Jenkins** and his wife Amy of Paia, Hawaii.

His sister, **Mary Corcoran**, of Newport, also survives him. He was the brother of the late **Earl Jenkins** and **Annie Armstrong**.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dave's memory may be made to Friends of Newport Public Library, 300 Spring Street, Newport, RI 02840.

*Calling hours will be omitted at the request of the family.*

*A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Spring Street, Newport.*

*Funeral arrangements are by the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home.*

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