



Ms. Wilma Jenkins

September 15, 1942 - February 2, 2026

Ms. Wilma Faye (Bell) Jenkins was born on September 15, 1942, in Knoxville, Tennessee, to the late Sidney Bell and Minnie Ireland Bell. She peacefully entered into eternal rest on February 2, 2026.

Wilma grew up in the Park City community on Dole Street in Knoxville, Tennessee. As the only girl among six brothers, she often shared fond memories of her childhood—especially playing ball in the streets. She would laugh as she recalled tying her dress between her legs, trying not to be noticed by her mother, who wanted her to “just be a girl.” These stories reflected Wilma’s spirited personality and joyful heart.

At an early age, Wilma was introduced to the church and gave her life to Jesus Christ at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Knoxville under the leadership of the late Rev. W. T. Crutcher. She later transferred her membership to Thankful Baptist Church in Johnson City.

Wilma was a loving and devoted mother to her two sons, Harry H. Jenkins III (Joppa, MD), and Troy F. Jenkins of (Jonesborough), whom she shared with her late husband, SFC Harry H. Jenkins Jr.

Through a blended family, Wilma was blessed with daughters-in-law, Lisa Jenkins and the late Shelia (Brown) Jenkins. She was the proud grandmother

of Autumn Jenkins and Daniel Jenkins (Joppa, MD), Ashley Miller (Michael) (Simpsonville, SC), and Adrian Mackey of (Snellville, GA). She was also blessed with three great-grandchildren—Miaka, Madden, and Mathias—whom she dearly loved. Wilma also cherished her special and devoted son-in-law, Bryan Kelley, and took great pride in her entire family.

Wilma later joined Bethel Christian Church, where she remained a faithful and active member. She served on the Deaconess Board, sang in the choir, and participated in the Christian Women's Fellowship and the Evangelism Committee. Wilma was known for her loving and infectious spirit, her generous heart, and her deep love for the Lord.

Wilma leaves to cherish her memory her two sons, her daughter-in-law, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, extended family members, and many friends whose lives she touched with kindness and love.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the members of Bethel Christian Church for the outpouring of love and support shown over the past several years, especially as Wilma's memory began to fail. A very special thank you to Pastor Lynn and First Lady Rayetta, as well as Whitney Hall. Your compassion, care, and kindness will always be remembered.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Christian Church
701 Depot St
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Celebration of Life

FEB 7. 4:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Christian Church
701 Depot St
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Interment

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Washington County Memory Gardens
113 Memory Gardens Rd.
Johnson City, TN 37615

Tribute Wall

PA

“ *Phyllis Askew sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



Phyllis Askew - February 22 at 09:41 PM

OB

“ *Wilma Jenkins was greatly loved, and now, you are greatly miss! as she call me BRYANT*

Odell Bryant - February 17 at 06:05 AM

VR

“ *Vangeline Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



vangeline Rollins - February 17 at 03:44 AM

MF

“ *Magdalene Story Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



Magdalene Story Family - February 11 at 12:13 PM

MF

Sending our prayers and condolences.

Magdalene Story Family - February 11 at 12:14 PM

KE

“ *Extending our deepest sympathy to the Jenkins Family during this difficult time. The Avery Family*

Kenneth - February 09 at 05:38 PM

DL

“ *Douglas V Logan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



Douglas V Logan - February 09 at 12:36 PM

JT

“ *Jaheem L Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



Jaheem L Thomas - February 09 at 10:56 AM

TS

“ I remember meeting Ms. Wilma Jenkins about 1986. She worked in the Post Exchange at the Army Reserve / National Guard armory in Kingsport. She was always cheerful and helpful and a pleasure to be around. I have worked with her son Troy since 1992. My deepest condolences to him and the rest of her family and loved ones.



Tony Simpson - February 08 at 07:32 PM

GB

“ G.L. And Trish Bristol lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins



G.L. and Trish Bristol - February 08 at 04:04 PM

SG

“ Wilma my friend rest easy. Prayer for the family 🙏🙏🙏

Sallie Goodwin - February 08 at 02:41 AM



“ Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins



Linda Workman - February 07 at 12:13 AM

JR

“ I want to give my condolences to my cousin while he goes through this deep and dark time and praying that God will see him through so that he may move forward love you Troy and Harry this is Jackie

Jacqueline Rogers - February 06 at 10:09 PM

VP

“ Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins



Viola Patton - February 06 at 09:47 PM

RC

“ Rev.Sharon Comage lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins



Rev.Sharon Comage - February 06 at 04:49 PM

CD

“ Ms. Wilma was a kind sweet soul. I always enjoyed her smile and kind words every time I came home to visit! She will truly be missed! Andre and Cheryl Dyer.



Cheryl Dyer - February 06 at 03:15 PM

PD

“ Oh my goodness, it was always a joy and a blessing to be in her presence. Her love for all of us will cause our hearts to continue to smile when her name is mentioned. Her love for Jesus was real and it was strong. What a precious woman of God she was, Rest is peace, Sweet Lady!!!

Pamela Daniels - February 06 at 02:59 PM

TB

“ Tim Braxton and Brad Braxton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Wilma Jenkins.

Tim Braxton and Brad Braxton - February 06 at 02:53 PM

TB

“ Tim Braxton and Brad Braxton purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ms. Wilma Jenkins.



Tim Braxton and Brad Braxton - February 06 at 02:53 PM

DS

“ Wilma's presence will surely be missed but the memories we will hold in our hearts will longlasting. Our sincere sympathy.



Deborah Simmons-Grey - February 06 at 01:05 PM

VN

“ Veral Neal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins



Veral Neal - February 06 at 12:57 PM

KT

“ Keitha Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins



Keitha Thompson - February 06 at 11:29 AM

TF

“ I always enjoyed her smile and hug from her when I was at Bethel. She will be missed by me and Bethel family. You are in my prayers.

Tanya Foreman - February 06 at 10:41 AM

MF

“ Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins



Moricina Fain - February 06 at 09:27 AM

WB

“ *Wjualana Benson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



Wjualana Benson - February 06 at 06:02 AM

SB

“ *Sylvia Bachman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



Sylvia Bachman - February 06 at 03:38 AM

CP

“ *CLINTON & PAM lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



CLINTON & PAM - February 06 at 12:08 AM

CR

“Cecil and I were blessed to have known Wilma and she was always smiling and full of love for her church community. She held a special place in my heart for the kindness she showed my late parents as their health declined in their years. It was a privilege to serve as a deaconess with her as well as sing in the choir while I was a member of Bethel Christian Church, the congregation that I grew up in. Although I later moved my membership to another congregation, Bethel will always be home and those precious memories will always include Wilma, who shared the same September 15 birthday. May God comfort each member of the family, extended family and friends as they journey through this difficult time. Rest in the assurance that she is now in the presence of Jesus whom she loved and served faithfully. I offer Psalm 23 and Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 as comfort.



Clara Faye Hart Rutledge - February 05 at 09:36 PM



“Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins



Carolyn Fain - February 05 at 08:52 PM

CA

“Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins



crystal anderson - February 05 at 08:45 PM

VR

“ Vangeline Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins



vangeline Rollins - February 05 at 08:43 PM

CF

“ Troy, we the Foster, Bulluck, and Thorpe Families

Will never forget your mom. Lasting memories that will last a lifetime. But words from auntie Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in their's. The ones who accept You for who you are, the one's who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what. We loved your Mother like Family Rest well Wilma , we will see you on the other side



Carolyn FOSTER - February 05 at 08:27 PM

LB

“ We all will miss Ms Wilma, she was so much fun. I thank God for the oppertunity to get to spend so much time with her over the last 3 years, this was truly God's way of telling Rayetta and I he loves us. Thank you Harry and Troy for sharing Ms. Wilma with us.

Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - February 05 at 07:37 PM

RH

“ Troy, We are so glad we got to meet Ms. Wilma. She always made us laugh. I know she will be greatly missed. We are thinking of you and your family. We love you, Ruth and Gene

Ruth and Helmick - February 05 at 06:59 PM

CR

“ 🕊️ *Condolences and prayers to all.*

Cheryl Rhea Family



Cheryl Rhea - February 05 at 04:25 PM

HK

“ *What a beautiful, kind, gentle soul she was! I was glad to see her at Carla Forney's retirement party as Choir Director of Music! She was such a beautiful soprano voice in the choir and she always bragged everyone about my singing! I'll never forget her telling me on Bethel's Movie Night that my song, I Can Only Imagine, was her favorite song after watching the movie about it! She was in tears every time I'd sing it! Now, her and my mom will be together in Heaven now! Rest in Eternal Peace, My Auntie! The memories will forever be cherished!*



Howie Kemper - February 05 at 12:26 PM

GS

*Dearest Troy and family,
Ron and I want to convey our condolences to you and the family. Your mom was an amazing woman who demonstrated love to anyone she met. We were lucky enough to be recipients of her love. May GOD comfort you and the family during this difficult time. We are praying for all of you.*

Gwendolyn Smith - February 05 at 08:25 PM

JA

“Joan, Wayne and Angela purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ms. Wilma Jenkins.



Joan, Wayne and Angela - February 05 at 11:31 AM

TR

“Tiffany Ryans lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins



Tiffany Ryans - February 05 at 09:31 AM

FL

“Frazier Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins



Frazier Lyons - February 05 at 09:29 AM

RF

“Renea Hall & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins



Renea Hall & Family - February 05 at 09:23 AM

RF

Troy we are going to miss granny Wilma. She always made sure that I signed in for Sunday School and asked me if there was candy in the dish. I loved seeing Granny and Whitney's interactions they was a whoot. My condolences to you and the entire family 🙏❤️🙏

Renea Hall & Family - February 05 at 09:28 AM

ML

“*Mary Latham lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



Mary Latham - February 05 at 09:01 AM

CB

“*Charles Bufford sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



Charles Bufford - February 05 at 08:41 AM

MR

“*Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



Mary Rollins - February 05 at 07:18 AM

FV

“ *From The Vulcans purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ms. Wilma Jenkins.*



From The Vulcans - February 05 at 05:42 AM

KE

“ *I’m grieving with you and praying for you deeply. Your mom wasn’t only a blessing to you — she was like a mother to me as well, and her faith and love left a lasting mark on my life. I thank God for the way she reflected Christ through her kindness, strength, and heart. Even in this deep loss, I hold onto the promise that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, and that we will see her again. I’m asking God to give you supernatural peace, strength, and comfort in the days ahead. You’re not alone — I’m here for you, and God’s arms are holding you close.*



Kelly - February 04 at 11:13 PM

J(

My thoughts and Prayers are with you during this time. Family is everything to me and I love my Aunt Wilma she was always kind and full of joy and laughter. When I was young Johnson City was my place of residence. Aunt Wilma you will always be close in my heart. Love you Harry and Troy 🤔

Jennifer Williams (Cousins) - February 05 at 09:14 AM

LB

“ *Lee & Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



Lee & Lydia Bridwell - February 04 at 09:51 PM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



Pauline Douglas - February 04 at 09:36 PM

JA

“ *Jaymon sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Wilma Jenkins*



jaymon - February 04 at 08:22 PM

KM

“ *To the family, I am fervently praying for you. Ms. Wilma was a dear friend to our family. We shared many great times through the years. Her kind, selfless, and loving spirit will always be remembered! Much Love to you all.*



Karen Morrison - February 04 at 06:35 PM