



Ms. Ammie Jenkins

May 28, 1941 - October 25, 2025

On Saturday October 25, 2025 our beloved Ammie Lee McRae Jenkins entered into the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at First Health Moore Regional Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Ammie was born on May 28, 1941 in Harnett County, the oldest of seven children of Addie Mae Cole McRae and Neill McRae, Sr. Ammie touched a lot of lives with her God given gift to serve others. She was known for her love, compassion, generosity, and unforgettable smile. For many years and up to her passing she was a member of Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church in Soring Lake, NC.

She graduated from Ann Chestnutt High School in Fayetteville, NC and was the first African American to attend High Point College in 1962 after desegregation. While enrolled she was a member of the university's "Tower Players" where she once appeared in Tennessee William's "A Streetcar Named Desire." After college and before returning home, she had a successful career as a computer programmer and businesswoman opening Spa Lifestyle, a day spa in Durham, NC.

Ammie was a leading voice in North Carolina, championing black farming and landownership and was the founder and Executive Director of the Sandhills Family Heritage Association at age 60. The SFHA has service leaning

projects for students, which allows them to develop business and life management skill. She is the author of two books entitled "Preserving Our Family Heritage" and "Healing from the Land," in which she explores her findings concerning the independence and self-sufficiency of land ownership and its associated communities.

Ammie is preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Rutha Mae McRae and Patricia McRae Ballard; and nephew, James Lewis McRae.

To cherish her memories she leaves her children: Cassandra Jenkins Bush and Jason Jenkins (Karla); grandchildren: Brylan and Kiara (Cassandra), Matthew, Bastian, and Mila (Jason); her siblings: Josephine McRae (Janice), and Jimmy Lee McRae (Patricia) ; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers Ammie would have desired donations to the Sandhills Family Heritage Association which was her life's work for many years as the founder and Former Executive Director.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 2. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Zion
255 Vass Road
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 2:30 PM (ET)

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255 Vass Road
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Burial

NOV 2 (ET)

McLean Family Cemetery
2822 NC 24-87
Cameron, NC 28326

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Ammie Jenkins*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - October 31, 2025 at 12:33 PM

AF

“ *Audrey Elliott & Family lit a candle in memory of Ammie Jenkins*



Audrey Elliott & Family - November 02, 2025 at 02:13 PM

EF

“ *My family and I send our deepest heartfelt sympathies to all of Ammie Lee's family and friends. She will be surely missed by all.*



Eddie Nichols Jr & Family - November 01, 2025 at 04:17 PM

WM

“ William & Janice McRae lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ammie Jenkins



William & Janice McRae - October 31, 2025 at 05:12 PM

VB

“ I have such fond and inspirational memories of Cousin Ammie. She and Cousin Betty showed up at every Brinkley Family they were able to attend. I met them in Philadelphia. They both loved family and committed to the presevation of our history and beyond. Ammie, rest in eternal peace. Your impact and influence are immortal. The Sandhills Heritage Association will live on and your work continued. With sincere love and gratitude. Cousin Vickie, Philadelphia branch of the Brinkley Family Tree. ❤️🕊️🙏🙏🙏

Vicbostic Bostic - October 31, 2025 at 12:47 AM

GC

“ Sending condolences and prayers To The Jenkins Family.Green Grove AME Zion Church Pastor Victor Womack Jr And Members Cameron N.C.



Green Grove AME Zion Church - October 30, 2025 at 02:43 PM

CW

“ Deepest condolences from Chanai Winborn and family. Ms. Jenkins and the organization always treated us as family. I was introduced first as a farmers market vendor, then as a board member and finally as the administrative assistant to Ms. Jenkins. I will always remember the historic stories that she shared and her business knowledge. Her dedication to the organization was the perfect example to me as an entrepreneur and mother that with passion, anything is possible.



Chanai Winborn - October 30, 2025 at 06:34 AM

CN

“ May God’s Love and Peace comfort and surround each of you in your season of grief.
Kitty, David & Craig White



Catherine” Kitty” White Newkirk - October 29, 2025 at 10:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Ammie Jenkins.



October 29, 2025 at 10:10 PM

LL

“ A truly amazing and insightful woman. An incalculable asset to her community.

Luke Lucas - October 29, 2025 at 06:01 PM

YN

“ *Your sisters-in-laws Mary & Nellia purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Ms. Ammie Jenkins.*



Your sisters-in-laws Mary & Nellia - October 29, 2025 at 04:26 PM

MM

“ *Markita McCrimmon lit a candle in memory of Ammie Jenkins*



Markita McCrimmon - October 29, 2025 at 03:32 PM

DP

“ *My heart goes out to the family and loved ones of Mrs. Ammie Jenkins. Working with her was truly a blessing She brought light, laughter, and dedication to every task. May the beautiful memories bring comfort and peace in the days ahead.*



Dr. Denise Murchison Payton - October 29, 2025 at 02:22 PM

LL

“ *Luke Lucas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Ammie Jenkins.*



Luke Lucas - October 28, 2025 at 09:19 PM

ME

“ Cousin Ammie epitomized the strength of the Brinkley legacy in North Carolina. Her tireless support of the Sandhills Community Center and associated civic events and activities significantly contributed to the vibrancy of the community. She will forever be loved and cherished by the Brinkley family for her generosity, counsel, and support.

Mike Everett - October 28, 2025 at 05:59 PM

WS

“ Willie and Linda Smith lit a candle in memory of Ammie Jenkins



Willie and Linda Smith - October 28, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ms. Ammie Jenkins.



October 28, 2025 at 04:32 PM

HF

“ Harold Belton & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Ammie Jenkins.

Harold Belton & Family - October 28, 2025 at 04:32 PM

MJ

“ *My condolences to Ammie's family and extended family members. Ammie had a smile that brightened up every room upon entering. Her legacy will live on because of her works in the community while helping others.*

Myron L Jones - October 28, 2025 at 04:27 PM

JR

“ *Josephine Robisch lit a candle in memory of Ammie Jenkins*



Josephine Robisch - October 28, 2025 at 03:15 PM

TO

“ *Cousin Ammie was such a blessing to her family and to our entire community. Her kindness, warmth, and strength touched so many lives. She will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her children, grandchildren, siblings, and the entire family during this difficult time. May her beautiful spirit live on in all who knew and loved her.*

Tonya - October 28, 2025 at 01:42 PM