

*Remembering the Life of*  
**MINISTER WILLIAM JOSEPH JENKINS**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional led by Bishop Melvin McCluster  
and Pulpit Guests  
*Last Glance and Final Sealing*

Hymn Deacon Calvin Sims

Prayer Brother Daryl Lewis

Scripture  
Old Testament & Remarks  
Elder-Chaplain Warren Tex Wilson, Sr.  
Killeen, TX

New Testament & Remarks  
Rev. Dr. William S. Story, Jr.  
Columbus, GA

Selection Sister Courtney Grimes

Tribute Minister Jennifer Dawson | *Sister*  
Selection Sister Lynn Williams

Eulogy Bishop Melvin McCluster  
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Acknowledgements and  
Presentation of the  
Family Bible Barnum Staff

RECESSIONAL

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off  
or to silent mode during the service. Thank you.*

**TAPS**

Day is done. Gone is the sun  
from the lake, from the hill, from the sky.  
All is well, safely rest. God is nigh.  
Thanks and praise for our days  
beneath the sun, beneath the stars, beneath the sky.  
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.

**MINISTER WILLIAM J. JENKINS**  
1948 - 2023

*Earthly Place of Rest*

**Andersonville National Cemetery**

760 POW Road, Andersonville, GA 31780

**MILITARY RECOGNITION**

Taps and Flag Presentation

**Pallbearers**

Friends of the Family

**Flower Attendants**

Ushers and Friends of the Family

*For Special Gratitude*

*We are most compassionate to you for your sincerity,  
your encouraging gestures, and prayers and kindness  
you have rendered to us  
during our most difficult times of bereavement.*

**THE FAMILY**

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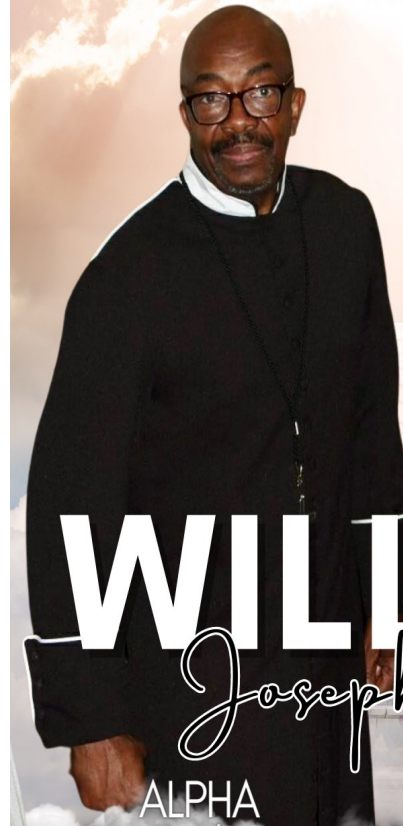
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**HOMEGOING SERVICE**  
*in honor of*



*Death is not final.  
I have only slipped away  
into the next level of my journey home.*

*Minister*

**WILLIAM**  
*Joseph Jenkins*

ALPHA  
September 10, 1948

OMEGA  
May 31, 2023

*Funeral Service*

Friday, June 9, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

411 Cotton Avenue, Americus, Georgia 31709

*Officiant* | Bishop Melvin McCluster

*The Life Story of*  
**MINISTER WILLIAM JOSEPH JENKINS**

**OBITUARY**



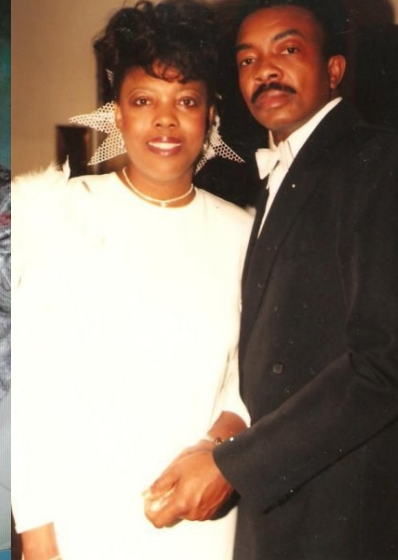
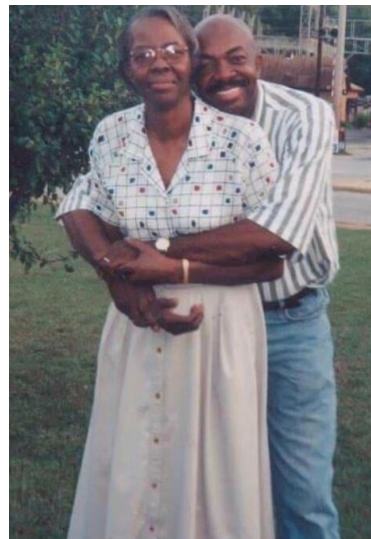
**WILLIAM**  
*Joseph Jenkins*

was born in Sumter County, Georgia on September 10, 1948, to the parentage of the late Rev. M. C. Jenkins and the late Mrs. Reatha Mae Harvey Jenkins. He received his education in the public schools of Sumter County and was a 1967 graduate of

Sumter High School. He received an associate degree in Fine Arts from the Art Institute in Pittsburg, PA. He joined the United States Army serving 10 years active duty and 10 years reserve and in the Vietnam War. He was employed as a steel worker in Pittsburg, PA; he also worked at the Lee County State Prison and was a bailiff at the Sumter County Courthouse. Throughout his career, he was a freelance photographer and Fashion Designer with Jenkins & Baldwin Fashion Designer.

He was married to the late Mrs. Annie Doris Burney Jenkins. He is preceded in death by his siblings: Mike C. Jenkins, Ruby D. Jenkins Smith and Eddie Rene Williams.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his son, Mr. William Joseph Jenkins, Jr. of Aliquippa, PA; his daughter, Ms. Latessa Gordon, Americus, GA; four sisters: Ms. Mary Butts, Mrs. Martha (Ray) Johnson, all of Americus, GA; Minister Valerie (Rahman) Grimes, Savannah, GA and Minister Jennifer (Reco) Dawson of Tuscaloosa, AL; three grandchildren: Qualin D. Golden, Jasmine S. Golden and Xavier D. Golden; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, including, Mr. Leroy Smith, Americus, GA; other relatives and friends, including a devoted friend, Elder-Chaplain Warren Tex Wilson, Sr. of Killeen, TX and his 1967 classmates of Sumter High School also survive.



**TOGETHERNESS**  
*upon his mother's death*

Death is not final.  
I have only slipped away  
into the next level of my journey home.  
Whatever we were to each other  
that we still are.  
Call me by my familiar name.  
Speak to me in the way you always did.  
Laugh as we always laughed  
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.  
I know Tiny can remember the notes  
that I wrote to her on a piece of newspaper!!!  
So I want you all to play, smile, think of me  
and remember to always pray daily.  
Let my name be the household word  
it always was.  
Let it be spoken without effort.  
Life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was-  
absolutely unbroken continuity.  
Why should I be out of your mind  
because I am out of your sight?  
I am but waiting for you.  
For an interval, all is well.  
Nothing is past, nothing is lost.  
One brief morning all will be as before-  
only better, infinitely happier and forever.  
We will all be one together in Christ.

*Until We Meet Again*  
Forever in Our Hearts

*Minister*  
**WILLIAM**  
*Joseph Jenkins*  
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