PALLBEARERS

DONOVAN MCCAMEY
JELANI MAYFIELD
RAVONTE ROBINSON
JORDAN JENKINS
DOMINIC WILLIAMS
DION ROBINSON

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

TONY JENKINS
JOHN WILLIAMS
WILLIE SMITH
MARTY SMITH
CLAY ROBINSON
DEJON WILLIAMS
PTR. JAMES RANSOM
JAHMAR JENKINS



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

THE FAMILY OF ZELMA JENKINS DEEPLY APPRECIATES YOUR KINDNESS, LOVE, AND COMFORTING WORDS. THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

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HOMEGOING Celebration FOR



Zelma Jenkins

BORN
SEPTEMBER 6, 1945

DIED
OCTOBER 7, 2026

Zelma Deain Jenkins was born on September 6, 1945, in Downsville, Louisiana, to Merian (Milsap) Jenkins and Nathaniel Jenkins. She was the sixth of ten children, eight girls and two boys, and was raised in Farmersville, Louisiana. She received her early education in the Farmersville Public School District.

At a young age, Zelma accepted Christ at Gumspring Baptist Church in Farmersville, Louisiana. In 1960, she moved to Des Moines, Iowa. That same year, on her way to junior high school, she met Shirley Johnson, who would become her first and longtime friend. Their friendship remained a special part of her life for years to come. Zelma later graduated from North High School in Des Moines.

Throughout her working years, Zelma was employed at Bishop Drumm Nursing Home, Des Moines General Hospital, Younkers Store for Homes, Bertroche Law Firm, and EdCo Credit Union. She later worked at Premier Credit Union, where she retired in 2013.

Zelma was a woman who loved to laugh, speak her mind, and enjoy life. She was funny, direct, and loving, and those who knew her appreciated her honesty and personality. She enjoyed traveling, shopping, cooking, and spending time with friends and family.

Above all, Zelma loved to sing. Music was a significant part of her life, and throughout the years, she sang with numerous groups, quartets, and choirs, including the Gospel Pearls, the Jenkins Family, the Morning Star Senior Choir, and Ambassadors of Praise at Cornerstone Family Church. Some of her best-known songs were "Answer Me," "I'm a Poor Pilgrim," "I'm So Glad Salvation Is Free," "Swing Down Sweet Chariot," "Two Wings," and "144 Thousand." Through her singing, Zelma shared her love for music and her faith with those around her.

Zelma was a member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church for three decades, serving under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Richard Townsell, Reverend A.C. Crawford and Reverend Alex Crawford. She later became a member of Cornerstone Family Church under the pastoral leadership of Pastor Dan Berry and New City Church under the leadership of Pastor Rod Dooley.

Although Zelma did not have children of her own, she dearly loved her godchildren and cherished the relationships she built with them throughout her life. She also treasured her nieces and nephews and maintained meaningful friendships with those who became like family to her.

Zelma was preceded in death by her mother, Merian Jenkins; her father, Nathaniel Jenkins; her sisters, Rosetta Lee, Tiny Jenkins, Clarice Robinson, and Farry Jenkins; and her brothers-in-law, Melvin Green, William McCurn, and Henry Robinson.

Zelma leaves to cherish her memories her sisters, Lonie Green of Des Moines, Iowa; Dorothy McCurn of Des Moines, Iowa; and Glenda Maclin of Des Moines, Iowa; her brothers, Marvin (Estella) Jenkins of Waterloo, Iowa, and Mark (Mary) Jenkins of Georgia; her beloved godchildren, Sherice McCamey, Jahmar Jenkins, Donovan McCamey, and Candess Crawford; her dear friends, Shirley Johnson, Carla Beechum, and Carmillia Edwards; her nieces and nephews; and a host of other family members and friends.

Zelma will be remembered for her humor, directness, loving spirit, lifelong friendships, and, above all, her love of singing.

VISITATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026 FROM 5-7 P.M.
HENDERSONS FUNERAL & CREMATION CARE
3500 - 6TH AVE., DES MOINES, IA 50313

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M.
NEW CITY CHURCH
3114 SW 61ST ST. DES MOINES, IA 50321

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL	PASTOR JAMES RANSOM FTHCM OF RICHMOND, VA
OFFICIANT	PASTOR STEVIE LONG WDM, IA
SONG	TWO WINGS BISHOP TAMMY L. HARRIS
OLD TESTAMENT	REVEREND RUGENE CRAWFORD MORNING STAR MBC, DSM, IA
NEW TESTAMENT	BISHOP TAMMY L. HARRIS ELPIS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, DSM, IA
PRAYER	PASTOR ROD DOOLEY NEW CITY CHURCH, DSM, IA
SONG	HE'LL WELCOME ME DONOVAN MCCAMEY
READING OF OBITUARY	SHERICE MCCAMEY
PASTORAL TRIBUTES	PASTOR DAN BERRY PASTOR JAMES RANSOM
FAMILY TRIBUTE	SHERICE MCCAMEY TINA WILLIAMS DONOVAN MCCAMEY
FAMILY SONG	ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND
EULOGY	PASTOR MARVIN D JENKINS UNION BAPTIST CHURCH, WATERLOO, IA
RECESSIONAL	VIDEO: AUNT ZELMA
INTERMENT	GLENDALE CEMETERY