

*Homegoing Celebration
Honoring the Life and Legacy
Of*



Deacon Richard Lee Jennings, Jr.

Sunrise:
January 4, 1938

Sunset:
January 31, 2019

Service

Friday, February 8, 2019 ~ 10:00 am

**Morning Star Community Christian Center
1009 Chandler Avenue, Linden, New Jersey 07036
Rev. Dr. Therman E. Evans, MD, PhD, Senior Pastor**

His Legacy

Deacon Richard Lee Jennings, Jr., the son of the late Richard Lee and Willetta Jennings (Friend), was born on January 4th, 1938 in Chester, Pennsylvania and transitioned to glory on January 31st, 2019.

He gave his life to Christ as a teenager at First Pentecostal United Holy Church in Chester, Pennsylvania where he was a junior usher, sang with the junior choir and the Nathaniel Gospel Choir. He attended Chester Public Schools and graduated from Chester High School in 1955. After graduating high school, he joined the United States Navy and became a certified Navy Corpsman (Medic).

In 1959, he married his childhood sweetheart Alice Butler, started a family, and settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Deacon Jennings was honorably discharged from the US Navy in 1967. He then moved his family to Linden, New Jersey and was employed by National Tool and Die Co. in Kenilworth, New Jersey and held various positions until he retired as a Draftsman Supervisor in 2001.

In 1967, the Jennings family joined Morning Star United Holy Church under the tutelage of the late Bishop Irvin Evans. Deacon Jennings was the first church psalmist who traveled with the Pastor when he preached and was the first choir member. He was totally committed to Morning Star under the late Bishop Irvin Evans and under the current pastor, Dr. Therman E. Evans for over 50 years. He served in many capacities in the church such as Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent of Sunday School, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and lastly Chairman of the Deacon Board where he retired as Deacon Emeritus.

Deacon Jennings loved all sports and was a fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Cleveland Browns. He loved singing, music, reading, crossword puzzles, traveling, the beach, swimming and especially going on cruises. He could tell you all about the various ships and ports. He loved his family, his church family, mentoring, and led many to Christ during his lifetime.

He was predeceased by his brother, Nathaniel Jennings.

Deacon Jennings leaves to carry his legacy, his loving wife of 59 years, Alice; five children: Charlotte, Dwayne (Danielle), Shari, Richard and Dionne Bostick (Cleo); sister, Evangeline Jackson of Collingdale, PA; seven grandchildren: Maurice Tobe, Arielle Dance, Dwuan, Shjonaé, Jamon (Andrea), Jawahn, and Richard Jennings; five great-grandchildren: Teelyn, Amalia, Titus, Kadin and August; two sisters-in-law: Gloria Daniels of Chester, PA and Vernice Matthews (Clarence) of Trenton, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, and spiritual children.

Humbly submitted,
The Family

Order Of Service

Presiding – Bishop George C. Searight, Abundant Life Family Worship Center

Organ Prelude

Processional of Clergy & Family

Invocation.....Bishop Wayne L. Johnson

Old Testament – Psalm 23.....Deacon Jamon Jennings

New Testament – I Corinthians 15:50-58.....Overseer Julius Lee Ralph

Prayer of Comfort for the Family.....Elder Colette Walker

Selection.....Morning Star Choir

Reflections (please limit remarks to 2-3 minutes)

- Deacon Sam Etienne, Chairman of Deacon Board
- Trustee Frank Porter, Chairman of Trustee Board
- Pastor Irvin Evans Jr., Associate Pastor

Selection.....Morning Star Choir

- Elder James Barrett
- Bishop Samuel & Pastor Vernadine Ellis
- Bishop Richard L. Jennings

Acknowledgements & Cards.....Deacon Andrea Jennings

Obituary Reading.....Elder Shari Jennings

Sermonic Selection.....Minister Dwayne Jennings

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Therman E. Evans, Sr., Pastor

Committal

Recessional

Interment

Hollywood Memorial Park
1500 Stuyvesant Avenue
Union, New Jersey 07083

Immediately following 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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Pallbearers

Deacons and Trustees of Morning Star Community Christian Center



Your Gentle Face

Your gentle face and patient smile, with sadness we recall
You had a kindly word for each and died beloved by all.

The voice is mute and stilled the heart, that loved us well and true,
Ah, bitter was the trial to part from one so good as you,

You are not forgotten loved one, nor will you ever be,

As long as life and memory last, we will remember thee.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore, as time goes by, we'll miss you more.

Your loving smile, your gentle face, no one can ever take your place.

~ Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Deacon Richard Lee Jennings, Jr. acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during this time of bereavement.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers.