



Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr.

January 6, 1931 - July 24, 2023

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Born on January 6, 1931 in Norfolk, Virginia to the late Reverend Silver M. and Joanna Jenkins and raised in Portsmouth, Virginia, Isaac Jenkins, Sr. was the sixth of seven children born of this union. He peacefully transitioned from labor to reward at 1:45 am on Monday, July 24, 2023, at Tidal Health in Salisbury, Maryland, with his daughter, Rotunda (Bunky) by his side. He was confident and willing to be absent from the body and present with the Lord.

After receiving his early, formal education in the public schools of Portsmouth, Virginia, Isaac studied at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, Maryland and later earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Antioch College in Baltimore, Maryland. Following that he earned a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree from Burton College and Seminary in Manitou Springs, Colorado and later received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from the National Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

Although Isaac accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in 1943, it was during his service to our country in the United States Marine Corps in 1953, during the Korean War, that he heeded the call of the Lord to preach the gospel. The following year, on August 1, 1954, he was united in holy matrimony to the late Nancy Ann Daughtry Jenkins, with whom he shared more than forty glorious years.

THE CALL ON HIS LIFE

On October 1, 1960, Isaac Jenkins, Sr. became Pastor at Macedonia Baptist Church (later renamed New Macedonia Baptist Church) in Pocomoke City, Maryland. Under the leadership of Reverend Jenkins, twenty-three ministers were licensed to preach the gospel and five were licensed and ordained as pastors. A new church was built under his leadership and paid for in 2.5 years. Bishop served as the Moderator for the VA & MD Baptist Association 1999-2002. In 2006, Reverend Jenkins was elevated during a service of Episcopal Consecration and became Bishop Isaac Jenkins, Sr. Fifty-seven years after the beginning his pastorate, he retired in 2018 as the longest-serving Pastor at one location on the Eastern Shore. This was a true testament to his passion for preaching, teaching, studying and sharing the word of God. He could quote scriptures and name the books of the Bible in order from Genesis to Revelation without having to look at the Bible.

A recording artist who could sing and play guitar and piano, he loved music, but especially quartet singing. His favorite quartet was the Dixie Hummingbirds. In his early years, he and his brothers form a group called "The Jenkins Crusaders" and they traveled far and wide sharing the good news of Jesus through their ministry of music. He also recorded and published various sermons, the most famous being "Daniel in the Lion's Den." Others included "The Second Coming of Christ", "A Fountain Filled With Blood" and "There's A Way Out."

A SERVANT LEADER

Whether you knew him as Pastor, Bishop, Servant or Friend, to know him was to love him. Humble, anointed, gifted and with a heart of gold and a passion for God and His people, Isaac Jenkins, Sr. has left an indelible mark and lasting impact near and far. In 1980, he was the founder and Executive Director of Save the Youth Crime Prevention Program, Inc., for 36 years.

Bishop Jenkins made a difference in the lives of youth from all walks of life. Riding around communities with a casket on top of his car served as a deterrent from a life of crime for those not willing to listen and who were headed for trouble.

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

A community activist and resource for anyone in need, Bishop Jenkins served his community unselfishly and generously. Whether it was visiting nursing homes, hospitals, jails, prisons or going to court to advocate on behalf of someone, he did not hesitate to step in to make a difference. Christenings, baptisms, weddings, funerals and more, you knew he would be there if asked. From making provisions for free chicken by partnering with Tyson's and Perdue, Inc. (this from a man who did not eat chicken and a preacher at that) to lending a helping hand whenever and wherever needed, you could always count on him to be there. He truly believed that love was an action word and he demonstrated love in all that he did.

Bishop Jenkins was a loyal and faithful friend who developed and nurtured lasting friendships and relationships. Whether it was his morning talks with Deacon Leroy Clark and Sister Elizabeth Pugh, weekly calls from Reverend Brenda Peterson and Bishop Robert Starkey, daily texts from Ruth Leatherbury, Bryan Planter, Gloria Sanders and Reverend Elwood White, prayer calls with Bishop Weldon Johnson or just hearing an encouraging word to lift his spirits, he enjoyed the love, affection and attention he received from those who knew and cared about him. He enjoyed delicious meals from his members and friends and especially the Christmas Dinners at Mrs. Beatrice Jones' House, every year. He also enjoyed dinners from Connie Mae Copes Crippen every Friday, weekly meals from Laura Spence and ongoing meals from Ann and Hazel Taylor. People loved to cook for him from Pocomoke to Baltimore. He looked forward to receiving delectable sweets and baked goods from Ralph and Gloria Sanders, all the way from North Carolina.

WELL DONE THY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Never one to publicly flaunt his achievements or accolades, Bishop Jenkins deserved every good thing that came his way. From having a train station named after him on April 15, 2000, a choir named after him in 1996 and a street named after him in 2019, to September 26 being declared Isaac Jenkins, Sr. Day, he remained humble through it all. Some of his favorite gospel songs spoke about the life he lived: May The Works I've Done, Speak For Me; Another Day That The Lord Has Kept Me; When You Hear Of My Homegoing; God's Got A Television; Let Me Lean On You and So Much To Be Thankful For. Bishop Jenkins lived his life by his favorite saying: If I Can Help Somebody As I Pass Along, Then My Living Shall Not Be In Vain.

A strong legacy and everlasting memories of Bishop Isaac Jenkins' legendary life will remain with: his four children, Gloria Ann Broady (Rusty), Isaac Jenkins, Jr. (Vickie), Cleveland Silver Jenkins and Rotunda (Bunky) Jenkins; ten grandchildren, Gerald Ogress Savage, Dion (Kishia) Jenkins, Tameka (Aaron) Perkins, Monique Broady, Ashley Thornton, Sheena Davey, Shayla Martin, Vanity Jenkins, Cameron Savage and Daquan (Toni) Collick; great grandchildren, Tiara Ingoglia, Gerald Savage, Jr., Aaliyah Savage, Johnathan Savage, Otis Waters, Tierra Finney, Terrell Waters, David Jenkins, Joshua Jenkins, Koraun Boatwright, Ronald McWilliams, Kareem Wilson, Jr. (deceased) and Aaron Perkins, Jr.; one brother, Leon Jenkins; five nephews, Rudy Jenkins, Alvin Mills, Marvin Mills, Barry Powell and Carl Jenkins; one niece, Jacqueline Starks-Blevins; adopted son, Ronnie Collins; adopted daughters, Barbara McBride, Cassandra Bailey and Tonya Scarborough and a host of family, friends and communities.

Bishop Jenkins came to Pocomoke at the age of twenty-nine. About two years ago, he started telling Gloria that ninety-two was going to be his year. She didn't give it much thought until his passing at the age of 92 which is 29 in

reverse. God knew from the beginning what his ending was going to be and our dad was just trying to prepare us for what he knew was coming. To God Be The Glory!

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Ella Fitzgerald Performing Arts Center
30613 College Backbone Rd
Princess Anne, MD 21853

Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

AUG 5. 2:00 PM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr.*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - August 05, 2023 at 03:22 PM

IV

“ *Dad, we talked two and three times a day and you always prayed for me. I will treasure all of the precious moments. You were a phenomenal dad and preacher. I am honored to have your namesake. I miss you so much, it's very hard. You are at peace now, love you so much.*

isaac & Vickie - August 08, 2023 at 10:14 AM

GB

“ *We the family of our beloved Bishop Isaac Jenkins, Sr., would like to thank you all for your outpouring of love during this difficult time, We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers, this is a tough one, but God knows how much we can bear. His legacy will continue, he passed the baton and we will carry out the mantle. Thank you all for loving him and making him happy. Dad sleep on, take your rest, we definitely will see you again. Tell mom hello and we love her too.*

Gloria, Isaac, Cleve, Bunky - August 08, 2023 at 10:11 AM

TW

“ Tammy Waters lit a candle in memory of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr.



Tammy waters - August 07, 2023 at 07:19 PM

YG

“ Yomika Ginn lit a candle in memory of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr.



Yomika Ginn - August 05, 2023 at 02:57 PM

JS

“ Jackie Starks-Blevins lit a candle in memory of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr.



Jackie Starks-Blevins - August 05, 2023 at 02:14 PM

PF

“ Phyllis Broady Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr.



Phyllis Broady Faulkner - August 05, 2023 at 01:59 PM

SH

“ *Samantha Marie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr.*



Samantha Marie Hodges - August 05, 2023 at 01:18 PM

AC

“ *Condolences to the Jenkins family whom I've know since childhood. He's been the same since day one to the last day. He gas left a legacy that not too many on earth could have left. He us one man I know is pleased with and Hod is welcoming him into those pearly gates with his arms stretched wide saying, all yor work done on earth has definitely spoke for you, come on home. He'll definitely be missed all over the entire Eastern Shore.* 🙏🙏🙏

Amanda Collins - August 05, 2023 at 01:12 PM

VM

“ *I loved your dad through you Rotunda. You loved him so much that I couldn't help but love. You were a faithful daughter. God is with you and your family.*

Valerie Murphy - August 05, 2023 at 10:36 AM

MF

“ *Mable Holden And Family lit a candle in memory of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr.*



Mable Holden and family - August 05, 2023 at 10:35 AM

NC

“ *Nan Curtis lit a candle in memory of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr.*



Nan Curtis - August 05, 2023 at 10:19 AM

NC

To the Jenkins family, sending my sincerest condolences in the passing of Bishop Isaac Jenkins, Sr. He was a kind, humble and lovely gift from God! He fought a good fight! Rest in Peace Pastor Jenkins!

Nan Curtis - August 05, 2023 at 10:28 AM

KJ

“ *May God comfort the family as we all cherish the memories and legacy Bishop left with us.*



Kimberly Jones - August 05, 2023 at 08:51 AM

TL

“ *What a beautiful life and a beautiful legacy! There are so many fond memories of Bishop Jenkins. I will always remember how he called my dad "The Professor". He will be deeply missed by the Kane Family. Know that we are praying for the Jenkins family and for the community.*



Tracy Kane Lofty - August 04, 2023 at 04:59 PM

RJ

“ To his family, friends, community at large, and the many lives Bishop Isaac Jenkins touched, my sincere sympathy go out to ALL. May the peace and love of IlGod give you peace and endurance in the days to come. To know him was to Love him. May you find joy in sadness, that he is now resting. Yes; May the work i've done speak for me.



Rosa Justice - August 04, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr..



August 04, 2023 at 10:27 AM

DC

“ Denise Copes lit a candle in memory of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr.



Denise Copes - August 04, 2023 at 05:46 AM

EE

“ My sincere condolences and prayers to Soror Rotunda and the entire family. I'm so thankful for my last conversation with your dad. I was able to pray with/for you and Daddy Jenkins hours before he passed. I'm grateful the spirit lead me to breakout in song at the end of my prayer. Daddy Jenkins was an amazing man of God who impacted so many peoples lives. You took such good care of your dad. Praise God he's resting in peace now, no more pain , suffering or appointments. Think of all your priceless memories when you find yourself getting sad and missing your dad. I will always remember your dad praying for Momma Everett and I. Praying God gives you peace, comfort, strength , courage and lots of love during this difficult time. I love you beyond Delta, you're my sister in christ. Thank you for allowing me to call your dad Daddy Jenkins. I'm here for you whenever you need me. Love you. 🙏❤️▲

*Sisterly Peace & Blessing,
Soror Evette Everett*

Evette Everett - August 03, 2023 at 09:36 PM

SP

“ Bishop Isaac Jenkins, Sr. was well knownd and loved by all. He did so much for our church and community. I will really miss his leadership and the Fathering spirit that he showed us. My condolences goes out to his family. Take your rest. You did your best. Well done thy good and faithful servant.

*Prayerfully,
Ms. Sheila Palmer*

Sheila L Palmer - August 03, 2023 at 05:42 PM

BG

“ On behalf of Victory Faith Worship Center, we extend our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Apostle Matthew and Bishop Cora Brown

Barbara Gumby - August 03, 2023 at 01:29 PM

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Apostle Matthew and Bishop Cora

Barbara Gumby - August 03, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr..



August 03, 2023 at 12:48 PM

EP

“ My sincere condolences and prayers to Rotunda Jenkins and the entire family.



Edna Price - August 02, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ *Bishop Jenkins left us as I was planning his comeback. I was sad when all his pictures were removed from New Macedonia Baptist Church. His picture with Nancy Ann belongs there.*

May his good works be continued through his son, Cleveland, and his daughter Rotunda. His granddaughter, Vanity, was often there for her grandfather.

He'll never grow old. I had the unique privilege of recording his history and his prayers for Pocomoke City. May he always be with us in spirit!

Pat Stille Martin

Patricia Martin - August 02, 2023 at 12:48 PM



Amen

Lisa Kellam-Boone - August 05, 2023 at 11:43 AM



Vanity Jenkins - August 11, 2023 at 07:38 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr..*



August 02, 2023 at 10:51 AM

NP

“ *Nilah Purnell lit a candle in memory of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr.*



Nilah Purnell - August 01, 2023 at 03:09 PM

RF

“ *May the work you done speak for you... Bishop Jenkins you have fought the good fight, you have finished the race.. Classmate Cleveland & Family wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories!*

Regina Fletcher - August 01, 2023 at 08:31 AM

T(

“ *My life was forever changed when my mother and father decided that my siblings and I would spend our summers in our ancestral home in Pocomoke City, MD. Our house was right next door to Bishop Jenkins and his family on Short Street. I have told friends that I was a Methodist during the fall, winter, and spring, but I was a Baptist in the summers! Some of my most precious memories are of Macedonia Baptist Church and Bishop Jenkins. He was truly an amazing man of God, not only in words but in deeds. I remember him being so kind not only on Sundays but everyday of the week! He truly lived a life of service to others and will always be remembered!!
May the God of all comfort be with his children, grandchildren, and other family and friends. Sending much love, Terri Jones(Trusty)*

Terri Jones (Trusty) - July 31, 2023 at 02:07 PM

DJ

“ *What a wonderful, loving, and considerate man. May God bless Gloria, Issac Jr (brother) Bunky and Cleveland and his grandchildren.*

Darnell Jones - July 31, 2023 at 12:53 PM

BS

“ *HE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT MAY THE GOOD LORD CONTINUE 2 BLESS AND KEEP HIS FAMILY FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES. LOVE BETTY S*



Betty L schoolfield - July 31, 2023 at 11:17 AM

CB

“ *Cassandra Bailey lit a candle in memory of Bishop Isaac Jenkins Sr.*



Cassandra Bailey - July 29, 2023 at 09:07 PM

VJ

“ *Remembering all of the good Bishop Jenkins did for not only Pocomoke, but the entire lower eastern shore. I can still hear him say in the name of the father the son, and the holy ghost I baptize you all those years ago. Family just know that his living was not in vain. He was loved and will be remembered by many including the Jones family. God bless you and heaven smile upon you.*



Vanessa Jones - July 29, 2023 at 06:38 AM

PC

*What a Kind Nice man Bishop Jenkins was.
He baptized me when I was about 14 and married my late husband
and I.
When I moved away he was only a phone call away for any advice I
needed.
May the Work he has done speak for him.
Take your Rest Bishop Jenkins. I am sure you will hear the words
WELL DONE.*

Pat Gibbs Collins - August 01, 2023 at 02:30 PM

CI

Mighty man of GOD always willing to listen and encourage

Clarence Walker Iii - August 01, 2023 at 10:01 PM

RC

*What a mighty Man of God! May the works he's done speak for him.
God has prepared a place for his Christian Soldiers... it's a place of
destiny, eternity, heaven! Take your rest, Bishop Jenkins, you've
earned your wings! Well done Christian Soldier!💙💛*

*Respectfully,
Roxanne Childs*

Roxanne Childs - August 02, 2023 at 08:29 AM



*To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord Bunky and
family you have my prayers God bless*

Theodore Rowley - August 02, 2023 at 12:00 PM

TW

*Such a beautiful man of God. I am so honored to have known the
Bishop Issac Jenkins. He was an anointed man of God. Take your rest.*

T. Darlene Williams - August 03, 2023 at 02:11 PM

KJ

*Bishop Isaac Jenkins was such a beautiful man of God. It was a great
honor of working with him back in the late 80's at the Save The Youth.
I'll be praying for the entire family. Take your rest Bishop Jenkins.*

Kim Joynes - August 04, 2023 at 09:35 PM

LP

What task was left by Jesus Christ--- to go and make "Disciples I think of many moments spent in conversation with Bishop Jenkins, that was his primary task with his soft drawn out statements he made. I can here him calling my name as he showed and demonstrated to me a better understanding of scripture. All one must view are the Pastors resulting from his teachings. Too, he was so concerned with our communities. Programs he began---"Save the Youth" were we worked all over Worcester County with wayward children. He worked with the Poc. youth on Second Street behind the Police Dept. He was very active with my late brother-in law, James (Hank) Heggins getting SHORE-UP, INC. begun in Worcester Co.(not in Salisbury, MD). In fact he and other members hired Mr. Freddie Mitchell as a Head Start instructor. As long as I have known Bishop I. Jenkins he has always been so giving of his time and energy. He will definitely be missed. Family I will keep you in prayer, loving you all,
Lorraine Purnell-Ayres

Lorraine Purnell-Ayres - August 04, 2023 at 11:30 PM

JB

My sincere sympathies to the Jenkins family in the loss of a great legend, noted for his dedication to Christ with loving and righteous works pouring out to so many others in so many walks of life. Servant, well done. Eternal rest with your Savior.
JOYCE ANN BRATTEN - SALISBURY, MD

JOYCE ANN BRATTEN - August 05, 2023 at 10:22 AM

BC

Bishop Jenkin's work has always spoke for him and always will. Well done our Good and Faithful servant, go and take your rest. Gone but never forgotten. Love You

Betty Copes - August 07, 2023 at 05:16 PM

HL

My condolences to the Jenkins family and the entire Eastern Shore of Maryland. Rev. Jenkins was a devout husband, steadfast and loving father, consecrated minister of the gospel, and a trustworthy community servant. May he rest in peace for his service to our God and His people. Knowing his work on earth was not in vain.

Henry Lewis - December 29, 2023 at 02:19 PM