



## Mr. Kenneth Jenkins

August 25, 1947 - May 20, 2023

Kenneth “Kenny” Jenkins, a beloved son of deceased parents Eloise Bynum Jenkins and John W. Jenkins was born in New Haven, Connecticut, August 25, 1947. He peacefully transitioned from earth to heaven May 20, 2023.

Kenneth grew up in rural Darlington, South Carolina where he attended public schools, graduating from Mayo High School “home of the Golden Bears” in 1965. Upon graduation, he moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where he was employed for a short time at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft before he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served honorably as a military policeman for four years. While in the United States Air Force, he rose to the rank of Sargent. His zeal for military service prompted him to reenlist in the United States Army where he dutifully served an additional thirteen years as a military police man and correctional specialist for four years. During his tenure in the military, his life was enriched as he traveled extensively throughout Europe.

His unwavering commitment prompted him to engage in two tours of duty during the Vietnam War, earning him various distinctive honors and awards, including National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Expert Qualification Badge, Marksman Qualification Badge, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas

Service Ribbon (1st Award).

Kenneth knew the importance of honoring and serving God in his life. Therefore, he accepted Christ as his savior and joined Friendship Baptist Church of Darlington, South Carolina. After relocating to Lumberton, North Carolina, he joined First Baptist Church of Lumberton, North Carolina, where he faithfully served in the Men's Ministry, and the Audio and Photography Ministry.

Kenneth enjoyed a life filled with vigor and vitality. At a young age, he developed an affinity for architectural design as a course of study in high school. His proclivity for strategy and planning led him to explore the competitive game of chess. He developed a passion for aquatic ventures such as boating, gaming, fishing, and he delved in the art of landscaping and gardening. He demonstrated expertise in bowling, joining two bowling leagues, and winning countless tournaments and awards. Kenneth invested precious time perfecting his skills in photography while capturing still photos of familial life and special occasions.

Kenneth was a man of dignity, courage, and compassion who loved family and friends. He cared for his dear mother at a crucial time in her life. His service to humanity extended in his civilian life as he charted his own chapter of AA in Lumberton, North Carolina. His humanitarian interest led him to volunteer at The Lord's Care in Darlington, South Carolina.

With heavy hearts, his loved ones will forever remember his legacy as an endearing father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He leaves to cherish his memory- his daughter Melissa Jenkins of Palm Beach, Florida; his daughter, Tanishia Jenkins of Washington, D.C.; his sister, Marcella Jenkins of New Haven Connecticut; his sister Evelyn (Andrew) Thomas of Sunrise, Florida; his brother, Eddie (Kim) Jenkins of Lancaster, South Carolina; his

grandson, Devaughn Pierre of Palm Beach, Florida; a loving confidante and companion, Vivian Breeden; an aunt, Lillie M. Bynum; a special lifelong friend, Charles Smith, and he also leaves to cherish is memory Doris Jenkins and Evelyn Garner along with a host of other relatives and friends. He was predeceased in death by his wife, Brenda; mother, Eloise B. Jenkins; father, John W. Jenkins; brothers, Rommel Bynum and Alvin Jenkins and sister, Eunice Washington.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 1. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
504 W 2nd Street  
Lumberton, NC 28358

## Funeral

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
504 W 2nd Street  
Lumberton, NC 28358

## Burial

JUN 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery  
8220 Bragg Blvd  
Spring Lake, NC 28390

# Tribute Wall



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



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - May 24, 2023 at 03:16 PM

SS

*I would like to extend my condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Kenneth Jenkins, during this difficult time. May God comfort and strengthen you.*

Sheila Diane Stewart - June 01, 2023 at 06:44 PM

BB

“ *On behalf of my wife and I, sending condolences and prayers to the family of Sgt. Jenkins. We served together in North point, West Germany from 1975-77. He was a great soldier and having him in my unit was a great asset. I recommended him for promotion to Staff-sergeant, to which he was promoted. May God give you strength to endure doing this difficult time. To: Melissa and the Jenkins family prayerfully CSM(ret) Thomas E Booker & Family.*



Barbara Booker - May 26, 2023 at 11:08 PM

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“ CSM (ret) & Mrs. Thomas E. Booker, sending condolences to Melissa and the entire Jenkins family. Kenneth was in my unit in North Point West Germany, he was a good soldier and we became good friends and kept in touch over the years. To his family, “Old soldiers never die they just fade away.” We pray your strength in the Lord at this most difficult time.



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**Barbara Booker** - May 26, 2023 at 10:45 PM

SW

“ I would like to extend to the family of Mr. Kenneth Jenkins my heartfelt sympathy during this most difficult time. May God give you comfort to help ease the pain of your loss.

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**Sheriff Burnis Wilkins** - May 23, 2023 at 11:52 AM