



Dr. Harry L. Jenkins

April 22, 1932 - August 11, 2019

Dr. Harry Lancaster Jenkins, D.D.S., passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 11, 2019, following a brief stay in Sentara Hospice House. Born in Mascogee County, GA on April 22, 1931, to Harry Lee Jenkins and Wyolene Marshall, Dr. Jenkins was raised by his guardian and aunt, Ms. Ossie Marshall, in the city of Columbus, GA.

The first in his family to pursue a college education, Dr. Jenkins attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, earning a Bachelor degree in Science. Thereafter, he enlisted in the U. S. Army, later transferring to the U.S. Army Reserves. Dr. Jenkins took advantage of the G.I. Bill to enroll in Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in Nashville, TN, where he earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1962. He completed his military service with the rank of Corporal, and concluded his Dental Residency with the Veterans Administration Hospital in Tuskegee, AL the following year. Upon his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army Reserves, Dr. Jenkins moved to Portsmouth, VA, where he established his dental practice, and would to continue to offer dental services to the community for the next 55 years.

In dedicated service to his community and profession, Dr. Jenkins served as member of the Old Dominion Dental Society, the John L. McGriff Dental Society, the Portsmouth-Suffolk Study Dental Club and the Olympia Sports Club. He was a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and a

committed, steadfast member of Zion Baptist Church (Portsmouth, VA), where he served faithfully as Chairman on the Board of Trustees and Finance Committee for several terms.

Dr. Jenkins is survived by his wife, Carla, their daughter, Ashley, and sons from a previous marriage, Harry (Kimberly), Timothy, Anthony, Gary, and grandson Julen. He will also be fondly remembered by his father and mother-in-law, Carl and Willie Jean Johnson, sisters-in-law Vickey (Willie) and Kayla, brother-in-law Carl and stepchildren Gwendolyn, Quintonnio, Jonathan, Dalasa and Dontrell, and step-grandchildren Kaitlin, Chandler, and Brendan, and many other relatives and extended family members.

Memorial donations made be in memory of Dr. Harry L. Jenkins to Nations Dental Association Foundation (www.ndafoundation.org/dental-foundation-donations.html) 3517 16th Street NW, Washington, DC, 20010.

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Church Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church
225 Hatton Street
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall

JM

“ To the Jenkins family. I just heard the sad news. Dr Jenkins was the first dentist to hire me after I finished the dental assisting program at UNC Chapel Hill May 1988. I tried to find employment in my home town but was unsuccessful. I moved to Portsmouth to live with my aunt to see if I would be successful in finding a job there. My Great Uncle, the late Earnest Freeman and aunt Linda told me about Dr. Jenkins. I went by and dropped off my resume. I got a call back and was hired. I learned a lot working for Dr. Jenkins. I remember those hours, 11-4, 6-9 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday till 6pm, and color coordinated tops on certain days. I am still a dental assistant working in Ft. Hood, Texas and I am grateful to Dr. Jenkins for giving me my first job. He was a great man and I am sure he will be missed by family, friends, and patients. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Jacqueline Freeman Moore

Jacqueline Moore - September 11, 2019 at 10:51 PM



“ Harry, we're so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad, Dr. Jenkins. Please know you and the family have our condolences and prayers.
Delores Dean and Benita Dean Hopkins.

Nita Dean - August 22, 2019 at 03:44 AM

BF

“ Harry, Gary, Anthony and Timothy .. I am sorry for your loss. Just received the news of Dr. Jenkins passing. We send our condolences to the entire Jenkins Family. May God be with you all of you through such a difficult time.
Sadly missed by:
Bonnie & Manasseah Neville & Family

Bonnie & Manasseah Neville & Family - August 19, 2019 at 09:51 PM

DF

“ *Dr. D. Carl Jackson and Family purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Dr. Harry L. Jenkins.*



Dr. D. Carl Jackson and Family - August 18, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Harry L. Jenkins.*



August 16, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Harry L. Jenkins.*



August 16, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ 24 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 15, 2019 at 05:30 PM



“ Gary - my special thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to you and your family during this difficult time on the loss of your beloved father. My prayers your father is in eternal peace and blessings to your family. Your friend and TRB colleague, Mark S Bush

Bush, Mark S - August 15, 2019 at 01:59 PM



“ I never met Harry, but I am close with his son, Gary. Gary is an exquisite man, full of wisdom, gentleness, and exudes a precious childlike innocence that our world so dearly needs... his purity permeates any space he enters. I am sure that Gary cultivated these beautiful qualities of life because Harry is his father. Thank you, Harry, for bringing Gary into this world; we are blessed. Holding you all in peace.

Brie Schwartz - August 15, 2019 at 12:09 PM



To his beautiful wife Carla, daughter Ashley, fine sons, an loving step children...." earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal". Deacon Goodrich and I stand with you all in prayer; in this time of sorrow. We will continue to ask God to comfort, keep, and bless you greatly in the days ahead without your loved one. To Carla, his faithful an loving wife; may the years and memories of this gentle giant of a man sustain you. Surely Zion will feel the loss of Dr. Jenkins. I fondly recall him giving liberally of his time and resourses for many years. He was always there when the youth needed a sponsor for a youth retreat, the building fund, organ restoration, purchasing choir robes; always supporting the many needs of the church that he loved. He was one of the pillars and shinning examples for us to immulate. We are all better because Dr. Jenkins showed us " It makes all the difference when you love your church".

Deborah Goodrich - August 19, 2019 at 07:58 AM

RM

I was just thinking of friends from Meharry where my late husband Ludwald OP Perry, Md., graduated from and I thought of Dr. Jenkins who I knew for many years so I googled him today and was sad to see that he had passed. We were friends for many years and conversed about Meharry and our families. A kind wonderful quiet person. So many great men graduated from Meharry Medical and Dental School.

Rosetta Miller-Perry - May 18, 2024 at 11:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Harry L. Jenkins.*



August 14, 2019 at 09:33 PM

TD

“ *Dr. Jenkins.*

I always enjoyed your stories and wisdom. And you helped me when no other dentist would. I always looked forward to visits to hear you speak about our history, your faith and more. Thanks for all you did for me.

T.D.

TD - August 13, 2019 at 08:27 PM

DB

“ *This was an admired friend and brother . He was a positive staple in the black community!RIP.*



Daniel Boyd - August 13, 2019 at 02:20 AM

HD

Dr Harry Jenkins was an astute man of God, a Christian leader, one, who lead by example, he will be missed by those of us, another solider ,who is now resting from his labour. God bless his family in their times of profound grief at the loss of their beloved husband,son,father and friend,colleague in the community,that needs positive men of colour.We miss you ,my friend,we pray the strength of God for your beautiful survivors. You will truly be missed.

.Pastor Helen. pastorhelen7@gmail.com....Acts of the Apostles Christ Cathedral. Portsmouth, VA 23705-1615 (757)920-9576

Helen Davis - August 16, 2019 at 12:12 PM

JW

“ My deepest sympathy to the Jenkins family ,
my former neighbor, and chat buddy will be
missed; May God Comfort you at this time 🙏
🙏



Jasper Walton - August 12, 2019 at 02:20 PM

LH

Awesome dentist, statesman, and man-of-God. I always appreciated his professionalism as well as the words-of-wisdom he so often shared over the years. Keeping sister Carla, his daughter, sons, and all of the Jenkins family in my thoughts and prayers--you have given so much to our community--thank you.

Larry B. Holland - August 16, 2019 at 03:43 PM