



Bessie Jenkins

March 29, 1916 - January 28, 2018

Bessie Jenkins was born March 29, 1916 and passed away Sunday, January 28, 2018, just a few weeks before her 102nd birthday. She was adopted at age 3 by Dr. Paul and Carrie Smith of Fairburn, Georgia. She was preceded in death in 1980 by her husband of 42 years, Howard Jenkins. Bessie and Howard raised five children at their home in Fairburn, two girls and three boys: Carolyn Cardin, deceased; Everett Jenkins; Ed Jenkins; Judy Claxton (Tony); and Larry Jenkins. Today Bessie is survived by twelve grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren! Bessie was a devoted Christian all of her life, and life-long member of Shadnor Baptist Church in Union City, Georgia. There she was named the first “Woman of the Year” by members of the congregation. She taught Sunday School as long as she was able, and co-chaired the church’s homecoming committee for many years. IN 2004, Bessie moved to Christian City and was a resident of Hilltop acres where she remained until the time of her death. A very loving and devoted mother and a wonderful role model for her family, she was loved and cherished by all—including her many friends. She looked forward to her birthday celebrations each year, especially her 100th birthday party which was attended by over 100 people. The family gratefully appreciates the loving attention our mother received from Jean Williams and Ma-Jalai Wisdom who cared for her daily for the last six years of her life. We, also, thank Southwest Christian Care for the peace and comfort they provided to her in her final days. She will be tremendously missed by her family who adored her and the

inspiration she was to all. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 1 o'clock at the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home with Dr. Jimmy Orr officiating. Interment will follow at Holly Hill Memorial Park. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Southwest Christian Care, 7225 Lester Rd, Union City, GA 30291. The family will receive friends Tuesday morning from 11:00 until 1:00 at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory, 770-964-4800.

Cemetery Details

Holly Hill Memorial Park

359 W. Broad Street
Fairburn, GA 30213

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory
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Funeral Service

JAN 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

IS

“ To the Jenkins Family: I just read the obit for your Mom and am sending our sympathy. She was such a sweet lady and touched a lot of lives. Raymond and I enjoyed seeing her when he did the music at Shadnor. He always said those were the best years for him when he was at Shadnor. (8yrs) He has alzeheimers now and does not remember a lot of things that happened in the past. God bless you all with His comfort.

Raymond and Irene Sauls

Irene Sauls - February 12, 2018 at 04:22 PM

“ *Jenkins Family. All of you are so dear to my heart. What wonderful memories I have of Bessie and all the family. You all are part of my happy childhood. Being your neighbor for so many years in Union City was a great growing up experience.*

I am so sad, but also can smile when I think about the reunion between many folks for your Mom, but the one I am thinking about is my Mother and your Mother meeting on that other sweet beautiful place we know as heaven.

I cannot attend the services today, although I really would like too. Jimmy has Congestive Heart Failure and Vascular Dementia. The dementia has pretty much caused both of us to be home bound most of the time . The disease has changed Jimmy's personality somewhat and it is very hard on both of us. He is not very mobile. Of course you know I also care for my bother Ronnie who had brain damage from an accident in 1964.

I shared with Larry the fact that Howard and Bessie took me to Vacation Bible School and Revivals while Mother was tied down with babies.

Judy I have such sweet memories of you. After all, we were surrounded by boys and we were almost the only girls to play football, baseball, etc. when our brothers could not get enough players. You have always had a contagious smile.

I went to visit Bessie once and took her flowers one day while she still lived on Strickland. I thanked her for the part she played in planting seeds for me to be open to accepting Jesus at 12 years old as my Savior. I have revisited Shadnor Baptist Church, just driving by, and also attending services. My heart just melted looking at the spot in the church where I moved from a pew to the visiting preachers extended hand. I treasure those memories. I know she touched many lives. She will have a very special place in heaven.

Thanks to all of you and I am sending my love and prayers for your comfort in the coming days. Mother passed at 93 so Bessie won that age race. lol

Mother, when she was able, visited Bessie at Strickland St. and Christian City. Once I went with Mother to visit, but it has been quite a few years ago.

With Love,

Sandra Aldredge Babb

Sandra Aldredge Babb - January 30, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ *Jerry Chastain lit a candle in memory of Bessie Jenkins*



Jerry Chastain - January 30, 2018 at 10:42 AM

DW

“ *Larry, I am saddened to hear of the loss of your mother. I did not have the privilege of knowing her, but have always heard of her strong Christian faith throughout her life. I know she will be missed by many who loved her so much. I hope that knowing that she is now with her loving Savior will give you peace.*

*My sympathy to you and your family,
Dale Witter*

Dale Witter - January 30, 2018 at 08:57 AM

CD

“ *What a great lady. She handled life as it was presented with core principles based on faith, patience, compassion and unselfish love for her family. She never asked for respect but she always had it from all who were privileged to know her.*

Although we haven't lived in GA for 40 years we still feel close to the Jenkins family and are among the privileged that knew her. She has always been a part of your life and there will be a void and we want all of you to know that both of us sympathize and feel part of your loss.

With affection for you all, Carolyn & Dan Davis.

Carolyn and Dan Davis - January 29, 2018 at 11:13 PM

NW

“ *Mrs. Bessie was such a joy and encouragement to me and others. I was honored to know her. She was an inspiration and Christian role model. My prayers and thoughts are with your family during this time. May God grant you comfort and peace, along with beautiful memories. Love and blessings, Nancy Whittenburger*

Nancy Whittenburger - January 29, 2018 at 08:40 PM

OE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May you find comfort and peace in the comfort and support of your family and friends and in the love of God.*
Owen and Bobbie Edge



Owen and Bobbie Edge - January 29, 2018 at 04:58 PM

WB

“ Sorry that I am sick and not able to be there for the service. My wife and I both have influenza type A. My family and I loved your mom. My son and I just visited her two weeks ago. While we were there, my son prayed that the Lord would give her another hundred years. God is doing better than that, giving her eternity! Pastor Wendell Burdette, Shadnor First Baptist Church

Wendell Burdette - January 29, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bessie Jenkins.



January 29, 2018 at 11:25 AM

SC

“ Southwest Christian Care lit a candle in memory of Bessie Jenkins



Southwest Christian Care - January 29, 2018 at 10:32 AM

MJ

“ Ms Diran Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bessie Jenkins



Ms Diran Johnson - January 29, 2018 at 10:23 AM

VF

“ Veristor Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Bessie Jenkins.



Veristor Family - January 29, 2018 at 10:04 AM

JC

“ To all of the Jenkins family,
On behalf of the Cheney family, we want to offer our deepest condolences to all of you at this time. Our families have had a lot of fond memories together from so many years ago. We hold all of the memories of our loved ones close to our hearts so they shall live forever. May peace be with you. Judi Cheney

Judi Cheney - January 29, 2018 at 07:51 AM

JG

“ Larry and Chad, We were sorry to hear of Granma Jenkins passing. She was such a sweet woman, always smiling. We know that she will be missed by many. Our thoughts are with you and the rest of the family. May the many happy memories help you through the days ahead. John, Carole, Adam and Shawne

John and Carole Gammons - January 29, 2018 at 04:40 AM

FK

“ Love and Hugs to the family. Bessie was a very special Lady! Faye Knight

Faye Knight - January 28, 2018 at 10:19 PM

HO

“ Privileged to have met this sweet lady...wishing her family peace and comfort.

Holly - January 28, 2018 at 07:54 PM

PM

“ We are so sorry about the death of Mrs. Jenkins. She was an awesome and sweet lady. You are in our prayers. We love you, Geraldine Yearta, Pam & Dennis Meyer, Ken & Tori Yearta



Pam Meyer - January 28, 2018 at 07:41 PM

SJ

“ Sandra Cochran Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bessie Jenkins



Sandra Cochran Johnson - January 28, 2018 at 06:42 PM

SJ

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins were always at Shadnor with their children and she always had the sweetest smile on her face. Growing up, I looked forward to seeing her and speaking to her every weekend.

Sandra Cochran Johnson - January 28, 2018 at 06:45 PM

DH

“ *Judy, Edward, Everett and family,
So very sorry to hear about your Mother.
She was one of the sweetest women I have ever known and a true
lady in every sense of
the word. I have many great memories of
spending time in your home when Judy and I
were growing up. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.
Dianne and Ed Hopkins*

Dianne Hopkins - January 28, 2018 at 05:43 PM

JJ

“ *This beautiful sweethearted lady touched and remained in my heart
since 1961. In 1973 we adopted our first child and she had shared
with me being an adopted child and I took him to see her during the
first month I had him. Through the years we've talked many times
and she has given me needed comfort during some difficult times.
She touched many lives with her Christianity and befriended so
many during her long lifetime. She raised wonderful children who
provided her with much joy and many more children of theirs to
love. I loved her and she loved me and I'll forever cherish her
friendship. Till we me again, Mrs. Jenkins!*

Joann Jones - January 28, 2018 at 05:30 PM

LW

*So Sorry to hear this news, Aunt Bessie was my Grandmother
Margaret's sister and after my Grandmother died I had no idea how to
contact Aunt Bessie. My prayers are for the family. I am from Rome Ga
and would love to speak with a remaining family member 706-766-
0585*

Les Walker - February 02, 2018 at 12:39 PM