



## Jessie M. Kennedy

May 6, 1934 - December 7, 2022

Jessie Wanda Marie Kennedy was born May 6, 1934 to the late Augustus D. Turner and Roberta Paige Turner in Roanoke Virginia. On Wednesday, December 7, 2022 the Lord saw fit to call her from labor to rest, to the church triumphant. At the age of 3 upon the passing of her mother, Jessie relocated to Bridgeport Connecticut, where she was raised by her oldest sister Ruby and her husband Carl Pullen along with her other 9 siblings.

Jessie began her early educational training at the Church Of God In Christ Inc.

school, Saints Industrial, in Lexington, Mississippi. Upon leaving Saints Industrial, she returned to Bridgeport, Connecticut and continued her formal education, graduating from Warren Harding High School in 1952. She went on to attend Virginia Union College in Richmond, Virginia.

While attending a football game in 1954, she met and married the love of her life Richard Leonard Kennedy Sr. From this union three children were born Richard Leonard Kennedy Jr., Matthew Albert Kennedy and Stacey Paige Kennedy.

While raising her children was her greatest joy, she found time to help her husband manage and develop Kennedy's Construction Co. Once the company was fully established and no longer needed her assistance, Jessie embraced

community and civic involvement. She became a strong supporter of the democratic party under the tutelage of Arthur T. Barbiera, a passion that remained with her until her passing. She was a member of the Cameo Club, the Trinity Temple Church Of God In Christ Inc. Choir and an avid sports activist especially football and basketball. Although she would watch any game her favorite team was playing.

Jessie also enjoyed cooking, watching jeopardy, the judge, shopping, playing cards with her brother Carl, eating and spoiling her grandchildren.

Jessie held several jobs throughout her life time but she especially enjoyed working at Teletrack and Connecticut Lottery where she retired.

Family was always very important. Her home was a safe haven for many friends and family members, often staying for weeks, months and years.

In 1984 Jessie reconnected with her Church Of God In Christ Inc. roots and joined Rehoboth Church Of God In Christ Inc. in Bridgeport, Connecticut and received salvation under the leadership of Bishop Augustus D. Pullen. Once joining she became a very active member and supported the ministry in any way she could. Her membership at the church was something that she was very proud of and often boasted about.

She leaves to cherish her memory, sons, Richard Leonard Kennedy Jr. (Sharon), Matthew Albert Kennedy (Jennifer) and daughter Stacey Paige Kennedy. Grandchildren, Dominique Elise Kennedy, Richard Leonard Kennedy III, Bianca Danielle Kennedy, Benjamin Matthew Kennedy, Shashona Hemmings. Great grandchildren Jair A. Mathis, Jonathan Craig Jr. Siblings, Evangelist Martha Lee Everson, Evangelist Rubye Marie Pullen-Daniels (Dennis) and Bishop Augustus David Pullen (Michele). She was predeceased by her husband Richard Leonard Kennedy Sr.

Brothers, Augustus D. Tumer, Clint O. Turner, Samuel L. Turner, Joseph N. Turner, Calvin H. Turner, Abner E. Turner, Sisters, Ruby D. Pullen, Elizabeth Macklin, Eunice Lane, Ruth Turner, Roberta Tumer, Beulah Codrington, Jimmie A. Reynolds.

Brother-in laws Roger W. Everson Sr. and Serge Reynolds. Grandson, Timothy Jonathan Mathis. Nieces that she and her husband raised Carla Heatley and Vicky Turner. She will truly be missed by a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends

# Cemetery Details

## Northwest Cemetery

Peck Hill Road & Seymour Rd (Rt.67)  
Woodbridge, CT 06525

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC 16. 9:00 AM (ET)

New Beginnings Ministries  
21 Pershing Street  
Hamden, CT 06514

## Funeral Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jessie M. Kennedy*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *My sincere thoughts and heartfelt prayers are with you all as you celebrate Mrs. Kennedy's life and legacy.* 🙏🙏🙏



**Kimberly Lewis (Kimi)** - January 06, 2023 at 03:53 AM



“ *From Dennis R Pender & The Pender Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jessie M. Kennedy.*



**From Dennis R Pender & The Pender Family** - December 14, 2022 at 10:55 PM



“ *Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Jessie M. Kennedy.*



December 14, 2022 at 07:09 PM

BB

“ *Praying for the Family!*

*May God Bless and Keep You!!!*

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**Brenda Bass** - December 14, 2022 at 12:00 PM

TR

*With our deepest condolences.  
Ronnie and Theresa Reaves*

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**Theresa Reaves** - December 15, 2022 at 07:08 AM

MR

*So sorry for your loss praying for the family*

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**margaret roach** - December 15, 2022 at 12:38 PM

DA

*My deepest condolences to the entire families. May you find strength in all her great memories.* 🕊️🌸❤️

*Daphne Burnett & Family*

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**Daphne** - December 15, 2022 at 07:52 PM

KW

*My deepest condolences to the family on your loss. May God comfort and guide. Much love.*

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**Kelly Wade** - December 16, 2022 at 07:22 AM

ML

*Rest in peace and keep an eye on us! We love you! Michan and Lonnie*

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**Michan Williams Lucas** - December 16, 2022 at 06:16 PM