

Homegoing Service
Celebrating a Life Well Lived

Ruth Ann Jenkins
"Janie"

Sunrise
June 5, 1943

Sunset:
September 8, 2017

Service

Saturday, September 16, 2017 ~ 10:00 am

White Baptist Church

1101 Chandler Avenue

Linden, New Jersey 07036

Rev. William C. Chambliss, Pastor

Order Of Service

Min. Michael Lester, Presiding

Musical Prelude.....Bro. Samuel Robinson

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Rev. Celestine Lockhart

New Testament.....Deacon Dwayne Hickman

Prayer of Comfort.....Evang. Carrie Tyson

Selection

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Reading of the Obituary

Selection

Eulogy.....Rev. William C. Chambliss

Recessional

Pallbearers

Family and Friends of **Ruth Ann Jenkins**

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

*Immediately after the Interment, Family and Friends are invited to
Return to the Church where a Repast will be served.*

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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Reflections of Life

Ruth Ann Jenkins, affectionately known as “Janie” and “Nana,” was born on June 5, 1943 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Her parents, John Bennett and Luler Bennett, preceded her in death. During her early years, Ruth moved from North Carolina to New Jersey where she fell in love and married the late Mason Jenkins, Sr. From this union, two extremely devoted sons Tracy Jenkins, Sr. and Rodney Jenkins, Sr. were born. Ruth departed this life on Friday, September 8, 2017.

Ruth received her formal education from the Charlotte Public School system. She was a graduate of Charlotte High School and later attended Union County College in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Ruth maintained full-time employment during her entire adult life. Over a span of six decades she was employed by various companies, most notably the Singer Sewing Machine Company and Activas, where she was employed as an office professional at the time of her passing. In addition to Ruth’s continuous employment, she also established herself as an entrepreneur, serving the community in which she lived. For many years, she was self-employed as the owner of a thrift store providing residents with affordable choices for their family and household needs. Moreover, Ruth extended this service beyond the community for more than 30 years by working each weekend as a vendor at the Englishtown Flea Market.

Ruth loved to travel both domestically and abroad. She particularly enjoyed trips to the Hawaii, Bahamas, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and North Carolina where she enjoyed family, food, and fun. Ruth was extremely family-oriented; therefore, her absolute favorite past time was spending time with her family and close friends. She often spent hours drinking coffee and conversing with her cousin John Sinclair, Sr. Lovingly, she hosted an “Open House” every weekend, which featured love, laughter, all genres of music and great meals she would prepare for her children and grandchildren.

A self-made entrepreneur and motivated hard worker who was always dressed to impress, Ruth was a Fashion diva who could make clothes for anyone! She inspired many and dressed friends and family from the workforce to weddings to special occasions. She was the go-to person for custom made clothing in the community. Ruth also loved to crochet beautiful and heartfelt articles of clothing for babies and adults alike.

Ruth was the only sister to four brothers. She was preceded by death by her brother, John Bennett, Jr.

Ruth’s treasured memories will be left to her two children: Tracy Jenkins, Sr. (Melissa), and Rodney Jenkins, Sr. (Angela); three brothers: James Bennett, William Bennett and LeRoy Bennett, Sr.; six grandsons: Tracy Jenkins, Jr. (Shatasia), Tyrell Jenkins, Tyrese Jenkins, Rodney Jenkins, Jr., Robert Jenkins, and Raymond Jenkins; two great-grandchildren: Aanesti Peterman and Taizire Jenkins; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Ruth’s legacy of love for family is a memory we all treasure.

In Memory of Our Mother

You were a precious gift from God above, so much beauty, grace and love.

You touched our hearts in so many ways, your smile so bright even on the bad days.
You heard God's whisper calling you home, you didn't want to go and leave us alone.

You loved us so much, you held on tight,

till all the strength was gone and you could no longer fight.

He had called your name twice before, you knew you couldn't make him wait anymore.

So you gave your hand to God and slowly drifted away,
knowing that with our love we will be together again someday.

~ By Tracy and Rodney

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

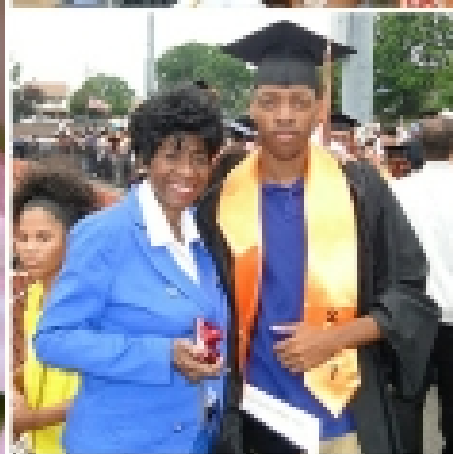


Precious





Memories



*To our dearest darling Nana, up in heaven, high above
I know today you're with us all and sending all your love.*

*Today we all remember you, and bid you one last goodbye.
Celebrate the life you've had and maybe have a cry.
You'll never be forgotten Nana, I'll just close my eyes and see,
Your smiling face and feel your love and you'll be close to me.*

*You had such a long life, so many have so less,
It was your time, the Angels came, and placed you with the best.
So dear Nana, up above although you're no longer here,
In our heart is where we'll keep you forever, you'll be near.
We love you!*

~ By Shatasia Peterman

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, he set me free.*

Acknowledgement

The family of Ruth Ann Jenkins would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and may God richly bless you.

