

Memorial Service in the Manner of Friends

The Religious Society of Friends holds, as the basis of its faith, the belief that God endows every human being with a measure of the divine spirit.

Our manner of worship is an outgrowth of this belief. We gather in quiet worship mindful of the words: "Be still, and know that I am God."

A Friends memorial service is similar in many ways to a Meeting for Worship. We come together in reverent silence, with the desire to draw nearer to God, and to understand God's will. It is a time not only for a sharing of loss, but also a time of thankfulness for the life of the person for whom the memorial service is held. We reflect on the value of that life as it relates to the lives of all of us.

All present share equally in this service. We sit quietly; at times an individual may be moved to speak, to offer prayer or a message that has come out of the silence. All are welcome to do this. The meeting closes with handshakes.

The responsibility for the spiritual depth of the meeting rests with each person. Those who keep silent as well as those who give a vocal message do their part when they yield their minds and hearts to the guidance of the Spirit.

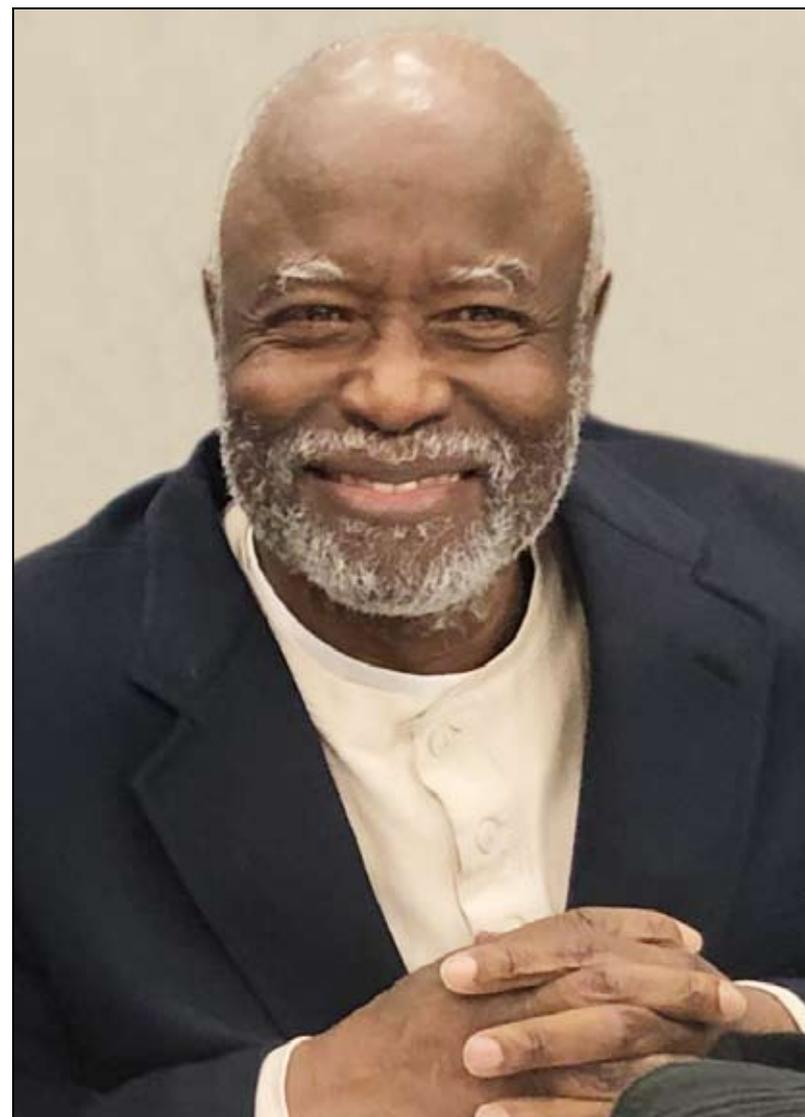
Friends hope that in the Meeting for Worship a consciousness of the Divine Presence will come to every person to be a source of direction and of strength after leaving the meeting.

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR WILLIAM (BILL) CARTER JENKINS



Saturday, March 23, 2019
- 2:00 P.M. -

The Atlanta Friends Meeting
701 West Howard Avenue
Decatur, Georgia

William Carter Jenkins was born on July 26, 1945 to Albert Daniel Jenkins Sr. and Martha Wilson Jenkins in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. He graduated from Laing Elementary and High School, a school founded in 1866 by Cornelia Hancock, a Quaker and Union army nurse. Bill enrolled at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia where he was a foot soldier with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and was jailed with John Lewis for demonstrating in front of former governor Lester Maddox's restaurant. 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.

Bill began his public health career in 1967 as a statistician with the National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Later, he was awarded a master's degree in biostatistics from Georgetown University and a Master of Public Health and doctoral degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). He retired from CDC as a supervisory epidemiologist in 2003. While at CDC he developed the Imhotep Program and the Public Health Sciences Institute at Morehouse College and the masters of public health program at the Morehouse School of Medicine.

Dr. Jenkins returned to 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 Gillings School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While living in Chapel Hill he attended the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and served on the board of the Carolina Friends School. At the time of his death, Dr. Jenkins was a member of the Atlanta Friends Meeting (Quakers), a national board member of the American Friends Service Committee and a member of the Fellowship of Friends of African Descent.

Dr. Jenkins was an extraordinary leader in public health and a lifelong advocate for social justice and health equity in our society.

Bill 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.

After living a full and productive life, William (Bill) Carter Jenkins transitioned on Sunday, February 17, 2019 in Charleston, South Carolina. 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 Rowley-Jenkins; nieces, Robin Jenkins, Alexandra Jenkins and Stacey 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.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Interlude

Welcome Mary Ann Downey

Remembering Robin Jenkins

Open Worship
All are welcome to speak

Music Michael Knowles
"My Tribute" and "Amazing Grace"

Closing Handshake

RECEPTION

The Rowley-Jenkins family will receive friends in the greeting room immediately following the rise of the meeting.