



Mr. Hal Jenkins

April 14, 2013

Deacon Hal Lee Jenkins was born on September 14, 1947 in the Jenkins Quarters in Shuqualak, Mississippi. He was the youngest of three children born to the late Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie and Idella Murray Jenkins. Both of his siblings, Mildred Cordelia Jenkins Butler and James Larry Jenkins preceded him in death.

He began school at Old Shiloh. His mother was his first teacher in Sunday school and in public school. All Church Schools were consolidated, and Hal's elementary education was completed at Reed Elementary School in Shuqualak, MS. He graduated from B. F. Liddell High School in 1964. After graduation, he left for Columbus, Ohio to be with his big brother, James Larry.

In 1966 he joined the United States Army. He did his military training at Fort Benning, GA and Fort Polk, LA.

Velma Hill Enters His Life

In December 1966, he came home and reacquainted himself with Velma Hill, the girl he wanted to be his life-long partner, lover and friend, and on March 28, 1967 they became husband and wife. He insisted on getting married before he left for

Viet Nam. He did a tour of duty in Viet Nam from 1967 to 1968.

After much prayer and thought, we decided to come back home because Hal's father was still living and so were my parents. Also, we decided that when the babies came we thought our small hometown would be the best place to rear them. Jesus gave us three beautiful gifts to rear in the fear and admonition of Him: Hal Lavelle, Holli Lavette, (his "Peaches") and Lonnie Alonzo II.

Holli was a special birthday gift because she was born on his birthday. In 1971 we built and moved into our home at 105 Moorecock Street in Shuqualak, MS.

We are the chosen parents of Franklin Hill, Gregory Hill and Trichia Hill Moore. We reared our children

in the fear and admonition of the Lord. They know Jesus. We have two sons-in-law: Johnny Moore and Antonio Chandler; Three daughters-in-law:

Veranice Rivers Hill, Engret Bankhead Jenkins and Brandi Johnson Jenkins;

Seven Grandsons: Angelo Barnett,

Donte Hill, Victor Lavelle Vertison, Boderick Oliver, Myles Moore, King Noah Chandler and Lonnie Jenkins; Four granddaughters: Yakeyla (Theo) Naylor,

Endia Mickey, Mayah Moore and Haley Jenkins. Other family members who celebrate his life are two brothers-in-law: Sam Garner and Frank Edward Hill; four sisters-in-law; Katie Viola Hill, Beverly Jenkins,

Annie Mary Hill Shields, and Elizabeth Hill Hunt; his Buddy, Sister Barbara Perry and his chosen sister, Sister Gladys Poe Jenkins; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He graduated from Mary Holmes College in May 1979 with an Associate Degree in Science. He also attended Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS.

Although he was still that loving, caring, considerate, God-fearing Hal, he was never the same after Viet Nam. He joined the Mississippi United States Army National Guard to be with his comrades and to continue to serve his country. His unit was called to active duty during Desert Storm/Desert Shield. He remained with the Mississippi Army National Guard until

he retired on the fourteenth day of September 2007.

Hal was saved at a very early age, and he never left the church. He was a life-time member of First Baptist Church in Wahalak, MS. He was chairman of the Deacon Board and treasurer. At one time or the other he served in almost every capacity in the church. He taught Sunday school, Bible Class, youth director, mentored the youth, and sang in the choir and whatever else he wanted to do. He loved to sing gospel songs, and he organized a group called the "Soul Stirrers."

After many years, the group separated, but Hal never gave up on his passion to serve Jesus through his singing. He later organized another gospel group called "Shuqualak Male Choir" that he stayed with until his death. He was the manager of the group.

Hal's Work Life

Hal was a tractor trailer driver for years. He worked on the night shift at Boral Brick Company in Shuqualak for a number of years. He attended Lumber Grading School in Tennessee and became a certified lumber grader for Prince Lumber Company, and he was the supervisor of the yard crew. He was Transportation supervisor for the Noxubee County School District for a number of years. He also possessed carpentry skills that he utilized as a supplement to his income. His last job was as solid waste supervisor for Noxubee County Board of Supervisors. Hal always said he was going to work all of his life, and that he was never going to retire. Jesus said differently, and he had to retire for health reasons.

Hal's Community Life

His community service was just as rich as his service for Jesus and his family. He was the first president of The Shuqualak Action Group, Inc. It was under

his leadership that the Black Shuqualak Citizens acquired a place to have family reunions, birth day celebrations, repast, and other community functions. He had a vision to organize a group of Christian men who had similar goals, ambitions, love of Church and family and respect for the law. That group became the "Silver Dollar Club." He was the first Black Constable on the Southern end of Noxubee County. The citizens reelected him each time. He resigned from the position to accept a county government job. Whatever that bond is that is developed in the military would not let him rest until he organized a Noxubee County Chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars where he served as president. Out of that group was born The Women Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He insisted that Holli and I were members, and he paid our dues.

Hal's Transition to His Heavenly Father

On the Morning of April 15, 2013 at approximately 3:00 a. m., Jesus dispatched His Death Angel to the master bedroom suite at 105 Moorecock Street in Shuqualak, MS and awakened both of us to tell us that the time had come. Jesus reminded us, I put you together on March 28, 1967. You have kept the vows that you promised; you have reared your three beautiful gifts as I told you to do; you have reared three additional beautiful gifts that I gave to you; I have encamped angels of protection and blessings over your lives; you have given back as I told you to do; you have shared your talents and blessings with others, but I told you that this day would come. Through it all I have never knocked you down so far that you could not get up, but this time, I have come for one of my own. I must push the pause button on this forty-six year love affair; Velma, He is not getting up this time. Hal prayed his prayers like never before, thanked our Heavenly Father, and said, "Lord have Mercy on me. At approximately 4:00 a. m., Jesus told us, this is the Death do us Part statement that you vowed and promised before Me and other witnesses.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Hal Jenkins*

October 09, 2023 at 04:28 AM



“ *Words cannot express my sadness. Someone as special as Hal, will never be forgotten. Although it's difficult to see beyond the sorrow. May looking back in memory help comfort for tomorrow.*
Stacie Jenkins Nealy

Glendale, Arizona

Stacie Jenkins Nealy - April 20, 2013 at 11:48 AM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Mr. Hal Jenkins.*



April 19, 2013 at 06:07 PM



“ *US EPA Region 4 ORA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Hal Jenkins.*



US EPA Region 4 ORA - April 19, 2013 at 12:29 PM

PJ

“ *Cousin Hal,
What a joy to have had in my life. I will always remember how he kept the choir together when we couldn't seem to agree on which song to sing or who should lead. Hal always cheered for me as I continued my basketball career. After college, I had the joy of getting to know his brother, James Larry. What a wonderful "duo" to have known. Hal made the entire family feel special. It was refreshing to hear him call each one of my sisters and brothers by name and not ask, "Which one are you?".. Hal, you will forever have a special place in my heart.*
Love ,
Peggy

Peggy Jenkins - April 18, 2013 at 10:23 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Hal Jenkins.*



April 18, 2013 at 03:46 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Hal Jenkins.*



April 18, 2013 at 03:42 PM

CI

“ *CMC, Inc. purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Mr. Hal Jenkins.*



CMC, Inc. - April 18, 2013 at 02:01 PM

EJ

“*THERE'S A LEAK IN THIS OLD BUILDING YA'LL AND MY SOUL HAS GOT TO MOVE*”

To the entire Jenkins Family,

As we come together concerning this "HOME GOING CELEBRATION" of our family member, Hal Jenkins, let us rejoice in the knowing that Hal has been called back by The Lord to where there is no more sickness, no more pain, no more struggles, no more trials, and no more tribulations.

God truly blessed our family to be graced with Hal's presence for so many years. I was blessed to get to visit and talk with Hal during my visits back to the "Jenkins Family Homeland". God then told Hal that his purpose amongst us has been completed and that it was now time to come back home.

I pray strength, ease of heart, and peace of mind amongst my Jenkins Family. I am very proud to be a part of the Jenkins Family.

Although I am unable to make it down to Beautiful Mississippi for this home-going service and to be amongst my family, I request "Love, Peace, and Tranquility" for you all.

With much loving Sincerity and Respect,

Deacon Edwin Jenkins (son of Daisy Jenkins and grandson of Eddie & Cecilia Jenkins)

edwin jenkins - April 17, 2013 at 07:05 PM

FL

“ *Freda M. Lockhart purchased the Truly Beloved B
ouquet for the family of Mr. Hal Jenkins.*



Freda M. Lockhart - April 17, 2013 at 05:32 PM

WC

“ *"What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for
one more day, one more word, we may not understand why you left
this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say
good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you
died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too
beautiful to forget . While we are mourning the loss of our friend,
others are rejoicing to meet him behind the veil. Although it's difficult
today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help
comfort you tomorrow.*

Wynelia Cherry, Scooba, MS

Wynelia Cherry - April 17, 2013 at 10:26 AM

DJ

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Deacon Edwin Jenkins - April 17, 2013 at 08:02 AM

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*Barbara Jenkins Henderson
Benton Harbor MI*

Barbara Jenkins Henderson - April 17, 2013 at 07:24 AM