



Mr. James Keith Jenkins

June 21, 1950 - March 15, 2026

James Keith Jenkins, 75, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Born on June 21, 1950, in Washington, D.C., to Sgt. William S. Jenkins and Thelma T. Jenkins, James lived a life rooted in love, dedication, and quiet strength.

He was a devoted husband, a proud father, and a man who found his greatest joy in caring for his family. For 45 years, James faithfully served the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, a career that reflected his reliability, integrity, and strong work ethic. He began as a bus driver and later became a respected station manager, known not only for his professionalism but for his warm smile and kind spirit.

Outside of work, James was a passionate sports fan who especially loved cheering on the Washington Commanders. He also enjoyed following basketball, tennis, and boxing, often sharing those moments with the people he loved.

James is survived by his beloved wife of 34 years, Carol Jenkins, and their daughters, Shakiyla and Khadija, whose unwavering love and care brought him comfort throughout his illness. He is preceded in death by his son, Keith Jenkins (d. 2020).

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Third Baptist Church
917 Princess Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Funeral

MAR 28. 10:30 AM (ET)

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917 Princess Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Live Streaming Service Link:

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/a26034291638442>

MAR 28. 10:30 AM (ET)

Third Baptist Church
917 Princess Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Entombment

MAR 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Glenwood Cemetery
2219 Lincoln Road NE,
Washington, DC 20002

Repast

MAR 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Saint Martin's Catholic Church (Pioneer Room)
1908 North Capitol Street NW
Washington , DC 20002

As we come together to celebrate James's life and legacy; family and friends are warmly invited to gather for a repast immediately following the interment services.

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-Johnson Funeral Service, P.A. created a Webcast in memory of Mr. James Keith Jenkins*



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - March 25 at 02:42 PM

WP

*I've only met Mr. Jenkins one time. And that was at his daughter Khadijah's graduation. I remembered him having a beautiful smile and a gentle personality
His daughters have that same beautiful smile. I will continue to pray for his wife and entire family. Always carry the love he had for you. It will always be there with you. 💜*

Wanda Parker

Wanda Parker - March 26 at 07:19 PM

EH

To the Family,

"May God's peace and love surround you and your family during this difficult time."

Elizabeth Howell-Williams and Family

Elizabeth Howell-Williams - March 28 at 06:43 AM

SH

“ Thank you for being an uncle to us! We will never forget the memories and good times! Keep shining down on us and for sharing your time with us. Aunt Carol, Shakiyla, and Khadijah know that he will always be watching over you all. He will never be forgotten.

Shawnta - March 28 at 10:20 AM

LF

“ Carol, may you find solace and peace in the coming days. The memories of someone as special as James will live on forever. Love Lisa and Brittany.

Lisa Fulton - March 27 at 10:58 PM

CF

“ In loving memory of James K. Jenkins, my wonderful brother-in-law, Your kindness, humor, and warmth touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing you. We miss you, you will forever be in our hearts.”

cheryl Y Fudge - March 27 at 10:36 PM

CF

Love Cheryl, Warren and Anwar.

cheryl Y Fudge - March 28 at 02:22 PM

MB

“ When I think of my Uncle Keith, I’m taken back to the time I lived with him, his son Big Keith, and my father Tony. Those years were full of lessons that have stayed with me ever since. Big Keith showed Lil Keith and me the importance of taking care of our family, being mindful of our finances, and remembering to treat ourselves once in a while. I think about the music, the sports, and the conversations about what it meant to be a man. Every day was a lesson, and many of those lessons still guide me today. I’ll always be grateful for that time and for him.

Michael Burless - March 26 at 07:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Keith Jenkins.



March 25 at 09:24 PM

DP

“ Big Keith,

You embodied what it means to always be present for your family. I appreciate you always showing up for me and taking care of everyone. You were not only a wonderful uncle but a great role model. Even in your last days you showed your strength and always greeted me with a cheerful smile. I will miss you and love ❤️ you always. Neicy

Denise Howell Parker - March 25 at 01:57 PM

SV

“ *Shirlean W.McCaskill...King George Va sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Keith Jenkins*



Shirlean W.McCaskill...King George Va - March 25 at 07:46 AM



“ *One of my main memories of Big Keith was how stable he was in life for as long as I can remember. I always took in the things he would say in normal conversation that actually stuck as a kid and now. Your nephew David Brown.*

David Brown - March 24 at 08:44 PM

DL

“ *There are no words for the legacy James has left on our family, His shining personality will live on in our hearts. Your Sister in law Diane Sanders.*

Diane Sanders/ Sister in law - March 24 at 09:51 AM

AJ

“ *My uncle big kieth always offered words of encouragement and guidance that help me believe anything is possible as long as you apply yourself. My goal in life was to hope to be like kieth, even when he told you no it was with compassion that you understood. A gentle giant with a big heart ❤️*

Antonio Jenkins - March 23 at 08:07 PM