

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

- THANK YOU -

Thank u for being by my side through the good and bad.
Thank u for teaching me how to play and hide.
Thank u for showing me the way of life.
Thank u for being my hero throughout my life.
Thank u for not judging me when I was doing bad.
Thank u for loving me even when I made u mad.
Dad u are my hero and I'll never forget the good times we had,
The long talks, the short walks, the drives to the store,
T cries we had together, the laughs we had at your jokes.
Dad, I love u and thank u now, then and forever.

Love, Valerie

- A FATHER AND A FRIEND -

I stand before you today to tell you a story.
To represent the life of my father
Who is now with God and all his glory
The lord needed an angel, so he called you home.
And when he called, we were there
But you had to go alone.
Since then, I have my days
Most of us all do So, I pray heavenly Father.
This too will come to pass.

I will love you forever,
Jo-Joe

- OUR UNCLE -

We came into this life. You held us in your arms.
You kept us safe, so no one could harm.
You taught us values. Lessons in life we would learn.
You taught us to respect; we gave you love in return.
You have always been in our life through thick and thin,
And now our lonely journey without you will begin.
For you were our hero, forever and a day.
You will always remain that hero. Till we meet you again someday.
We will embrace you in our arms and hold on tight.
We will stand by your side, and you will never leave our sight.
We miss you so much. The pain does not ease.
We pray you are happy and finally at peace. ---"Nikkii Fahy"

Your Nieces and Nephews

- ACKNOWLEDGMENT -

The family of the late Mr. Joe Lewis Jenkins, Jr. "Big Joe" acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, your prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers, and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each one of you.



never goodbye always
see you later

IN MEMORIAM

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

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JOE LEWIS
JENKINS, JR.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026
2:00 P.M.

HARRIS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
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MINISTER DR. MARY C. HOLLAND, OFFICIATING

– OBITUARY –

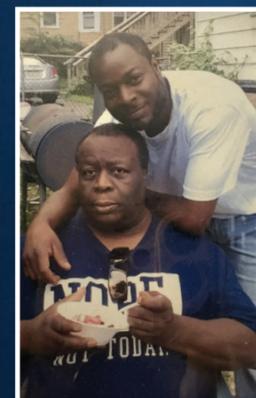
Mr. Joe Lewis “Big Joe” Jenkins, Jr., son of the late Mr. Joe Lewis and Mrs. Laura Tyson Jenkins, Sr., was born August 11, 1956, in Macon County, Alabama.

He confessed Christ at an early age and united with Maple Avenue Baptist Church in Montclair, New Jersey. Later in life, he fellowshipped with Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Lochapoka, Alabama.

Affectionately known as “Big Joe” by family and friends, graduated from Montclair High School in 1975, following graduation Big Joe attended Tolen Welding School where he earned his welding certification, he worked for many years as a welder. He reunited with and married Linda Jenkins and through their union they had three beautiful children. Big Joe worked for Bristol and American Body for many years before retiring and relocating to Auburn, Alabama. In his leisure time, he enjoyed spending time with family, playing video and computer games, singing, and listening to old-school music. He also had a deep love for fishing, which brought him great joy and relaxation.

On Wednesday, March 11, 2026, he departed this life at his home in Auburn, Alabama. He was preceded in death by: one grandchild, Jerrell Banks; two great-grandchildren, Amir McVay and Nyva Banks; two brothers, John Douglas and Losie Holland; one sister, Susie Holland Peaks-Lockhart.

He leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Linda Jenkins of Auburn, AL; three children, Valerie (Darrell) Banks of Western, PA, Laura Jenkins (Lamar Barnes) of Newark, NJ and Joe Lewis Jenkins III of Auburn, AL; seven grandchildren, Marquel Jenkins of Auburn, AL, Darrell Banks, Jr and Aniyah Banks both of Western, PA, Merrissa Barnes, Joshua Barnes, Christian Barnes, and Amira Jenkins all of Auburn, AL; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, Ernest (Mary) Jenkins of Orange, NJ and Edward Douglas of Connecticut; one aunt, Bessie Holder of Connecticut; five brothers-in-law, Richard (April) Holland of Lanett, AL, Roger Young of Hartly, DE, Gary (Diann) Young of Albuquerque, NM, James (late Darlene) Young of Opelika, AL, and Allen Lockhart (late Susie) of Bloomfield, NJ; three sisters-in-law, Juanita Holland of Springfield, NJ, Glendia Young (Charles Berry) of Montclair, NJ and Sonya (Mark) Stewart of Jackson, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



– ORDER OF SERVICE –

Processional Clergy and Family

Musical Selection “Take me to the King”
By: Tamela Mann

Scripture Reading:
Old and New Testaments... Minister Dr. Mary C. Holland

Prayer of Comfort..... Minister Dr. Mary C. Holland

Obituary ReadingMrs. Patryce Albert

Words of Tribute/Reflections
Poems Read by: Jo-Joe and Tina

Musical Selection “Dance With My Father Again”
By: Luther Vandross

Musical Selection “Come Jesus Come”
By: CeCe Winans

Message of Hope Minister Dr. Mary C. Holland

Benediction

Recessional