



## Bishop Russell Ronell Jenkins Jr.

January 13, 1962 - December 15, 2020

Bishop Russell Ronell Jenkins, Jr. was the Senior Pastor of the New Day International Kingdom Ministries in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He was born the second oldest of five children to Russell Ronell Jenkins, Sr. and Thelma V. Jenkins on January 13, 1962; and was the recipient of a multigenerational heritage and legacy of Apostolic Pentecostal Holiness, as the grandson of the late Bishop Myles Meredith, Sr. and Mother Janie Meredith, pioneers of the Apostolic faith in the city of Harrisburg and founders of the New Day Way of the Cross Church of Christ. Bishop Jenkins was reared in the warmth of a godly home and experienced the love and delight of his siblings and family. He was educated in the Harrisburg School District where he graduated from Harrisburg High School. During his youth, Russell enjoyed sports, music, auto mechanics, and friends.

As a young lad, Russell was baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Ghost under his grandfather's ministry. He was very active in the youth ministry, church choirs and served as organist for many years. In 1979, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served four years traveling throughout the United States and many foreign countries; after which he was honorably discharged. In 1983, Russell returned to Harrisburg to assist his father in the family business, Jenkins Fuel Oil. At this time in Russell's life, he was able to establish three successful businesses in the metro Harrisburg area: a Trucking company, a Sound company and a

Recording Studio. Although God gave him success in the secular world, that would not be his ultimate purpose. While his late grandfather's work went through transition, Russell found himself serving as a Minister of Music under a number of different Pastors.

During this particular time, Russell had grown madly in love with his high school sweetheart, Lisa A. Chambers. Marriage was inevitable!! In 1989, Russell wedded his long time friend and soulmate. They are the proud parents of three great children, Gary, Russell III, and Charniece. Now armed with a friend and partner for ministry, the time (1999) had arrived that the Spirit would lead him back home to his grandfather's ministry, New Day Way of the Cross Church of Christ. Hearing and acknowledging the call of destiny from the Lord upon his life, he said "Yes" to God, and began to prepare for the labor to which he was assigned. Picking up the Mantle that was divinely bestowed upon him by God, he began to rebuild the church where he had been raised. Like Nehemiah, the Lord used him to restore and renovate the physical building, working with his own hands to accomplish the task alongside his dear mother, Evangelist Thelma V. Jenkins. Initially it was the Lord's Prayer Chapel, but after being commissioned by the Lord to reestablish his home church, he was appointed as the Senior Pastor of the New Day Way of the Cross Church of Christ, and was ordained an Elder by Bishop LeRoy H. Cannady, Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle of the Way of the Cross Church of Christ International, Inc.

Under his visionary leadership and anointed ministry the church blossomed and flourished tremendously. Within a short five years God had blessed the work in such abundance that it was time to move out of the totally renovated building to a larger edifice. Bishop Jenkins had a vision for a facility which could house the ministry and accommodate its growth. The Lord granted his request and miraculously led him to the specific location and building which would become our new home. Bishop led the New Day congregation into the

new church, laboring untiringly once again with his own hands in order to complete the work. Guided by the Holy Ghost, he began to equip the church to fulfill the destiny to which it was now called, as he reorganized the congregation to achieve a higher level of effective ministry with a global focus in the Kingdom of God, and enhanced the name of the church as: New Day International Kingdom Ministries. It was his faithful and dedicated leadership, along with the labor and sacrifice of many other wonderful Saints, which brought the vision of the restored New Day into fruition, and God is continuing to do a great and wonderful work.

Upon the unction of the Holy Ghost and the manifestation of the Apostolic and Episcopal ministry upon his life, it was now time for Pastor Jenkins to be elevated to the Office of Bishop. Thus, he was consecrated to the Bishopric in a solemn ceremony of affirmation by Bishop Larry Baylor, Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle of Higher Ground International Ministries. Upon his consecration, Bishop Jenkins was assigned to the East Coast Jurisdiction, where he served as Jurisdictional Prelate. He also served as the President of the Apostolic Fellowship Alliance, which is a local fellowship of churches in the Harrisburg area. Bishop Jenkins served in many capacities in the Body of Christ both nationally and internationally, helping churches and leading many people to the Lord. Multitudes of souls were baptized in the Name of Jesus, and were Saved, Healed and Delivered under his powerful and anointed preaching ministry. Time will not allow us to tell of the many lives that he touched within and outside of the church. He was a profound teacher of the Word, and was a mentor and role model to many. A dedicated Man of God, he leaves a living legacy as a true Father, a loving Husband and devoted Shepherd. He believed as Jesus said, "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" Matthew 5:16.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Russell R. Jenkins, Sr. and Mother Thelma V. Jenkins of Harrisburg. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 31 years, Mother Lisa A. Jenkins; sons, Elder Gary Napper (Tara), Pastor Russell R. Jenkins III (Ashanta); only daughter, Charniece Jenkins; 7 grandchildren; sister, Rose M. Jenkins; brothers, Bishop Michael Anthony Jenkins, Sr. of South Carolina, Robert Jones (Heather) of Etters, and Elder Mark Timothy Jenkins (Bessie) of Steelton; a brother of the heart, Dr. Richard Evans of Dallas, Texas; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loved ones, many friends; and his beloved New Day family.

Bishop Russell R. Jenkins, Jr. believed that "FOR TO ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST, AND TO DIE IS GAIN" Philippians 1:21; often quoting that "THE RECORD IS WRITTEN ON HIGH"....

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY YOUR NAME ALLOWING THE FAMILY TO KNOW YOU ARE THINKING OF THEM.

ON-LINE STREAMING OF SERVICE. CLICK ON THE PHOTOS & VIDEOS TAB OR MEDIA TAB (MOBILE) AND TRIBUTE WEBCAST TO VIEW.

# Cemetery Details

## Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road  
Anville, PA 17003

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

DEC **22**. 8:30 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.  
106 Agnes St  
Harrisburg, PA 17104  
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## Viewing

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Bishop Russell Ronell Jenkins Jr.



Wallace Funeral Directors - December 21, 2020 at 01:20 PM

BL

*Our sympathy and condolences to the Jenkins and Meredith family in the lost of a soldier, co-laborer, and friend, may the peace of God support you during this time.  
Bishop Henry C. Lancaster, Sr.  
The Way of The Cross Church of Christ, Inc.*

Bishop Henry C Lancaster,Sr. - December 22, 2020 at 10:14 AM

BL

*Sympathy and Condolences to the Jenkins and Meredith family God bless you.  
Bishop Henry C. Lancaster,Sr.*

Bishop Henry C Lancaster,Sr. - December 22, 2020 at 10:19 AM



*RIP to the Church Family and his Amazing Family"*

Bernice East - November 02, 2021 at 12:45 PM

LF

“ To family of Bishop Jenkins, I send my heartfelt and sincere condolences and sympathy to each of you. My thoughts, prayers, comfort and love to you during this difficult time. Lisa thinking and praying for God to strengthen, comfort and keep you in Jesus mighty name, Love you a former co-worker and a friend and sister in Christ



Larry and Patricia Varner & Family - December 22, 2020 at 03:23 PM

NJ

“ Rest in Heaven old friend.

Nathan Jackson - December 22, 2020 at 10:03 AM

SS

“ To the family of Bishop Russell Jenkins jr you will be miss and I thank God for you and may he continue comfort your family in there time of grief . When I think of your works with God proverbs 4 1-9 comes to me . You will be miss but not forgotten.



Sharon Ragland and Shanique - December 22, 2020 at 09:03 AM

TF

My Sincere Condolences to the Jenkins Family. Mother Lisa Jenkins may God keep you and your family strong. My Dear friend Ronell may you Rest in Heavenly Peace. Lisa and family weeping may endureth for a night but JOY! cometh in the morning. My Prayers are with yall.

Toni(Finley) Brooks and Family - December 22, 2020 at 02:39 PM

SS

“ Sharon Ragland And Shanique sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop Russell Ronell Jenkins Jr.



Sharon Ragland and Shanique - December 21, 2020 at 01:04 PM

TB

“ Toni Brooks lit a candle in memory of Bishop Russell Ronell Jenkins Jr.



Toni Brooks - December 21, 2020 at 07:51 AM

CW

“ Deepest sympathy to my family from the Watson family sending prayers of comfort strength and love from Atlanta Georgia for the passing of Russell Jenkins may he rest in peace

Carolyn Lake / Watson - December 20, 2020 at 12:01 PM

WH

Our prayers and condolences go out to the family.

Wanda Hargrove - December 20, 2020 at 05:01 PM

LW

Praying for God's comfort and the prayers of the saints to provide extra wind beneath your wings.

Lessie J. White - December 20, 2020 at 08:28 PM

CW

“ *Carolyn Lake / Watson lit a candle in memory of Bishop Russell Ronell Jenkins Jr.*



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**Carolyn Lake / Watson** - December 20, 2020 at 11:59 AM

MF

“ *May God Bless the family during this difficult time. Love to thee family and Blessings from God. Always The Outlens*

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**Mary Ann Outlens and family** - December 19, 2020 at 03:10 PM