

Obie Jenkins was born on March 9, 1917 and died on April 14, 1945. He was the first Lieutenant of the 499th Bomber group, 878th Bomber Squadron. Aircraft B-29-42 departed from Saipan, Marianas Islands on a combat mission to Tokyo, however the aircraft was not contacted by radio after their takeoff. One of the surviving men, T/Sgt



Louis T. Vance said enemy fighters fired two bursts into the number four engine and punctured a fuel cell. His body was interred in a military cemetery in Yokohama, Japan before his family received his remains back. He earned the purple heart.

Obie Jenkins, Senior Class of Maryville College, 1939

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JENKINS, FIRST LT. OBIE—

26, killed in action April 13, 1945, while serving with the A. E. F. in Japan. Body will arrive Saturday morning. The family home is at 908 White Ave., Maryville. Survivors: parents, Mr. and Mrs. Decator C. **Jenkins**; sisters, Mrs. Raymond White and Mrs. Paul Bell; nephews, Ray and Oble Bell. Services Sunday 3:30 p. m. at First Methodist Church, Dr. E. E. Wiley Jr. and Rev. A. F. Grahl officiating. Interment in Grandview Cemetery. The body will be at the home Sunday morning.



Knoxville News-Sentinel (Knoxville, Tennessee), July 17, 1949: 20. Readex: America's Historical Newspapers.

<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/readex/doc?p=FANX&docref=image/v2%3A1429536AE5ADB4DF%40EANX-15CC4298418332CD%402433115-15CA36ABA37FDB3E%4019-15CA36ABA37FDB3E%40>.

SERIAL NUMBER 00621		1. NAME (Print) Obie Jenkins		ORDER NUMBER 1606
2. ADDRESS (Print) R. F. D. No. 2 Maryville Blount Tenn.				
3. TELEPHONE 866	4. AGE IN YEARS 23	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Blount Co. Tenn. U.S.A.	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.	
DATE OF BIRTH March 9 1917		7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mr. Decator C. Jenkins Father		
8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Father		9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON R. F. D. No. 2 Maryville Blount Tenn.		
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Aluminum Co. of America - Student of U.T.				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Also Blount Tenn.				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		16-17105 Obie Jenkins (over) (registrant's signature)		

Obie Jenkins, World War II draft cards, 1940-1947. [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)

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ORIGINAL

WW II APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER

(Please make out and return in duplicate)

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED (See Instructions attached)

☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE

☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER

☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER

☐ BRONZE MARKER

ENLISTMENT DATE

DISCHARGE DATE

SERIAL No. **0-806074**

PENSION No.

STATE **TENN.**

RANK **1st.**

U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION
AAF 499th Bldg Co.

LOCATION (City and State)
MARYVILLE, TENN.

NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State)
MARYVILLE, TENN.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE
MARYVILLE, TENN.

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Jenkins, Obie

DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)
Mar 9-1917

DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)
14 Apr 1945

NAME OF CEMETERY
GRANDVIEW CEMETERY -

SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY)

(SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)
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FOR VERIFICATION
JUL 27 1948

ORDERED
COLUMBUS, MISS. 22 AUG 1948

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I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran.
I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE
Decator C. Jenkins

DATE OF APPLICATION
July 22, 1948

ADDRESS (Street, City, State)
908 WHITE AVE. MARYVILLE, TENN.

OQMG FORM 623
REV 8 FEB 48

IMPORTANT—Complete Reverse Side

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Obie Jenkins, Headstone Applications for Military Veterans 1861-1985, [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)