



Dorothy Lynn Gaines-Jenkins

August 9, 1946 - August 1, 2020

Dorothy Lynn Gaines Jenkins was born on August 9, 1946 in Bessemer, Alabama to the late William and Virginia Gaines. She was the fourth oldest of fourteen children. She is preceded in death by her husband, Timothy L. Jenkins and four siblings: Bobby Gaines, William Gaines, Ruby Gaines Russell, and Charles Gaines.

Dorothy loved Jesus and loved her family. She used her gift of teaching to bless everyone she could. Dorothy was a committed educator and servant leader for over fifty years. Her desire to serve the Lord, her family, and her community began during her youth in Bessemer, Alabama. She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age and enjoyed teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible while in high school.

Dorothy loved being an educator. She formally became an educator in 1969 after graduating from Kentucky State University in Louisville, Kentucky where she majored in Secondary English Education and minored in French Language and Culture. She began her teaching career at West Mifflin Area School District in 1969 and retired from the same district in 2006. During her thirty-six year career, Dorothy worked tirelessly as a committed servant leader. She spent countless hours helping children and adults in school and in her home. In addition to teaching, she sponsored the Rotary and Interact Community Service organizations, hosted cultural trips to France for the

French Club, coached soccer and volleyball, and produced school plays. Dorothy was truly a pioneer in her field.

Dorothy loved serving the Lord. She lived her Christian faith without reservation. She faithfully worked as a Christian servant leader in the church and community for decades at St. Paul Baptist Church in Donora, Pennsylvania and the First Baptist Church in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. For the past thirty years, Dorothy served at First Baptist in various church leadership and ministry roles including Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher for the Adult Class, Director of the Board of Christian Education, Director of Vacation Bible School, President of the Deaconess Board, Instructor for First Baptist Church's Minister's School, Church Custodian, and Church Treasurer. In these roles, she often and lovingly opened her home to youth in the community and members of the church. Her willingness to serve in any capacity is indeed an example for many to follow and an absolute legacy to continue.

Dorothy loved her family. She met her husband, Timothy L. Jenkins at Kentucky State, and they married in 1968. After college, they moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and raised four children. Dorothy always believed that her first ministry was to her family. Through her obedience, sacrifice, hard work, and God's grace, Dorothy put all four of her children through college and inspired her daughters to become educators like her and earn their doctorate degree in education. Dorothy was extremely close to her son –in-law, Laudemiro and daughter-in-law, Tiffany with whom she enjoyed sharing the Word of God. Dorothy also held a close and special bond with her sisters. She cherished every moment of talking and laughing with her sisters everyday.

Dorothy loved her grandchildren and nurtured a very special relationship with each of them. She was extremely active in their life and valued every moment

with them including reading books and Bible stories with them to taking them on vacation. Dorothy watched more hours of jump rope competitions as well as basketball, volleyball and football games than one could count. Her grandchildren loved her and enjoyed the time they spent with her too. Her youngest grandchild, Yannick, climbed in her arms in the last days waiting for her open her eyes one last time.

Dorothy entered eternal peace on August 1, 2020. She leaves to cherish her life of love four children: Linnie Jenkins Esq., Timothy W. (Tiffany) Jenkins Sr., Drs. Dorcas (Laudemiro) Francisco, and Dr. Kellee Jenkins; seven grandchildren: Jade Harris, Timothy W. (TJ) Jenkins Jr., Mayah Francisco, Matthew Jenkins, Joaquim (Quino) Francisco, Luke Jenkins, and Yannick Francisco; ten siblings Ernestyne Thomas, Raymond (Yvonne) Gaines, Janice Lamb, Jackie (Percy) Hall, Dean (Michael) Foster, Shirley (Ronald) Storey, Jeanie (Danny) Lawson, Floyd (Tammy) Gaines, and Nikita Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and friends.

Cemetery Details

National Cemetery of the Alleghenies

1158 Morgan Rd.
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of West Mifflin
3427 Cypress Street
West Mifflin, PA 15122

Service

AUG 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Interment

AUG 10. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Lynn Gaines-Jenkins*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Dorothy Lynn Gaines-Jenkins*

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Oh how shocked I was to hear the news of Mrs. Jenkins homegoing. Such a dynamic individual and wonderful person. If you ever had a child attend the West Mifflin School district, and they encountered Mrs. Jenkins, then you know that your child received a top-notch educator/teacher and friend for life.*

Mrs. Jenkins taught my son and she guided him through his learning period. I am so grateful for her teaching and for her willingness to take time to help students learn.

Mrs. Jenkins, you will be missed, but not forgotten. Thanking God for such a wonderful soul as you are and I'm sure that your teaching will not be in vain. Rest with God Mrs. Jenkins and Thank you.

Gerri Platt - August 13, 2020 at 05:58 PM



Jeanette
Foy

“ I’d like to take this opportunity to pay my respects to a special teacher who had a profound impact on my future. Mrs. Jenkins taught my favorite subject in junior high, English. I owe my love for writing to teachers like her. She lit a spark in me that I’ve carried through all my years of schooling into my life’s ultimate career. Every English teacher I ever had in the West Mifflin School District, as well as my professor at Robert Morris University (who taught me the art of business writing) shaped the professional woman I would eventually become. Although I have a flair for creative writing, my talent truly lies in corporate communications. When you spend your days drafting business materials for Advertising Law attorneys, it becomes your permanent writing style.

Mrs. Jenkins was tough, but always fair. I appreciated that aspect of her teaching methods. She pushed us to excel, which simply meant, our performance was inextricably linked to hers. More often than not, she appeared overly stern, but that just made me want to “ace” her class. I wanted to make her proud — it was important to me. I never forgot Mrs. Jenkins, and I never will. I hope she knew just how influential she was in the lives of those she educated. She left a lasting impression on that young girl sitting in her 8th grade class. I will be eternally grateful for her stewardship. She was, after all, the first Black woman teacher I had ever encountered.

Rest in Peace, Mrs. Jenkins ... thank you for being such an inspiration to us all!

Jeanette Foy - August 12, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ *Share the Health was purchased for the family of Dorothy Lynn Gaines-Jenkins.*



August 11, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ *Ms Lois Whiddon & Family lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lynn Gaines-Jenkins*



Ms Lois Whiddon & Family - August 10, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ *Tim Schmid purchased the Mrs. Fields Deluxe Sympathy Basket for the family of Dorothy Lynn Gaines-Jenkins.*



Tim Schmid - August 10, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *Rest In Peace Mrs Jenkins*

*Dan & Lyne Bodnar
Danelle Ross*



linda bodnar - August 08, 2020 at 02:17 PM

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To the family of sister Dorothy Jenkins I'm so sorry for your loss i pray God grants you peace beyond understanding. The Vaden Family

Ernestine Vaden - January 13, 2021 at 04:22 PM

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“ *Stephon D Smith lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lynn Gaines-Jenkins*



stephon d smith - August 08, 2020 at 01:19 PM

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“ *My condolences to the Gaines-Jenkins, family. I pray God's presence, peace, and power, prevail to comfort and strengthen you all. Numbers 6:24-26. Amen. Love, Freddia.*

Alfreddia Hall - August 06, 2020 at 08:42 PM

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Dorothy. You fought the good fight you have finished the race you kept the Faith. Well done good and faithful servant. Rest In Peace. CARLENE Gaines. Sister

Carlene EGaines - August 09, 2020 at 02:14 PM