



Sammie Jenkins

March 29, 1937 - January 8, 2024

Mr. Sam Jenkins, 86, of Middletown, Connecticut, born to the late Mr. & Mrs. Elijah and Florence (Ham) Jenkins on March 29, 1937 entered into eternal rest on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Sam relocated to New Jersey with his uncles at the age of 14 from Pamplico, South Carolina. He later moved to Middletown, Connecticut where he continued to pursue the love of his life from back home, Mrs. Earra Mae (Bartell) Jenkins. They were united in Holy matrimony on April 16, 1959 and remained as husband and wife until his dear Earra's passing on June 18, 2023.

Sam was a praying man, a dedicated, family-oriented man, he had a gentle spirit with a heart of gold and would give you his last. He was not one to talk your ear off but would most definitely call to check in on you. To know him was to love him.

He was a founding member of Zion First Baptist Church and held the title of the longest remaining Deacon at the time of his passing. If you knew him, you know that he LOVED Zion First Baptist and was a dedicated and faithful member for more than 6 decades. From the groundbreaking ceremony of the church until his dying day.

As a member of Zion, Sam served on the Board of Deacons, he was the Chairman for many years as well. He served as the church sexton for numerous years and would often have his 5 daughters right along with him, helping to clean the church when they were younger. He loved to sing and

was a member of many choirs over the years including the Sons of Zion and the Combined choir. He would visit the sick and shut-in to serve communion, have prayer and fellowship with them. He was a member of the Men's Ministry, served as Assistant Chaplin of the Willing Workers and faithfully attended bible study and Sunday school.

Sam also sang with several traveling gospel groups in addition to the choirs at Zion. His favorite song to sing was I believe I'll run on. Beloved Son, Husband, Father, Brother, Uncle, Grandfather and Friend, you ran a good race and we know that the Lord welcomed you into your new eternal home in the sky with open arms saying well done My good and faithful servant. Amen.

Throughout his working career Sam was employed by Monsanto, EIS and the American Red Cross.

Visiting with family brought him great joy, especially his trips back home to South Carolina. He enjoyed fishing, listening to gospel music, watching gospel videos, westerns and the animal channel. His van was his "man cave" he would be outside for hours cleaning it up, listening to music, reading his bible and talking on the phone. In his later years he was not able to move around as well anymore; but if you invited him to an event, you could best believe that he was going to pull up and blow the horn to let you know he was outside and ready to pick up his plate.

Sam was predeceased by his wife Eara Jenkins, daughter Sonya Jenkins, sisters Pearl and Susie Jenkins, brothers Elijah, Nathaniel, Thomas, Jerry, Cordie, Allen and Johnny Jenkins.

Left to cherish his memories are four daughters, Elonda, Shirley, Sandra and Sharon Jenkins all of Middletown, CT. A niece who he considered his 6th daughter, Vanessa Strickland. Two sisters, Lizzie Mae (Jenkins) Adams of Middletown and Renetta (Jenkins) Watson of Charleston, SC. 12 grandchildren, Jakeis, Pasha, Terelle, Equalla, Sharita, Mario, Shakena, Navida, Taryan, Travon, Michael and Bianca. 14 great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews & friends and a dear friend, Mr. Eddie Freeman.

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery

Middletwon, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JAN 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church
16 James A Moses Ave.
Middletown, CT 06457

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BH

“ Prayers!❤️

Barbara Hill - January 20, 2024 at 03:37 PM

WG

“ Praise God! Our Angel and will always watch over us! I'm so happy for Uncle Sam! He's with his beautiful wife and daughter! Those who know the Lord! Will continue to give God the glory!!! Sam rest in peace 🕊️

He wants us to continue to give God the Praise!!! And to stay in God's Light! So we must continue to keep our Light shine! He has always showed us how to be a child of the most High God! Yes he will be missed! But remember he will always be in the mist of You! Walking with You! And Sam is so proud of his loving niece! Vanessa, Who always showing her love! For everyone!

You need me! I'm here for You! My dear sister ❤️

John 11:25-26 SEP Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.



Wanda Graham - January 20, 2024 at 05:42 AM

AW

“ To Vanessa and family! You are in My Prayers! Sam, will be missed, but not forgotten! Rest in Peace Angel 🕊️
With Love! From Antoine White



Antoine White - January 16, 2024 at 08:12 PM

CU

“ May the Lord keep you safe under his wings as you are grieving. We up lift the family in our prayers! Rest in Peace our Angel 🕊️
With Love! From the Cunningham Family!



Cunningham - January 16, 2024 at 08:30 AM

WA

“ Sending our prayers and condolences to the Jenkins family, may God continue to bless and keep you during this time of bereavement. It was an honor to work with Deacon Jenkins on many ministries over the years. RIP IN PEACE! Willie and Shirley Askew



Willie and Shirley Askew - January 15, 2024 at 09:44 PM

JA

“ *My Jenkins family
Cousin Sam was a beautiful person inside
and out when you called him he was there at
all times gonna miss you cousin take your
rest we loved you but God loved you best* 🕊️
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Jerome and Selina H. Anderson - January 15, 2024 at 09:40 PM

AP

“ *Sorry to hear about your loss. Our condolence are with you and our
prayers are with you all so.to the kids grandkids, great grandkids,
our hearts and our thoughts are with you. Sam was a wonderful
person. He will be miss but he's in a better. RIP Sam we Love You
but God Loves you Best.*

*From: Ardisteen Parker, Daughter Wendy Wynn & Grandkids
Marion & MariahWynn.*

Ardisteen Parker - January 15, 2024 at 05:50 PM

RM

*To the family of Deacon Sam Jenkins, may you hold on to those
memories in your heart and find comfort to face the days ahead.*

Rosa McNeil-Dicker - January 17, 2024 at 06:26 PM