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# FERN JENNINGS

1930 - 2018



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**BORN** 1930

**DIED** 2018

**FUNERAL HOME** King David Memorial Chapel  
2697 E Eldorado Ln  
Las Vegas, NV

## FERN JENNINGS OBITUARY

**F**ERN JENNINGS Fern Jennings, 87, creator of the "Happy Hoofers" senior tap dance group, passed away March 9, 2018, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Born and educated in Duluth, Minn., she

was one of only five girls in her junior college in the late 40's. The college made them the school cheerleaders when their team played in the Junior College Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, Calif. Fern was a retired legal secretary. She polished her skills working in the Duluth Probate Court system for 20 years. She then accepted a position with New York's Paul Weiss and Associates Law Firm for another decade. Already a Nevada vacation home-owner, she moved to Las Vegas following the death of her husband Edward, president of the Sunshine Biscuit Company and a World War II veteran. She quickly became involved in volunteer community service organizations and senior tap dance classes, spinning off the costumed Happy Hoofers senior tap group, working in conjunction with VFW Post 1753 and later American Legion Post 8. The Happy Hoofers performed at nursing homes, retirement homes, veteran's events, civic affairs, hotels, casinos and even for tourists at McCarran Airport. After Edward's funeral, Fern discovered a shoebox of letters written by him to his mother, detailing his military adventures from basic training through the invasion of France and into Germany, which she published as "Your Loving Son, Ed". She donated the book's proceeds to benefit veterans. She is survived by and will be deeply missed by Edward's son and granddaughter, Ted and Alisha; her shelter dog, Tootsie; and literally scores, if not hundreds, of loving, caring and genuine friends, fellow entertainers and applauding audience members. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 16, at King David Memorial Chapel, 2697 E. Eldorado Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89120. Burial following at Palm Valley View Cemetery, 7600 S. Eastern Ave. (the adjacent property).



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Such a gracious lovely lady and good friend.

**Stan Gershgol**

March 14, 2018

So grateful to have had this absolutely amazing journey with my dear friend Fern. A part of me has flown away and a part of her remains with me forever. I am so fortunate for the many great show-laughs, errors, rehearsals, and conversations. Because of you Fern, I am a better me; a zillion thanks for sharing this wonderful part of your life with we, Happy Hoofers. :CeeAee :DoVanne

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March 13, 2018

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**MAR** **Funeral Service**  
**16**

10:00 a.m.

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**16**

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