



Rev. John L. Jenkins, Jr. Obituary

December 17, 1935 - June 14, 2007

The Reverend John Lewis Jenkins, Jr., 71, of Albany, died June 14, 2007 at his home. His memorial service will be MONDAY 2 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Rt. Reverend Henry I. Louttit and the Rev. Gedge Gayle will officiate. His remains will be interred at All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta. The family will receive friends following the memorial service in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's. A native of Birmingham, AL, he graduated from Emory University in 1957, where he became a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. The Rev. Jenkins graduated from seminary at the University of the South (Sewanee), and did post-graduate studies at Virginia Theological Seminary. Father Jenkins served many churches in the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia, including St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Albany, and St. Thomas, Isle of Hope, Savannah. He also served at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He was an Army veteran and a member of the Albany Rotary Club. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Anita Hewell Jenkins. The Rev. Jenkins is survived by his two daughters: Margaret Hewell Jenkins, Savannah, Elizabeth Jenkins Bush and her husband Matthew, Savannah; 2 grandsons: Clay Gordon Bush and Henry James Bush, both of Savannah. Those desiring may send memorial contributions to the general scholarship fund at Emory University, Emory Alumni Development, 1762 Clifton Rd., Plaza 1000, Atlanta, GA 30322.

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“ *Margaret and Elizabeth my thoughts and prayers are with you. "Papa John", as we called him while growing up, was an inspiration and strong influence in my life. In fact, I took up playing the guitar because of him and HAD to have a guitar just like his. I still have it and think about him everytime I pick it up. I have just recently learned of his death and am truly sorry I was unable to be at the memorial. I remember when you girls were born and your father was the proudest man on earth. You will hold a special place in my heart. God bless you!!!!*

Peggy Hamlin - August 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I was a student of Mr. Jenkins at Darton College last semester. I knew Mr. Jenkins only for one short semester of his life. I can tell you that I found Mr. Jenkins to be a kind and compassionate teacher that cared for all his students. I will miss Mr. Jenkins next semester, but I know that someday because I have Jesus Christ in my heart that I will see him again, and when I do I hope to have another history lesson from him at the pearly gates. I will never forget Mr. Jenkins. I was so fortunate to know him. He knew everything about history and loved relating it back to his students. I send my condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins, I will never forget you. You cared about your students. You always came to class with a smile and a cheerful attitude and the love for your fellow man, and for this I salute you. God Bless You.

Faith Hope and Love are some good things but the greatest is Love.

Mark Wall - July 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Margaret and Elizabeth,

We were saddened to hear of your father's death. We were in Ireland and are sorry we couldn't be here to give each of you our love and support. We had several good times with your dad since his return to Albany and are thankful for those times. Your dad married us almost 30 years ago, baptised all 3 of our children and confirmed 2 of them. He was a very important part of our lives and we will miss him. Knowing that he is with your mom and with our heavenly Father is a great comfort. Our prayers are with you. Peace and love, the Sikora's

Jeff and Judi Sikora - June 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

T"

“ I was so sorry to hear of Father John's recent passing. I know that even though he leaves behind those of us who are saddened by the loss he is happy to be at rest and in the company once again of his wife and our beloved father.

I was sorry when John had to leave us at St. Aidan's. I was just returning to the church when John was becoming the assistant priest here. He taught me I did not have to totally accept every rule or practice to be a good Episcopalian or Christain. He taught the first Episcopalian 101 course I ever attended and made it so interesting. He was a great teacher. He will be missed by all of those whose lives he touched.

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Teresa Miller "Timm" - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Just a quick comment to let you know father John was greatly appreciated at St. Aidans. I personally learned alot from him, he really had a way with words! Im sure he will be missed, my condolences to the family. Laura Saleh

Laura Saleh - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Fr. John you will be missed. Our prayers are with you and your family. Thank you for being with us at St. Aidan's.

Anna McCarthy - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Dear Margaret & Elizabeth,

You two, Clay and Henry are in our prayers each day. John and Anita were wonderful friends to us. And, they were the best of friends to each other. I hope your pain can be soothed a bit knowing that he and Anita together again. Even now, I can hear the sarcasm and laughter. May they rest in peace. May you soon find joy in remembering and telling the stories.

Peace,

Randall & Wanda

Randall & Wanda Keeney - June 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your father. John and I roomed next door to each other our freshman year at Emory in 1953-1954. He was a bright, friendly and witty young man then and throughout our association, regardless of the stresses in his life. I am grateful for having known him and Anita. I trust the conversations THERE are more animated now. Sincerely, Marvin A. Brantley*

Marvin A.Brantley - June 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *Dear Margaret and Elizabeth, I am so saddened to learn of my wonderful Godfather's death. Please know that you both are in my thoughts and prayers. I have wonderful memories of times spent with your family. I know that the funeral was a wonderful celebration of a wonderful life. With much love, Amy*

Amy Louttit Johnson - June 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Dear Jenkins family, I have such fond memories of John and Anita during the time he served as our interim assistant rector at Grace Church, Gainesville, GA. He was kind, loving and delightful to work with. Please accept my condolences and know that he and you all are remembered in my prayers and those of Grace Church.

Sheila Kelley - June 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I spent much of my time through out middle and high school in the Jenkins' home and both John and Anita always made me feel welcome and like family. They will both always be missed.

Jennifer Rehberg Brown - June 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Dear Margaret and Elizabeth. Your family was much loved by the Lovelace's. Being on the calling committee that brought you to Albany, was a good move for St. Paul's. We remember when the two of you were left in our charge while your mother and father went out of town. The Easter and Christmas time and Mary with her bread. Those were the time we cherish. John officiated at our daughter, Elizabeth's wedding. John will be missed. He was a great teacher. Thanks be to God. Our prayers are with you both and your family. Love, Brooks and Mary

Brooks & Mary Lovelace - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Dear Jenkins Family,
I was privileged to work with Fr. John Jenkins at St. Aidan's in Alpharetta, GA. He played a significant role in my path to ordination and I will always cherish his memory and wisdom. He was greatly loved at St. Aidan's and will be greatly missed. May light perpetual shine on him and Anita.
Please let us know if there is any way our parish can assist you in these coming days. You and John will be in our prayers.
IHN,
Deacon Carole Maddux

The Rev. Carole Maddux - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Dear Friends,

I am saddened to hear of John's death, and will remember him, and you in my prayers. He was much respected by me, the Bishop of Atlanta, and all who ministered with him in this diocese. We share in your loss, and pray God's Peace and comfort for you.

Rick Callaway
(Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Atlanta)

Rick Callaway - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Elizabeth & Margaret: Your Dad was a great priest, and a good friend. He was very helpful to me, personally, when I needed it most. The Church has lost a great shepherd, and the Democratic Party has lost a staunch supporter! Love, Carolyn

Carolyn Hatcher - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Please accept my condolences for your loss of this very special person. He was the very best Sunday School teacher I ever had! His sermons were good, but his classes were absolutely wonderful. It was such an honor to have him with us at St. Aidan's even though it was for such a short time. We hated to see him move, but understood. Now it saddens me greatly to think that he is no longer among us. But what fun it must be for those who have gone before us. He was a treasure and will be missed for a very long time.

Martha Myers - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Our prayers go out to Father John's family. He certainly loved you all. We enjoyed having him at St. Aidan's and learned so much from his adult Sunday school class each week. God bless.

Karen DeArmey - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Dear Margaret and Elizabeth,
I am writing this from Highlands, NC, where your dear father officiated at our wedding ten years ago. We were certainly shocked and saddened when we learned of the news. He was a dear mentor and friend to me and Chris. (And I still wear his hand-me-down clergy shirts every day.) I regret that we have not been in closer touch, but our thoughts and prayers have remained with your family all this time and will continue, now more than ever. Blessings,
Jamie+

The Rev. Jamie E. L'Enfant - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ In 1967 Dick & I lived in the Radium Springs area of Albany with our 1 yr. old son. We enjoyed Fr. Jenkins services at St. Mark's & friendship--& his guitar playing; we were confirmed in the Episcopal faith at that time. We now live in Americus, are members of Calvary Church(John Jenkins, Sr. was rector here 1952-54) since 1972 where I have been secretary for 23 years. Please accept our sincere condolences.

Betty Hewitt - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ We were very sad to hear of Fr. Jenkins death. We have such fond memories of him. Our love and prayers are with you at this time.

The Rev. Canon and Mrs. H. Neal Phelps - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ I have many fond memories of Fr. Jenkins from my summers in the 1960's at Episcopal Church Camp at Honey Creek. I especially remember his guitar and singing along. He was a real inspiration in my teenage years. I also remember a trip to Albany to visit him with another friend from camp. I grew up in Trinity Episcopal Church in Statesboro. I send my deepest sympathy to his family and friends. With love and respect, Woodie Jones Wisebram

Woodie Jones Wisebram - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *The clergy and people of St. Aidan's send their sympathies and prayers--and also their thankgivings for John's life and ministry-- particularly his five years with us as a part-time assistant. Please let us know when his interment might be...and if it is a public service. I'm sure some folks would like to attend and pay their respects if possible.*

*God's Peace,
The Rev. Rob Wood
Rector, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church,
Alpharetta, Georgia*

The Rev. Robert Wood - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *I knew Fr. Jenkins from his time at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Blakley. It is with a heavy heart that I send much love and many prayers to your family at this most difficult time. Peace* Monica DeMott

Monica DeMott - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Margaret & Elizabeth,
I was so very sorry to read of your father's death - I know you will miss him deeply.*
Renee Dunn

Renee Dunn - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear John,

We met when you came to St. Aidan's in Alpharetta, GA. You were a great help to our parish during your five years with us and you and I developed a special friendship.

I missed you when you moved to Albany and was sorry we lost touch, which was mostly my fault. I know you are home, now.

I'll remember your family in my prayers and I look forward to a good church history discussion when I join you.

With love, your friend in Christ,

Joe Rich

Joe Rich - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Rev. John Jenkins was a good pastor and friend to the Corner Family during his time in Albany. John almost had to be a saint to tolerate a bad tempered, egotistical, vulgar Yorkshireman on his vestry for several years- those were and are my good points.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Margaret and Elizabeth and their families

Max and Pat

MAX AND PAT CORNER - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ We at Holy Trinity were very hurt and very sad to hear of Father Jenkins' passing. We send our heartfelt love and sympathy to his family. He was a very dedicated priest and we at Holy Trinity had the pleasure of knowing him, if only for a short time. He brought not only the Word of the Lord to us, but his passion for teaching and giving. He always referred to us as his sheep and he was there to tend to his flock and he did a wonderful job. He will be missed, but we know that he is now in the loving arms of our Lord Jesus Christ. May he rest in peace.

Holy Trinity Epsicopal Church ~ Friends and Family - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ My father, Harry Maloney, was an Episcopal priest also. He worked with Rev. Jenkins back in the late '70's, and we got to know him pretty well. I'm very sorry for your loss, and will pray for you to have the strength and faith to deal with this time. I'm going to try to be at the memorial service, but in case I can't make it, please know that you are all in my family's thoughts and prayers.

Tom Maloney - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Margaret,
Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I pray you will have strength to endure, comfort of our Holy Spirit, and peace of knowing your father is with our Heavenly Father. Please take all the time you need before you return to work. It will wait! With my deepest sympathy, Lynn Sexton

Lynn Sexton - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Margaret & Elizabeth, your dad was instrumental in encouraging and supporting me in the late 1960's in my pursuing ordination from St. Mark's, Albany. I served as a groomsman in your parents wedding in 1971. Even though we had not been in touch in the last several years, (I now serve a parish in Buffalo, NY) I think of your dad often because of his influence on my life and ministry. I'm sorry to learn that your mom had passed away as well. Please know that you and yours are in my prayers during this sad time of loss. May God bless you and your families.

The Rev. Jerre W. Feagin - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Dear Elizabeth and Margaret,

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you with regards to the loss of your Father. I really loved your parents. They were great, real people. I confess, selfishly, I wish that he could have remained closer to our area, as I would trully have loved to have seen him more often.

Your Dad was a great Southerner. We both loved the South dearly. I suppose we were both romantics for another time and place where the pace would be a little slower.

Keep your trust in God, and may He Bless and keep you both.

Let Lucy and I know how we might contact you in Savannah.

Love,

George Paynter

George W. Paynter - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Margaret-
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are so very sorry for the sudden loss of your father. If there is anything we can do for you or your sister, please don't hesitate to ask. With love, Penny and Rich

Penny & Rich Heritage - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *To Margaret and Elizabeth, early in our years in Albany we would gather with John, his guitar and date, Nancy and Tommy Chambliss, Helen and Graydon Pierce, Carolyn and Taylor Hatcher. We would argue politics and religion until the wee hours. John played folk songs and we would sing when the discussions got too heavy. Your dad has been such an important part of our life and was a great support to us when we first came to St. Paul's and your parents loved the two of you beyond any words. May God Bless you and your family as you mourn this wonderful Dad on Fathers Day, even as you celebrate his important life.
He will be sorely missed.
Love, The Driggers*

Jackie & Tom Driggers - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I would echo Ann Carol's sentiments and add a few of my own. I first met Johnny, as I have always known him, at the KA house when I first arrived to enter Emory Law School. We hit it off well, so he introduced me to all of his friends(many of whom I still encounter) and to the mysteries of Atlanta. We travelled, movied, double-dated,guitar-picked, and perhaps took a small drink together. In recent years we kept up chiefly by telephone and messages conveyed by friends and relatives, but the bond remained ever-strong. I will miss his face, his voice, his humor and shared thoughts, and especially the Christmas messages. I am confident God will be glad to have him home.==Kenneth Followill, Columbus, Georgia

Kenneth Followill - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Margaret and Elizabeth, Johnny has been important in our lives for so many years, even when we didn't see him often. First, his friendship, then as a young priest he performed our wedding ceremony, and a few years later baptized our Tom. In my prayer book are these words he wrote: --"He who sings prays twice." I will miss him.--Ann Carol Followill, Columbus, Georgia

Ann Carol Followill - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ To the Family of The Late Father John L. Jenkins,Jr. You have my heartfelt smypathy on the death of your father and grandfather. Mary and I were fond of your dad. Truely, he was a servant of God and a lover of humankind. We will miss him greatly.

The Rev. J. Bernard Rosser,Sr. - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Elizabeth and Margaret, I am saddened to hear of your father's sudden death. These have surely been some difficult years, but I am praying that the Lord will bring peace, comfort and hope in the life everlasting to you both in the midst of your sorrow.
Mary Jane

Mary Jane Dennison - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Dear Margaret and Elizabeth George and I wish to tell you how much your father meant to us in the short years we were privileged to know him. His humor and his faith were certainly witnesses to the "keep on keeping on" that he and your wonderful mother stood for in their lives. We regret that we have not been in touch with any of you for some time, so when you have time, please let us know how to contact you. John Jenkins was a priest of the finest order and brought great joy and happiness to us at St. Paul's Winston Salem, when all else around us was falling down. For both Anita and John, one remembers - "they were created for a time such as these" and faithful to their call always - our love to you Lucy and Goerge

George and Lucy Paynter - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Remembering you this Father's Day and a long history of knowing you as Father John and PaPa John. We grew up knowing and loving you thru EYC at St. Mark's Church in Radium Springs, Albany, GA. You were an inspiration and were loved within our family and community. We always will remember you around our wedding anniversary (June 12) as you were forced to cut your honeymoon short to preside over our wedding one week following yours and Anita's. Know you are happy to be reunited with your beloved Anita. We are sure that you will also be missed in the Gainesville, GA community and Grace Episcopal Church where we, once again, rekindled our close friendship. You were always there for us in both good and bad times and we will never forget your thoughtfulness.

*Rusty and Missy Smith
Gainesville, GA*

Russell & Melissa Smith - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *It is with sadness and also great joy that my family celebrates the transition of John to be with God, and Anita, for everlasting life.*

My wife Susan and I were blessed to be communicants of St. Paul's in Albany from 1982 through 1985. Our son, Richard Howell Horner (Howell), was baptized by John in May of 1985. Obviously, this provides our family a loving memory of the man.

Susan and I have moved several times since Albany was our home, now residing in the Diocese of Atlanta.

Extensive conversations with our current Rector, the Reverend Larry Williams of St. Teresa's in Acworth, GA have renewed fond memories of John and Anita, the St. Paul's parish, and many friends in Albany.

We especially remember the wonderful times under John's leadership at St. Paul's. We were blessed by John during our time there. I can still remember his wonderful voice chanting during the Eucharist.

More than once I have told the story of how John brought our parish closer to our Judeo-Christian heritage and worship by bringing the local Rabbi in to celebrate the Jewish Seder for our education. This was a moving and wonderful learning experience to us as Christians. It wasn't just preaching and ministering for John, it was his leadership for all of us.

God Bless John and the Jenkins family.

Sincerely,

*Susan Horner
Rick Horner
R. Howell Horner
Katherine Horner*

*211 Westwood Drive
Marietta, GA 30064*

Richard W. (Rick) Horner - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *God Bless. I grew up at St. Thomas in Savannah and have fond memories of the services.*

Adger Ross - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *To a great friend who will be missed. It has been a long time from our days at Emory.*

Dick Hand - June 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM