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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

ROBERT
Jenkins Jr.

September 1, 1942 — February 15, 2025

Saturday, February 22, 2025 | 11:00 AM

**Nazarene Missionary Baptist Church
Fairfax, South Carolina 29827**

*~ Officiant ~
Pastor Terrance Thomas, Eulogist*

Order of Service

Pastor Ezra Black, Kingdom Embassy Community Church, Presiding

Musical Prelude Soft Music
Processional Viewing Clergy, Family, Friends
Opening Selection Choir
Scripture Readings:
Old Testament *Ecclesiastes 3:1-4* Pastor Ezra Black
(Cousin)
New Testament *John 14:1-6* Pastor Ezra Black
Prayer of Comfort Deacon Willie Wright, Jr. (*Brother-in-law*)
Chairman, Eden Missionary Baptist Church
Selection India Harrison
Remembering Our Beloved Robert: (2 Minutes, Please)
Family Tribute Minister Kenneth Jenkins (*Oldest Son*)
Acknowledgements Jacqui Gilmore (Cousin)
Selection Ludie Robertson
Words of Comfort Pastor Terrance Thomas (Cousin)
Director's Memorial M.F. Riley's Staff
Benediction
Recessional
Postlude

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Robert Jenkins, Jr. express their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to everyone who embraced and surrounded them with care and love during this difficult time. We are deeply moved by your visits, calls, and gestures.

The Jenkins Family

To My Loving Husband

*Although our worlds are different now
Or it is that just how it seems
Because you're always in my dreams.*

*I know your're up in Heaven
And looking down on me
And when I look up at the stars
I know that's where you'll be.*

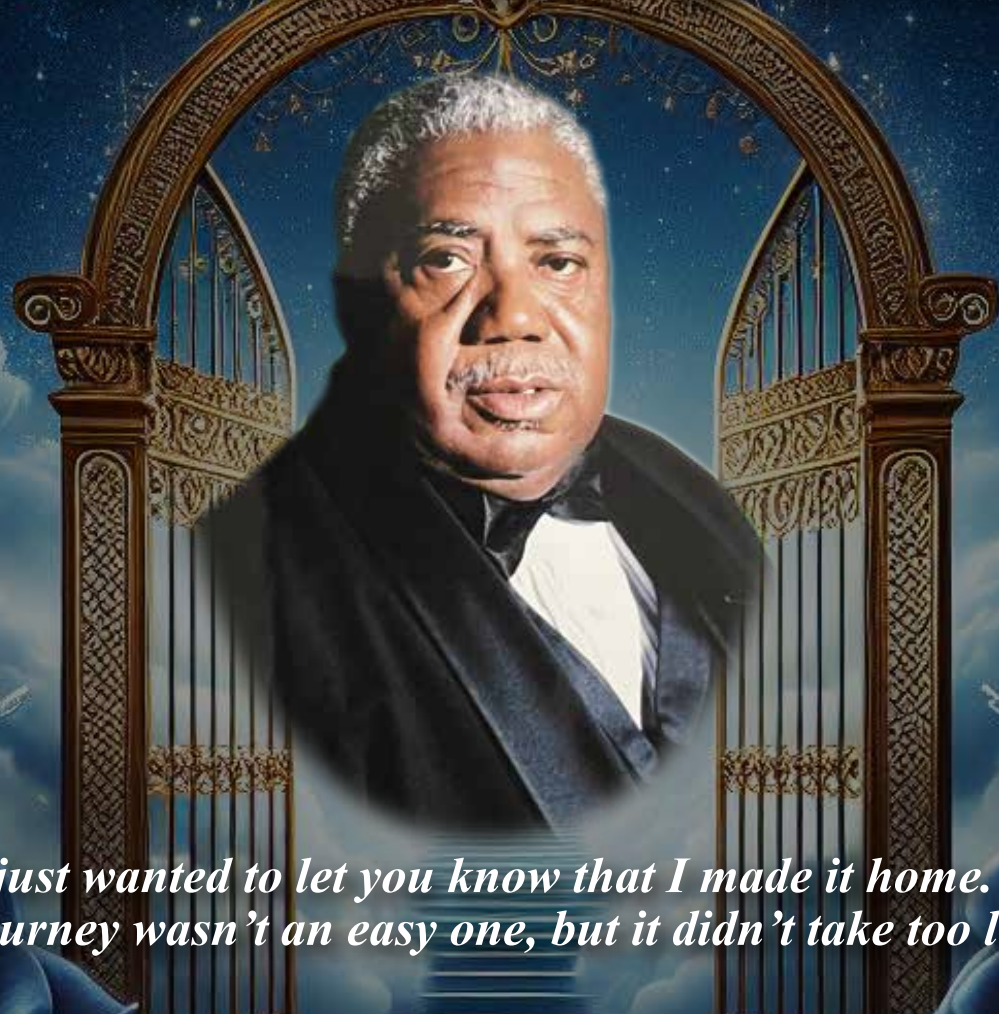
*Even though I miss you
You're not too far away
Because my heart is full of wonderful memories
And I treasure them everyday.*

*Our time on Earth was special indeed
But it's only the very start
So please keep watching over me
While we're not so far apart
Someday the time will come
When I will no longer feel this pain
That is the day when Heaven calls
And we will meet again.*

Love Always and Forever,

Your Loving Wife, Essie

I Made It Home



*I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.
The journey wasn't an easy one, but it didn't take too long.*

*Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh so new.
I wish that you could close your eyes so you could see it too.*

Please try not to be sad for me.

Try to understand, God is taking care of me...

I'm in the shelter of His hands.

*Here there is no sadness, no sorrow, and no pain.
Here there is no crying, and I'll never hurt again.
Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing.*

*I really have to go for now...
I've just got to try my new wings!*

Robert

Robert's Journey of Life

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, no crying, neither shall there be no more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:4

Robert Jenkins, Jr. moved to his heavenly home on February 15, 2025. He was 82 years old, having been born in Screven County, Georgia to Robert Jenkins, Sr., and Blanche Thomas Jenkins. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sibling (Melvin Jenkins).

Robert was educated in Screven County and graduated from Central High School in 1961.

Early on, Robert quickly grew into manhood and became a responsible adult working various jobs. His unwavering work ethic eventually led him to Chicago, Illinois with his family and first marriage with the mother of their children, Ms. Marieta Murray, where he fathered four children, 3 sons and 1 daughter. They are Kenneth Jenkins (Vanessa), Kevin Jenkins (Patricia), Mertice Hall (Herbert), and Vinson Jenkins (Yolonda). Robert was a hardworking man who gained employment, respectfully, at the Ford Motor Company and the General Electric Company. He later began working with CSX Railroad, a company that required him to travel extensively along the Eastern Seaboard. He moved back to the Georgia, South Carolina areas and eventually retired from CSX Railroad.

Robert would then settle in the Allendale, South Carolina area. It was here where he met Ms. Essie Mae McKnight. The two wed on January 17, 1981. They lived a modest, quiet and peaceful life, and remained married for 44 years until his departure from this earth. He was an extraordinary cook who knew his way around the kitchen; always ready to whip up a meal whenever his children or other family visited him. He was a wonderful helpmate for his beloved "Mae."

Being raised in a Christian upbringing under the watchful tutelage and spiritual guidance of his late grandfather, the Reverend A.L Thomas, as well as his mother, Evangelist Blanche Thomas Jenkins, Robert, affectionately known as "Bubba" to his close family and friends, knew the Lord, loved the Lord, and accepted Christ as his personal savior. As a younger man, he would often display this adoration by singing with a gospel group of quartet singers. Even during his idle time, he could be heard as he sat around singing old gospel tunes leisurely as time allowed. Robert became a member of the Greater Bethel AME Church in Fairfax, SC where he attended Sunday School regularly and served as a trustee until his health began to decline.

"**Bubba**", most times a quiet man, enjoyed being around his family. He would often speak fondly of the times well spent in Chicago hanging with his main man and favorite Uncle Alfred "Bunny" Thomas, and he always reminisced of being joked about and called "fathead" by his late Uncle Nathaniel Thomas. And although always miles apart, he remained aware and loved the fact that one of his oldest living aunts, Mrs. Westlena Black, was always including him in her daily prayers. Simply put, Bubba laughed, Bubba lived, Bubba loved, and Bubba was loved.

Robert not only leaves behind his devoted wife and his aforementioned four children, but he also leaves behind a son, Lucane (Carrie) Jenkins of Norristown, Pennsylvania, 9 grandchildren, Kevin Christopher Jenkins, Patrick Ormond Jenkins (Destiny), Ronni Marshai Jenkins, Tyrek Emmanuel Strange, Caleb Emmanuel Jenkins, Herbert David Hall, Makenly Brianna Hall, Elyse Rachael Hall, and Ahman Elijah Howard; 1 great-granddaughter, Cherish Jenkins; 4 remaining devoted and loving siblings, his older sister Daisy Lee Phillips (Baltimore, Maryland), Calvin Jenkins (Seattle, Washington), Honorable Mayor Samuel (Faye) Jenkins, Ideal, Georgia, and devoted sister Theresa (Willie) Wright of Eden, Georgia; special niece Tuzet Jenkins of Columbia, South Carolina. A brother-in-law, James (Pamela) McKnight (Summerville, South Carolina), a loyal first cousin George (Sonya) Dukes of Barnwell, SC; favorite niece, Josette McKnight of Allendale, South Carolina. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts, other relatives, and friends loved "Bubba" and will cherish many memories of him.

