

IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF



REVEREND

JoAnne
MAXWELL-JENKINS

SUNRISE
May 22, 1955

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December 10, 2023

Saturday, February 3, 2024
12:00 PM

Obituary

Reverend JoAnne Maxwell-Jenkins, 68, of Pocomoke, Maryland, peacefully entered eternal rest on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at Tidal Health hospital in Salisbury. She was born May 22, 1955, and become the adopted daughter of the late John and Lucy Irby Maxwell.

Reverend Jenkins was a native of Baltimore. She was educated in the Baltimore public school system at Bentalou Elementary, Garrison Junior High, and Western Senior High, Class of 1974.

Reverend Jenkins was baptized and was a member of Pennsylvania Avenue African Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, from childhood until 1987, when she received her first church. While a member of Pennsylvania Avenue, she served on various ministries: the Children Choir, the Zion Echoes Gospel Choir, Junior Ushers, Vice-President of the Youth Council, Sunday School Teacher, and the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society. She served on the Examining Board for the Salisbury District of the A.M.E. Zion Church, the Finance and Statistical Committee, and the Christian Education Department. In the Philadelphia-Baltimore Conference, she served on the Examining Board, the Christian Education Dept., and the President of the Conference Youth Council.

Reverend Jenkins attended Baltimore Community College from 1975 to 1976, where she studied Computer Science and was an intern at the Social Security Administration. From 1977 to 1980, she attended Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina, where she majored in History and Political Science. While at Livingstone, she gave her life to Christ and accepted the call to the ministry. Due to health issues at home, she returned to Baltimore and graduated from Coppin State College, Class of 1981, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in History and Political Science. In 1982, she attended and graduated from Virginia Union University of Richmond, Class of 1985, with a Master of Divinity Degree in Theology.

Reverend Jenkins started her ministerial journey in 1979, when she preached her Trial Sermon, "Are you Ready for the End time?" Afterwards, she received the Missionary License

from the Salisbury District and in 1980 she received the Local Pastor's License from the Philadelphia-Baltimore Conference. In 1983, she was ordained as Deacon and in 1984, she was ordained an Elder. From 1985 to 1986, she served as assistant to the Salisbury District Presiding Elder and also worked at Bread for the World in Washington, D.C. From 1986 to 1987, she served as an Interim Chaplain at Muncy State Prison, Muncy, Pennsylvania.

Reverend Jenkins began her Pastoral Ministry at Wallace Temple A.M.E. Zion in Rhodesdale, Maryland, 1987 to 1991. It was during this time she worked at Bethany House for Boys in Cordova, Maryland, and this is where she met the love of her life, the late Reverend Leon A. Jenkins, Sr. They married on Saturday, May 20, 1989, at John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Baltimore. She served three more churches in the A.M.E. Zion Church in Baltimore: Union, New Castle, Delaware, from 1991 to 1994; St Paul, Media, Pennsylvania from 1994 to 1997; and St John, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania from 1997 to 2000. With the guidance of Bishop Violet Fisher and the permission of her Bishop, the late Right Reverend Milton Williams, she was accepted On-Loan to the United Methodist Church in 2000. In 2001, she transferred from the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church to the United Methodist Church.

The following are the churches she served: Berlin/Sinepuxtent Church, 2000 to 2004; Wesley Chapel, Lincoln, DE, 2004 to 2006; Quantico/Hebron/Wetipquin, 2006 to 2009; and Grasonville/Carmichael Charge, 2009 to 2018. While in the Salisbury District, she served in the Lay Academy as a teacher and in the Conference, she served on the Communication and Pension Board Committees. Her ministry did not only take place in the church, but also in the communities. These are the organizations she served on: NAACP in Wilmington, Media, Bethlehem, Berlin, and Grasonville; Grasonville Community Center; and the Lion's Club of Pocomoke, MD.

Reverend Jenkins leaves to mourn her passing: a twin brother, Joseph Roundtree of Herndon, VA; three adopted children, Victoria Covington of Easton, Leon A. Jenkins, Jr., of Cumberland, and Lonnie Jenkins of Hawaii; a granddaughter, Kyisha Jenkins of Easton; two great-grandchildren, Jordan William and Brooklyn Wallace; a goddaughter, Terri Harris of Carmichael, MD; and a host of other relatives, pastoral colleagues, church members, and friends.

Order of Worship

- Prelude Minister Isaiah Embert
- Processional Clergy
- Opening Hymn *What a Fellowship Combined Choirs*
- Prayer of Comfort Brother Donald Cornish
- Song of Meditation *He's Sweet I Know*
- Scripture Lessons
Old Testament *Psalm 23*
Sister Fannie Wright
New Testament *St. John 14:1-7*
Sister Vilese Tomlinson
- Solo Sister Helena Stafford
- Acknowledgements and Resolution Sister Theresa Ryans
- Obituary *Read Silently*
- Recognition of Visiting Clergy
District Superintendent Reverend Elmer Davis
- Selection *It is Well*
- Eulogy Reverend Lawrence Purnell
- Recessional Clergy and Family
- Closing Hymn *I'll Fly Away*
- Committal
- Benediction

INTERMENT
John Wesley Cemetery
Arrington Road | Carmichael, Maryland