



## Jill Valenta Holley Jenkins

February 14, 1956 - February 21, 2019

Jill, the only child of Marian Deane Sharpe, was born February 14, 1956.

She was predeceased by her grandparents, William E. and Mary C. Holley and aunt, Dorothy E. Williams (Earl).

Jill attended the public schools of Portsmouth graduating from the "I. C. Norcom High School," 1974 where she was crowned Homecoming Queen.

During the summer of '74, she won the character of "Lutibel" in Purlie at the Tidewater Dinner Theatre in Norfolk, VA to great accolades and did the solo performance of "The Star-Spangled Girl" and others at the Dinner Theatre.

Jill is a graduate of Norfolk State University in English Theatre where she was a leading member of the Whost ynn-Jackson "Performers". She worked in many capacities as a student worker and late as Director of Communications at Norfolk State.

Jill was baptized in Noble Street Baptist Church and was an active choir member there.

Peacefully, on Thursday, February 21, 2019, God sent his angel to earth, for he needed a devoted and marvelous singer for the heavenly choir.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving mother, Marian; her former husband, John R. Jenkins of Portsmouth, VA; her devoted children: Jevon, Roshell (Chrissy) of Chesapeake, VA and Robyne Ashley of Fairfax, VA; her first cousin, Earlene Smith; her grandchildren: Jourdau, Aaliyah, Jade, Jevon, Jr., Christian and Rochel. Also left to cherish her memory is her father, Charles Richardson, a half-sister, Cynthia Gainey and other exceptional relatives and a host of extraordinary friends—especially Jill’s caregivers, Beñee Overton and Kyle Parker White—WE THANK YOU!

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

FEB 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ Praying for the spiritual strength that only the Holy Spirit can provide as Jill's family moves forward without her earthly presence.

Rev. Joyce Norfleet Foster - March 01, 2019 at 09:50 PM

SJ

“ I came out in norcom 1975 and I remember her well a well loved person  
Sharon miles Jones

Sharon miles Jones - March 01, 2019 at 01:18 PM

CW

“ Marie Lee  
Mrs. Dean I'm saddened by the loss of your beloved daughter Jill. She was a very delightful person and I enjoyed being in her presence at NSU she had a magnetic personality. Rejoice in the Lord and in knowing she's in the presence of our Lord.



Carrie Marie Williams-Lee - March 01, 2019 at 11:48 AM



“ Denise Reid lit a candle in memory of Jill  
Valenta Holley Jenkins



Denise Reid - February 27, 2019 at 04:13 PM

MM

“ I remember Jill from Noble Street Baptist Church and I. C. Norcom. Jill was such a lovely, effervescent and talented young woman! She had such a great sense of humor and humility when it came to her many gifted talents. She will always be remembered in the hearts of all Greyhounds and those whose path she has ever crossed! Sleep now until we are all in His presence. Rest in Heaven.



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**Malvinia Griffin Mutts** - February 27, 2019 at 10:22 AM

JG

“ Dear Family: I am saddened by Jill's passing and yet I know that this time represents a celebration of life. I met Jill over thirty years ago through the Wynn-Jackson Performers, formerly known as the Norfolk State Performers.



*Thank you Jill, for blessing us with your many talents, your spirit and all of the laughter!*

*Love and blessings to you all,  
Juan Garedo  
District Heights, Maryland*

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**Juan Garedo** - February 27, 2019 at 09:13 AM

DM

“ Dorothy (Hart ) Mercado lit a candle in memory of Jill Valenta Holley Jenkins



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**Dorothy (Hart ) Mercado** - February 27, 2019 at 08:23 AM

MW

“ The year was 1980. Jill and I sang together in the Noble Street Youth Choir. She had a rich alto voice. Klye Parker also sung with us. Anthony Childs was our organist and Mr. Leroy Wingfield was our choir director. Those were the days. Jill would set the church on fire with one of my favorites "Because He Lives". I followed her at Norfolk State as when I got there she was already working on staff. We would run across each other through the years and took the opportunity to catch up. Jill, the world is a better place because of your gift of song. You will be missed by many. RIH Jill, heaven has gained an angel.

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**Meschele Etheridge Wright** - February 26, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jill Valenta Holley Jenkins.



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February 26, 2019 at 04:22 PM

JW

“ Jasper Walton lit a candle in memory of Jill Valenta Holley Jenkins



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**Jasper Walton** - February 26, 2019 at 04:06 PM

SW

“ Sincerest condolences are extended to the family of Jill Holley Jenkins.

*I met Jill when she came to NSU and I was working there in Athletics. She loved us and we loved her.*

*She was always looking after Coaches Archie, Price, Heard, the late Bob Smith and many, many more. They used to sometimes refer to her as "Young Marian," after her mother because she looked so much like her mother.*

*She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say. And, she was so comical and could always keep you laughing. Her singing and acting was so outstanding that she could have or should have been on stage or in the theater. She was just that profound.*

*We will miss her but God needed her more. Now she's with her "bud" DeSheara just singing up a storm for the Lord.*

*Regretfully,  
Shirley Whitaker  
Retired -NSU Athletics*

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**Shirley A. Whitaker** - February 26, 2019 at 03:09 PM

WF

*Love U Much Jill*

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**Wilhelmenia Wright-Harrison Footney** - February 27, 2019 at 09:59 AM

CC

“ Remembering Jill fondly from our days working together at NSU and witnessing the wonderful performances in the theater. She was such a fun-loving person in addition to being extremely talented. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family. May God grant you comfort and strength during this difficult time. Her beautiful soul is now with the Almighty.  
With heartfelt sympathy,  
Clementine and Charles Cone

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**Clementine Cone** - February 26, 2019 at 01:46 PM

MC

“ To the Holly/Jenkins Family and all who loved Jill. My dear friend RIP you and I have shared so many stages together at NSU and the Tidewater Dinner Theater. I can still hear that beautiful voice you have now singing in my ear. When I look back over my life and remember the good old days the fun and the laughter you are very much remembered.  
I know Angle Girl you are now in the Heavenly Choir!! Save me a seat in the Soprano section I will see you in about another 100 years but until then you keep holding the Alto section down.  
Love Melvetta Cole

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**Melvetta Cole** - February 26, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jill Valenta Holley Jenkins.



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February 26, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jill Valenta Holley Jenkins.*



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February 26, 2019 at 08:31 AM



“ *To the Holley/Jenkins family and to all who loved Jill. We attended church together for many years and I have many fond memories of her. She was always kind and so much fun to be with. She'll be greatly missed but the love you shared remains. I pray God will now grant you peace and comfort as only He can. Rená Anderson*

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**Rená Anderson** - February 25, 2019 at 10:46 PM



*To the Holley/Jenkins family. Our families go way back. My parents and her parents were friends as we were growing up. We were members of Noble Street Baptist Church. Agreeing with my sister Rena, Jill was always kind and always had us laughing. We miss you already. God be with you family.*

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**Walter Anderson** - February 26, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ *You will be greatly missed cousin. Thank you for graciously singing at my wedding 33 years ago. May you rest in peace. Denise Hunt McClure*



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**Denise Hunt McClure** - February 25, 2019 at 11:38 AM

EH

“ *Deepest sympathy and prayers to the Holley/Jenkins Family in Jill's passing. We know that Jill is present with the Lord and has received her just reward for all the laughter, love, hugs, and smiles that she shared with so, so many during her numerous performances in the Little Theater at Norfolk State University back in the day. Family, may God bless you, comfort you, and provide healing during this difficult time.*



*Estherine J. Harding, NSU Retiree*

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**Estherine J. Harding** - February 25, 2019 at 10:35 AM

DE

“ *Jill Holley (Jenkins) sang for years in the Noble Street Baptist Church Young Adult Choir. This picture was taken in the Spring of 1984.*



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**Dwayne Etheridge** - February 25, 2019 at 01:24 AM

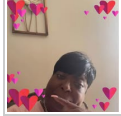
JK

“ *Your lovely voice and spirit will be missed!! We had some great times! Another NSU player ascend to the highest stage!! RIH... Take your bow!!!*



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**Jacque Kendall** - February 24, 2019 at 11:29 PM



*RIP Jill*

**Eddwina Goode** - February 26, 2019 at 02:26 PM

NR

“ *Dear Marian and Family,  
My sincere condolences to you. I had the pleasure of working with Jill when she was a bright light in NSU's theater program. She was vibrant, talented, a leader, and a student who made us all proud to teach and learn from. May you be comforted by the wonderful memories she has left your family.*

**Norma Ragland** - February 24, 2019 at 09:29 PM

PW

“ *Remembering this beautiful person by her big loving smile. That glowing smile is a keepsake we can all treasure and the love that came with it will always stay in our hearts.*

*Sent with much love - Marvin, Pauline and Raynard Williams*



**Pauline Williams** - February 24, 2019 at 02:09 PM

SP

“ *Our prayers are with the Jenkins Holley family today and always.*

*The Townes Family*

**Sandra Townes Powell** - February 23, 2019 at 07:00 PM

OL

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Much Prayer for your family!!!! Jill will be greatly missed. May the Strength and Comfort of God be with you now and in the days to come...Orlena Bracy Lewis

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**Orlena Lewis** - February 23, 2019 at 06:43 PM

PJ

“ Paula & Alvin Jones lit a candle in memory of Jill Valenta Holley Jenkins



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**paula & Alvin Jones** - February 23, 2019 at 10:19 AM

LP

“ To the family my deepest condolences in your time of lost I'm lightning a candle in her honor.



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**Linnea Palmer** - February 22, 2019 at 05:31 PM