



## Bennie Dean Akins

December 4, 1936 - July 4, 2022

SHIRLEY – Bennie Dean Akins, 85 of Shirley passed away on Monday, July 4, 2022.

Born on December 4, 1936 in Columbus, Georgia and raised in Opelika, Alabama, Ben, whose family called him Dean, was the son of the late William H. and Ida Pearl (Puckett) Akins. A 12-year veteran of the U.S Army, Ben proudly served in the Army Security Agency in Vietnam. He was also stationed in Japan, Germany and as an instructor at Fort Devens. He was a graduate of Mount Wachusett Community College where he received his degree in electrical engineering.

An avid fly fisherman, Ben was a founding member of the Squan-a-Tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited in Pepperell. For many years he was also club secretary at Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club; call sign KB1FJ.

Ben was predeceased by his parents and sister Glenda A. Patton. Ben is lovingly survived by: his wife of 58 years, Karen (Wilkins) Akins; their children, Kristina Akins Adelberg and Keith W. Akins; sisters, Margaret A. Mezick of Alabama and Willine A. Moss of North Carolina; brother, Ted F. Akins of Georgia; and grandchildren, Isaac Wm. Adelberg, Ben Adelberg, Emily Akins, and Anna Akins.

A Memorial Service will be held at Trinity Chapel, 184 Center Road, in Shirley on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Internment will follow at Shirley Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to be made to the Fisher House Foundation for military families or Homes For Our Troops. All

arrangements are under the direction of Anderson Funeral Homes, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer, MA. For additional information or for online condolences, please visit, [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Chapel  
184 Center Road  
Shirley , MA

## Graveside Service

JUL 9 (ET)

Center Cemetery  
Brown Rd.  
Shirley, MA 01464

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Thom lit a candle in memory of Bennie Dean Akins*



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**David Thom** - July 08, 2022 at 03:11 PM

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“ *Karen, Kristina and Keith we love y'all. I am sure Uncle Dean and momma are having such a wonderful reunion in Heaven right now. Our prayers are with you.*



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**Becky Gearheart** - July 08, 2022 at 09:50 AM