



## Marlene Jenkins Pryer

May 2, 1952 - January 14, 2017

Marlene Jenkins was born on May 2, 1952 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. She was 1 of 6 children, and the oldest daughter from the union of Eleanor Law and George L. Jenkins, Sr. She and her siblings were raised in the then closeknit third ward in McKeesport and were part of a large closeknit family of dozens of aunts, uncles, and friends. She and her brothers attended Bethlehem Baptist Church where she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She attended and was educated in the McKeesport Public School System.

**Family:** Marlene was the devoted mother to six children. Her first priority was always her family and she was a homemaker for many years.

**Education:** The needs of her children motivated her to continue her education. She received her GED from Connelly Vocational Technical School and went on to obtain her associates degree from the ICM School of Business.

**Career:** Marlene was a late entry in the work force but she quickly made up for lost time. She began her career with Time-Life, Inc. and immediately made a name for herself, moving up from sales representative to supervisor. When Time-Life closed its Pittsburgh Office Marlene held the position of sales manager and was the head of an entire department. She was made an offer, but chose not to relocate.

**Marriage:** Marlene was united in marriage to James L. Pryer, Jr (Jay) and this union added his 2 sons to the family

**Nurturer:** While in the midst of working full time and establishing herself in a

stressful and competitive sales environment, she along with her husband Jay, provided a loving and nurturing home to raise her 3 grandchildren: Teaera, Trevon and Tylan.

Marlene's determination and resolve were the very core of her character and the decline in her health in the last years of her life did not affect that. She was the very core of her family and always put them first and their best interest before her needs. She was a favorite aunt, good friend and confidant. Marlene was an avid reader and would rarely turn down a trip to the casino.

Marlene Jenkins Prayer, at home in the early hours of Saturday morning, January 14, 2017 departed this life lovingly surrounded by her family that she so dearly loved. She is preceded in death by her parents; and brothers: Kenneth and George, Jr.

She leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory her beloved and devoted husband, James L. Pryer, Jr; 4 sons: Quasi and Vance Jenkins and Amil and Nigel Pryer, all of Pittsburgh; 4 daughters: Asunta (Toy) Jenkins of Washington, DC and Brenda, Sheena and Alora Jenkins all of Pittsburgh; 22 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; brothers: Ronald (Teresa) Jenkins of Homestead, PA and Dennis Jenkins, Sr. of Modesto, CA; sisters: Elaine Jenkins of Homestead, PA. Quincy Jenkins of McKeesport, PA. and Tiara Jenkins of Perryville, Maryland; sister-in-law, Shirley Jenkins of Huntsville, AL. lifelong friends: Sue Harper, Pammy Battle and Cathy Floyd; nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends too numerous to mention. She is already missed.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.  
218 E. 11th Avenue  
Homestead, PA 15120  
(412) 462-6466  
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<http://www.tuniefuneralhome.com/Default.aspx>

## Service

JAN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church  
716 Walnut Street  
McKeesport, PA 15132

## Interment

JAN **20**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Restland Memorial Park  
990 Patton Street  
Monroeville, PA 15145

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marlene Jenkins Pryer*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Marlene Jenkins Pryer*

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Sending Blessings and Love to the Family, Loved Ones And Friends of Marlene Jenkins Pryor.*

*From Mr. & Mrs. Alonzo Richardson Senior*



**Mr. Alonzo & Mrs Carol Richardson Senior** - January 19, 2017 at 10:01 PM



“ *Cheryl Jenkins Phillips, Dana Clark & family!*



**Dana** - January 19, 2017 at 06:00 PM



“ *GOD has truly got an Angel, the best sister-in-law ever, forever in my heart . I'm*

*praying for all her Angel I love you all. Donna Jackson James and family*

**Donna James** - January 18, 2017 at 04:34 PM

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“ Sharon, Coop, Stephanie, Denise, Dennis and Jason purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Marlene Jenkins Pryer.



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**Sharon, Coop, Stephanie, Denise, Dennis and Jason -**  
January 16, 2017 at 07:15 PM