



Mr. David Louis Jenkins

June 16, 1945 - September 8, 2020

David Louis Jenkins entered this world on June 16, 1945 through the union of Wash Jenkins and Daisy Louise Helton in the town of Monroe, Louisiana. Growing up in the Newtown projects of Monroe, David understood what it was to be part of a community surrounded by family, and friends that became family. He dedicated his life to the Lord at a young age, at his first church home of Avenue Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Charles Reed. David completed his education at Little Flower High School in the class of 1964. During his time there, he was a strong athlete playing both football and basketball. David had a natural strength physically with a heart of gold. He also had a natural gift for numbers. He knew everyone's birth dates and could recall phone numbers and other statistics with ease.

In 1964, David moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to be with his parents, his brother Wash, and sister Mattie. Here he began a career as a teacher's assistance at Auer Avenue Elementary School. He had a special gift connecting with children and making a difference. He later started a second career at Pabst Brewery, as a tank repairer. During this time, he met his wife Christina Johnson. In 1984, David rededicated his life to the Lord. After the passing of his wife Christina in 1985, he was baptized in the water again with his daughter, Chrissy, and rejoined the ministry as a minister at Bethesda Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Dr. Rudolph V. Bates.

On July 2, 1988, he joined in holy matrimony to Mary S. Embry. Together they continued to grow in faith as they spread the word of God.

On January 16, 1989 he was ordained as an Elder in the Church Of God In Christ by the late Bishop Dennis Flakes. Elder Jenkins continued to serve in the ministry at Holy Sanctuary Church of God In Christ under the leaders Pastor Mae L. Lewis until his death.

On September 8, 2020, Elder David Louis Jenkins departed from his earthly home to be with the Lord. While his physical presence is no longer with us, he will continue to live on through the hearts and actions of many. Proceeding him in death was his father and mother, Wash & Daisy Jenkins; sisters, Vera Bates, Celia Mae Ruff, Dorothy Fields; brothers, Ed Sanders and Wash Jenkins, Jr; wife, Christina Johnson-Jenkins; son, Larry Buford. He leaves to cherish his memory, a loving wife of 32 years, Mary Jenkins; sons Gerald Winters and Antoine Davis Sr. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; daughter, Christina (Chrissy) Jenkins of Phoenix, Arizona; grandchildren, Justyne Jenkins, Antoine Davis, Jr, Auriel Davis, Demetrius Nelson, Lawanda Buford, Lawrence Buford, Larry Turner, and Keyona Johnson; two sisters, Mattie Hall of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Katie Tidwell of Berkley, California; aunt, Adaline Helton of Saginaw, Michigan; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 W. Capitol Dr.
Brookfield, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Service

SEP **17**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Tabernacle Church
5419 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

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“ James A Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Louis Jenkins



James A Bates - September 21, 2020 at 08:44 PM

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“ James A Bates lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Louis Jenkins



James A Bates - September 21, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. David Louis Jenkins.



September 16, 2020 at 04:16 PM

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“ I worked with “Brother Dave” for many years at Pabst Brewery. He was a great guy - respectful to all and always smiling. His co-workers and friends insisted 5’6”(?) Dave could dunk a basketball. I never saw him play, but I believed it! My sympathies on your loss. Gordie Bengtson, 1996 retiree of Pabst.

Gordon Bengtson - September 15, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. David Louis Jenkins.*



September 12, 2020 at 01:41 PM