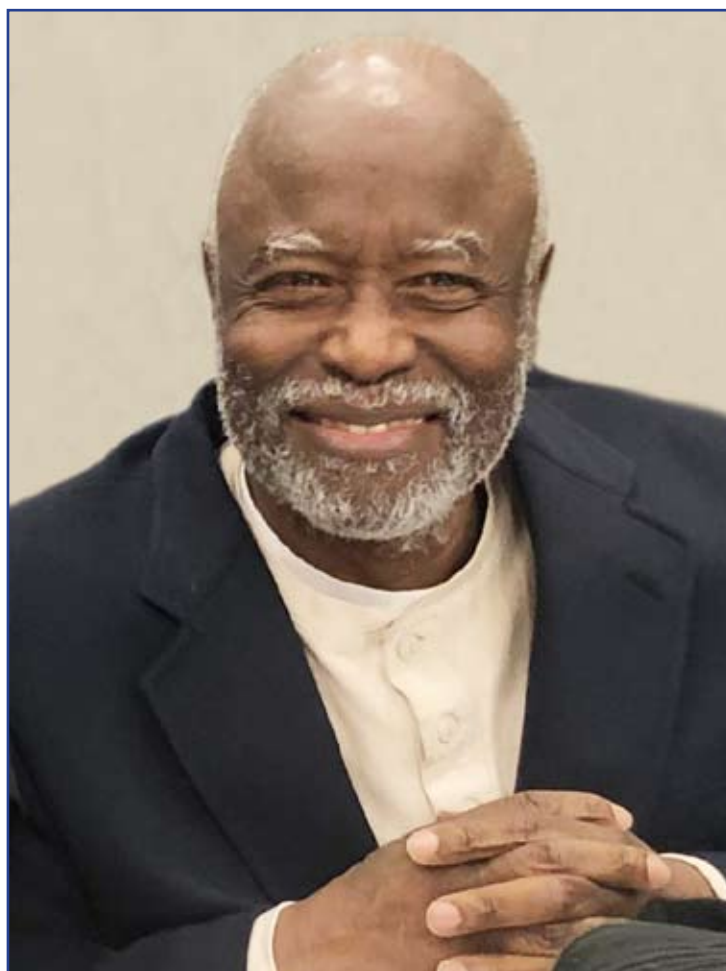


CELEBRATING
THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF
DR. WILLIAM (BILL) CARTER JENKINS



Saturday, April 6, 2019
~ 12:00 Noon ~

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. INTERNATIONAL CHAPEL
830 Westview Drive, Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia

Reverend Natosha Reid Rice, J.D., *Associate Pastor and Officiant*
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia

OBITUARY

William Carter Jenkins was born on July 26, 1945 to Albert Daniel Jenkins Sr. and Martha Wilson Jenkins in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. He was delivered by Rosella Wilson, his grandmother and the local midwife. He lived in a section of Mt. Pleasant known as Greenwich, a small fishing village where African American Union soldiers were mustered out of the army at the end of the Civil War. At an early age, Bill joined the Friendship African Methodist Episcopal Church in Mt. Pleasant. He attended Laing Elementary School, which along with Laing High School, was founded in 1866 by Cornelia Hancock a Quaker and Union army nurse. Both his mother and grandmother graduated from Laing. After elementary school he attended Immaculate Conception School in Charleston, South Carolina but eventually graduated in 1963 from Laing High School. Fondly known as Billy, he was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout because his mother was the den mother. He made many life-long friends in Mt. Pleasant, was involved in many activities, including voter registration in Charleston, and received many accolades. He enrolled at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, adopted the moniker 'Bill,' that he used for the rest of his life.

Early in his stay at Morehouse Bill was a foot soldier with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and was jailed with John Lewis for demonstrating against segregation in front of former governor Lester Maddox's restaurant. He recalled meeting Martin Luther King, Jr several times when Dr. King returned to the college for informal visits. He graduated with a degree in mathematics in 1967, the last year that Dr. Benjamin E. Mays served as president. Bill was both influenced and inspired by Dr. Mays and was a proud member of Bennie's Boys.

In the summer of 1967 Bill enrolled in the Biometry graduate school program at Emory University. He frequently recalled one of his close encounters with racism when he was questioned about cheating on an exam after he made one of the highest scores in one of his classes. On June 3, 1969 Bill married Cynthia Brown. Their marriage ended in divorce on September 22, 1981.

Bill began his career as one of the youngest African Americans to join the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps in 1967. He first served as a statistician in the National Center of Health Statistics and then became its first equal employment opportunity officer. In 1980, Bill joined the Division of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and HIV Prevention in the National Center for Prevention Services (NCPS) where he served as chief of the Research and Evaluation Statistics Section. With CDC support, in 1982 he founded Project Imhotep—a summer program designed to prepare undergraduate underrepresented minorities for the rigors of graduate school in public health with special emphasis on the quantitative areas of biostatistics, epidemiology, and occupational safety and health. In 1988, that program was expanded to become Morehouse College's Public Health Sciences Institute. In 1994-5 he took a leave of absence from CDC to develop the Master of Public Health program at the Morehouse School of Medicine to address the shortage of underrepresented minorities in leadership positions in the field of public health.

He supported the development of graduate level public health programs at other Historically Black Colleges and Universities and served on several of their advisory boards.

An expert in the epidemiology and prevention of sexually transmitted disease among racial and ethnic minority communities, Bill became involved in the AIDS epidemic in the early 1980s. He provided CDC data to researchers concerned about the AIDS epidemic in communities of color and was one of the first researchers to project the magnitude of the AIDS epidemic among African Americans. After contributing to the development of the first CDC national minority AIDS conference held in 1988, he became the first Manager of the National Minority Organizations' HIV Prevention Program in 1989. In 1996, after NCPS became a part of the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), Bill served as a supervisory epidemiologist in the NCHSTP Office of the Director where he managed the Tuskegee Participant Health Benefits Program, which ensures provision of medical services to the survivors of the Tuskegee Study of Syphilis in the Negro Male their family members. He was instrumental in the May 16, 1997 Clinton Presidential Apology for the study and, in 2002, produced a documentary video with study survivors. In 2001, Bill led the development of the NCHSTP Minority Health Strategic Plan that justified the creation of NCHSTP's Office for Health Disparities (now Health Equity). He retired from CDC in 2003.

He returned to his beloved alma mater, Morehouse College, following retirement and served as professor of public health sciences and associate director of Morehouse's Research Center on Health Disparities. From 2014 to 2017, he was adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) where he co-taught a seminar on public health and social justice.

Bill Jenkins' spiritual life was imbued with community action and social justice. Throughout the 1980s he worked with the Atlanta regional office of the American Friends Service Committee on efforts to end apartheid in South Africa. Later as a committed Quaker (member of the Religious Society of Friends) and member of the Atlanta Friends Meeting, Bill served on the board of two Friends schools, the Friends School of Atlanta and the Carolina Friends School of North Carolina. He was active in the international Fellowship of Friends of African Descent. At the time of his death, he was a board member at large of the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization that promotes lasting peace with justice, as a practical expression of faith in action.

Bill Jenkins was awarded a master's degree in biostatistics from Georgetown University, both a Master of Public Health and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Epidemiology from the UNC and completed post-doctoral work in biostatistics at Harvard University. While a student at UNC he led the Minority Student Caucus and helped to found the annual Minority Health Conference.

Over the course of his career Dr. Jenkins served on the Governing Council and Executive Board of the American Public Health Association (APHA), received the APHA Epidemiology Section's Abraham Lilenfield Award for teaching excellence in 2009, and addressed the opening session of APHA in 2010. He was the chair of the Epidemiology Section of American Statistical Association, and a member of the Board of Directors of the American College of Epidemiology. In 1991 he founded the Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues (SAAPHI). Dr. Jenkins received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from UNC in 2004, and an Honorary Doctorate degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in 2011.

William Carter Jenkins married Diane Louise Rowley, M.D., M.P.H. in her parent's home in Atlanta on October 22, 1983. Their marriage was blessed with thirty-five wonderful years and a beautiful daughter, Danielle. He was deeply devoted to Danielle and bragged to everyone that he spent more time than his wife raising his daughter during the early years of her life. The decision to enroll Danielle in the Friends School of Atlanta was what rekindled his interest in Quakerism and ultimately resulted in the family becoming members of the Religious Society of Friends. The family enjoyed many trips traveling throughout southern and east Africa and shared joyous memories of being in his favorite country, Botswana.

After living a full and productive life, William (Bill) Carter Jenkins transitioned on Sunday, February 17, 2019 in Charleston. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and elder brother, Albert D. Jenkins Jr., M.D.

Bill is survived by his wife, Diane L. Rowley, daughter, Danielle Margaret Rowley-Jenkins; nieces, Robin E. Jenkins, Alexandra D. Jenkins and Stacey A. Wiggins; nephew, Albert D. Jenkins III and his wife, Stephanie; brother in-law, Dean K. Rowley and his wife, Leatha (Lee); and many other loving relatives and treasured friends.

*I am the wind in the trees
and the song of a bird*

*I am moonbeams in a midnight sky
and a glorious rainbow after the storm*

I am morning dew and freshly fallen snow

*I am a butterfly flying over head
and a puppy happily at play*

open your heart to know that I am not gone.

Mrs. Smith known now as Ms. Foster. A dear friend of thirty-eight years.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Joyce F. Johnson, D.Mus., The College Organist, Emerita
Spelman College

Processional

Presiding

Bryan K. Lindsey, Ph.D., M.P.P.A., Manager
Tuskegee Health Benefits Program (Retired)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Opening Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of
Glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Prayer of Consolation

Reverend Randall C. Bailey, Ph.D., *Distinguished Professor, Emeritus*
The Interdenominational Theological Center

Greetings

Henry M. Goodgame Jr., *Vice President*
Alumni Engagement and External Relations
Morehouse College

Memorial Tributes

Helene D. Gayle, M.D., M.P.H., *President & CEO*
The Chicago Community Trust and Affiliates

David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D., *Founding Director and Senior Advisor*
Satcher Health Leadership Institute
Morehouse School of Medicine

Georges C. Benjamin, M.D., *Executive Director*
American Public Health Association

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Shalewa J. Thrash, Ed.D., *Assistant Principal, Atlanta Public Schools*
Soprano

Joyce F. Johnson, D.Mus., *Accompanist*

Noble Maseru, Ph.D., M.P.H., *Associate Dean and Professor*
University of Pittsburg
Graduate School of Public Health

Victor J. Schoenbach, Ph.D., *Associate Professor, Emeritus*
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Gillings School of Global Public Health

Bert Skellie
The Atlanta Friends Meeting (Quakers)

Cheryl Blackmore Prince, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.S.N.
Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues

"If I Can Help Somebody" by Alma Bazel Androzzo
Sheila Cunningham, *Psalmist*
Soprano

David F. Oliver, Ph.D., *Accompanist, The College Organist*
Morehouse College

F. DuBois Bowman, Ph.D., *Dean*
University of Michigan
School of Public Health

Samuel L. Wilson
Laing High School

The Jenkins Family Tribute

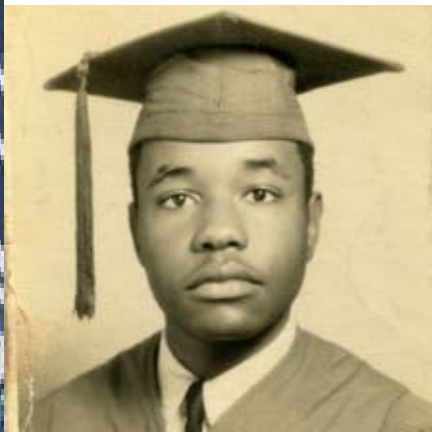
"My Tribute"
Timothy Miller, M.M., *Instructor, Morehouse College*
Tenor
David F. Oliver, Ph.D., *Accompanist*

Memorial Message
Reverend Natosha Reid Rice, J.D.

Recessional Hymn
"Hallelujah" From Messiah by George F. Handel

Postlude
David F. Oliver, Ph.D.

REPAST
The Shirley A. Massey Executive Conference Center



“MY HOUSE”

Nikki Giovanni

I only want to
Be there to kiss you
As you want to be kissed
When you need to be kissed
Where I want to kiss you
Cause it's my house
And I plan to live in it
I really need to hug you
When I want to hug you
As you like to hug me
Does this sound like a silly poem
I mean it's my house
And I want to fry pork chops
And bake sweet potatoes
And call them yams
Cause I run the kitchen
And I can stand the heat
I spent all winter in
Carpet stores gathering
Patches so I could make
A quilt
Does this really sound
Like a silly poem
I mean I want to keep you warm
And my windows might be dirty

But it's my house
And if I can't see out sometimes
They can't see in either
English isn't a good language
To express emotion through
Mostly I imagine because people
Try to speak English instead
Of trying to speak through it
I don't know maybe it is
A silly poem
I'm saying it's my house
And I'll make fudge and call
It love and touch my lips
To the chocolate warmth
And smile at old men and call
That revolution cause what's real
Is really real
And I still like men in tight
Pants cause everybody has some
Thing to give and more
Important needs something to take
And this is my house and you make me
happy
So this is your poem.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Dr. William (Bill) Jenkins expresses sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness shown during this most difficult time. We shall never forget you and ask for your continued prayers as we face tomorrow without the presence of Bill to sustain us.

In lieu of floral tributes, please contribute in memory of William (Bill) Carter Jenkins, Ph.D., M.P.H. to the Jenkins Institute, previously known as Jenkins Orphanage, founded December 16, 1891 by Bill's great uncle, Reverend Daniel Joseph Jenkins. www.jenkinsinstitute.org

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