



Rev. Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.

June 6, 1929 - September 15, 2012

Rev. Dr. Tommie L, Jenkins, Sr. was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. William Jenkins in Shorter, Alabama (near Tuskegee) on June 6, 1929. He was educated in the Shorter, Alabama school system.

In 1950, Rev. Jenkins moved to Baltimore where shortly thereafter, he met and married the love of his life, Romaine Mitchell, on June 6, 1953. Affectionately known as “Honey,” she was the apple of his eye and wind beneath his wings. As long as she was happy, he was happy! From this union four children were born, Tommie, Jr., Gloria, Eva, and Wendy. Prior to the marriage there was one daughter, Juanita Forte-Riley. Rev Jenkins was a very ambitious young man who would do anything in his power to provide a good life for his young family. He worked various jobs and retired from Hillen Tires in 1984 after years of distinguished service. His favorite pastimes were reading the Bible, fishing with friends, and time with family. Rev Jenkins enjoyed spending time with his favorite son, Tommie, Jr. aka “Prince of Egypt”, and his two son-in-laws, Darryl Thornton and Gregory Zollicoffer. There was standard lifestyle presented in his household... no washing or ironing clothes nor attending the movies on Sunday because it was the Lord’s Day and we had to keep it holy. Known as “Pop Pop” to his grandchildren for whom he had tremendous affection, he was the daycare provider (allowing them to do anything they wanted to do as long as they didn’t kill each other), Granddaddy transporter and a counselor to the kids. He enjoyed taking his

grandson Joshua with him commune the sick and shut-in, Kmart, and Bi-Rite supermarket.

Rev. Jenkins became a member of St. Paul Christian Community Church in 1953 where Rev. Edward M. Revels was Pastor. He served as president of Senior Choir #2 and superintendent of the Sunday school. A very dedicated man to church and God he always said, 'if I can help somebody, my living will not be in vain.

Rev. Jenkins loved gospel music of and a singer with union Gospel Singers of Baltimore, MD. In 1954, he answered to a higher calling and began to preach the of God. He received his Ministerial Training under the late Rev. Edward Revels and graduated from the Baltimore School of the Bible while working three jobs and raising his children. On July 30, 1982, Rev. Jenkins received his Doctor of Divinity Degree from Virginia Seminary. He was elected as the president of the United Council of Maryland and Vicinity and served in this position for four years. Rev. Dr. Jenkins set the precedence for all ministers in training and often said, "A preacher should dress dignified and carry himself as a man of God. He modeled this because he did not entertain active wear and thought a suit and tie was the appropriate attire to be worn at most occasions for one whom representative of the clergy.

In 1964, Rev. Dr. Jenkins was inspired by the Spirit of God to open up his own church, starting out with only seven members at "Little" St. John C.C. located at 2001 Green mount Avenue. He did not mind the few members and kept saying, "If I can help just one then my living won't be in vain." The Lord saw that he was thankful and grateful with a few members and blessed him with so many more he had to move to larger building, located at 1708 Hope Street. There he shared with his congregation many times, "The Lord will make a way somehow," The Lord blessed him with more than six hundred members. Rev. Dr. Jenkins again realized that he needed another building. The Lord spoke

and said, “Stand still. I’m going to give you a new building and a new location, but you will remain at the same place. For on this rock I’ll build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” On Sunday, August 26, 1979, dedicatorial service was held for a newly built church located at 1208 East Lanvale Street (corner of Lanvale and Aisquith Streets). Re. Dr. Jenkins often says, “What you need God’s got it. He’s got everything you need.”

Rev. Dr. Jenkins loved spending time with his church family. Prayer, praise and divine healing services were the highlight of his week. If there were just two members in attendance. The church doors were open and service continued as if there were ten thousand people in attendance. Many preachers and churches were birthed as a result of his teaching and preaching, any many more were set free from the fetters of sin by the uncompromising Gospel that he preached. He loved and shepherded his people with a firm but caring hands as a father and taught the church that Holiness was the stand, and that we ought to strive to be just as God is...Holy.

Rev. Dr. Jenkins had strong constitution and believed that each person should strive to reach the highest level of achievement. His mantra was, “With God all things are possible.” Re. Dr. Tommie Jenkins, Sr. leaves to cherish his memory, loving wife of 59 years, Romaine Jenkins; one son, Rev. Tommie Jenkins, Jr., four daughters, Juanita Forte-Riley, of Charleston, SC., Gloria Jackson (known to him as grandma), Dr. Eva Thornton, Rev. Wendy Zollicoffer; three son-in-laws, Robert Riley, Deacon Darryl Thornton, Rev. Gregory Zollicoffer; a special daughter, Renee Jenkins (affectionately known as Nay) and an adopted daughter, Gale Moore; eleven grandchildren, Robert Riley, Mark Riley, Shalicia Rich, Romaine Jenkins, Tommie Jenkins, III Rachel Jenkins Keyaira Williams, Shareese Jackson, Morgan Stevenson, Jr., (Rachael), Joshua Stevenson, Joel Stevenson, Michael Reid, and Jerhi Curry, (Ramiah); nine great grandchildren, James Brodie, Damon Williams, Janelle

Williams, Janiya Johnson, Jereiah Curry, Shalise Rich, Antoine Rich, Blair Stevenson, and Josiah Glover; two sisters, Hester Mae Brown and Elishbell Moore; faithful nephews, Howard James and Edward Anthony; a niece Leelabell Sewell; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and many brothers, and sisters, in the Lord.

Cemetery Details

Baltimore Cemetery

Baltimore, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP 22. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

SEP 22. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. John C.C. Church ***Special Musical Tribute, NO VEIWING
1208 E. Lanvale St.
Baltimore, MD

Wake

SEP 23. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

St. John C.C. Church
1208 E. Lanvale Street
Baltimore, MD

Service

SEP **23**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev.Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Patricia Alston lit a candle in memory of Rev.Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.*



Patricia Alston - January 30, 2019 at 05:49 AM



“ *To the Jenkins' Family,*

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. I was so very sorry to heard of the passing of Rev. Jenkins. I have many fond memories of Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins, and each of you growing up around Aisquith and Hope Streets. May your fond memories remain sweet in your heart. For as long as we remember our love ones they never really die, they live forever in our hearts and in the stories shared about them with others. With Deepest Sympathy

Tonia Cook Rowlette

Tonia Rowlette - September 24, 2012 at 07:14 AM

RJ

“ *Rev. H.B. Robinson, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Rev.Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.*



Rev. H.B. Robinson, Jr. - September 23, 2012 at 08:32 AM

MW

“ *Mary A. Waters lit a candle in memory of Rev.Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.*



Mary A. Waters - September 23, 2012 at 08:22 AM

DC

“ *I once was honored to introduce this Great Saint as He delivered his sermon at MCCM. With God wisdom, we will all be together in Green Pastures in His time. Our condolences to the Jenkins Family & the St.John's CC family. Pastor Donna Chiarella & Deacon Tony Chiarella of SWEET MERCY Church & Ministries,Balt.,MD*



Deacon Tony Chiarella - September 22, 2012 at 09:43 PM



“ *Beany lit a candle in memory of Rev.Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.*



Beany - September 22, 2012 at 02:31 PM



“ *Delores Miller lit a candle in memory of Rev.Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.*



Delores Miller - September 22, 2012 at 06:45 AM



“ *To The Jenkins Family,
Growing up under Pastor's leadership will always stay with me. Although I am all grown up, St.John will always be home. Thank you for sharing him with all of us. The lessons he taught over the years will live on.His smile and warm words had a way of bringing out the kid in you. I am thankful that God placed me in St.John at a young age because my memories are what gets me through the rough days.*

Gina King

Gina L. King - September 21, 2012 at 11:36 PM

H)

“ Harry Williams (Andy) lit a candle in memory of Rev.Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.



Harry Williams (Andy) - September 21, 2012 at 12:45 PM

AE

“ Angie Eberhart sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev.Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.



Angie Eberhart - September 21, 2012 at 11:00 AM

AE

Jenkins family nay the peace which comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead

Angie Eberhart - September 21, 2012 at 01:26 PM

KB

“ Kalietha Billups lit a candle in memory of Rev.Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.



Kalietha Billups - September 21, 2012 at 10:53 AM

MW

“ To the Jenkins Family, God has another flower in his garden, Rev. Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins, Sr. God knew that Rev. Jenkins was tired and said, "come on home my son". His smile, kindness, and meekness will truly be missed. Through Rev. Jenkins many years of ministry many souls were saved. I thank God for the 25 plus years that I was under his leadership and the opportunity to be his secretary. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you during this most difficult time.

Mary A. Waters

Mary A. Waters - September 21, 2012 at 10:09 AM

DS

“ Delisa Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev.Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.



Delisa Smith - September 21, 2012 at 10:03 AM

DS

“ Delisa Smith lit a candle in memory of Rev.Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.



Delisa Smith - September 21, 2012 at 10:02 AM



“ YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN YOUR LOSS. WHEN IT SEEMS TO MUCH TO BARE REMEMBER HIS SMILE THAT LIT UP A ROOM AND THAT BIG HUG YOU WERE SURE TO GET HE IS ONLY OUT OF OUR VIEW BUT NOT OUR HEARTS.



SABRINA MCLENDON - September 21, 2012 at 08:31 AM

CB

“ To the Jenkins family, I was sorry to here about Pastor Jenkins. He was a great man, and teacher and Man of God. Love to here him sing, preach and teach the word of God. God has another angel along with him now and he will shore be missed . May God bless his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis C. Bennett

Taylor, Michigan

Curtis Clifton Bennett - September 21, 2012 at 08:18 AM

DA

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one. When a loved one dies the pain, the grief, and the feelings of helplessness can seem unbearable. At such a time we can find comfort in Jesus promise made to all who have loss loved one in death at John 5:28,29 which reads: Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.”

Delores Allen - September 21, 2012 at 07:25 AM



“ My Pastor, my Dad(surrogate), my friend... I can go on and on about who Dr. Jenkins is and what he meant to me and my life. If there was any man whom I know without fear or contradiction was a man of God. This would be Dr. Jenkins. He never waivered in who he was, what he stood for and to whom he belonged and represented. I have been to other churches and even tried to stay, but I always found myself returning to St. John and to receive counsel from you. I never had to wonder or worry if your witness was for real. I always say and said they do not make Preachers and Teachers nor Pastors like you anymore. I love you and I miss you. The memories of your preaching are forever remembered. So much can be said but I will end with this, I was blessed to meet you and have you as a Pastor and Leader. Those things that you taught me were not in vain. I thank you for calling my house, reminding me of my commitment to God and to stay focused, pushing me to stay with God and to do HIS will and not mine.

Mother Jenkins(Momma Ro), you and the family are my family and I love you all. It is hard, but we know God makes no mistakes. To live is Christ but to die is GAIN. God you make no mistakes.

Sonji Douglass - September 21, 2012 at 06:44 AM



"It's just nice, to be nice"....Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins, Sr.

Sonji Douglass - September 21, 2012 at 07:14 AM

MJ

“ Pop Jenkins, every time I think of you being gone physically I say "I'm gonna miss Pop" but then I think in retrospect and I remember all the lessons you taught us and I realize you will never be gone, everything from how to play horse shoes in your back yard to teaching us that it takes more muscles in your face to frown than it does to smile and that's why you always smiled. You were a well of never ending knowledge and wisdom. You made a huge deposit into my life which helped me become the man I am today and I thank you for that. Under your leadership I developed the strength and courage to spread the word of God with integrity and without waivering. You always said "let the life I live speak for me" and it definitely did just that. I could go on and on and on but I want you to know that I love you and none of your hard work was in vain because you definitely reached this one somebody. YOU GOT THERE BEFORE I DID BUT YOU CANT CROWN HIM UNTIL I GET THERE!!!!!! +Min Donell Trusty, Jr+ AKA "Bruh Donell"



Min. Donell Trusty, Jr - September 21, 2012 at 06:19 AM

TF

Daddy i mis u very wish stick around longer 2 c ur grandson growin up & God bless me with a diamond thx

The coleman family - November 13, 2014 at 07:12 AM

MH

“ *MARIA A. HILTON lit a candle in memory of Rev.Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.*



MARIA A. HILTON - September 20, 2012 at 05:42 PM

MF

“ *Dear Eva and family,
So very sorry to hear about your loss. I pray that God gives you and your family peace and comfort during this difficult time. Your dad touched the lives of so many people in his work and his legacy will continue as we reflect on the good memories of his life. God bless you.*

Mary Ann, Bobby and Matthew Frye

Mary Ann Frye - September 20, 2012 at 02:37 PM

TF

“ *The Hurst Family lit a candle in memory of Rev.Dr. Tommie L. Jenkins Sr.*



The Hurst Family - September 18, 2012 at 09:27 PM

RE

"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." Deepest sympathy to the Jenkins family in the loss of your loved one. May it comfort you to know that others care and are praying for you during your hour of bereavement. Please rest assured in always knowing that, "earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal." May the living God comfort you this day forward. Lovingly, Mr. & Mrs. Roger N. Evans & Sons

Roger N. Evans - September 18, 2012 at 10:45 PM

AT

“ I'm saddened to hear about the loss of your dad my prayers go out to the family may God comfort you. Akkra Tucker and family.



akkra tucker - September 18, 2012 at 11:41 AM



Hey Akkra, this is Sonji...

Sonji Douglass - September 21, 2012 at 06:30 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - September 18, 2012 at 10:30 AM

SH

To the Jenkins family-May it comfort you knowing that your loved one is resting with the most high king.....THE HARRISON FAMILY FROM AISQUITH STREET.

stephanie Harrison - September 19, 2012 at 12:25 PM

DS

To God Be The Glory.....May the Lord's hand and heart comfort you and the family during this season...THE SMITH FAMILY (DELISA)

Delisa Smith - September 21, 2012 at 09:53 AM