



James Chester Jennings Jr.

January 10, 1934 - December 29, 2020

James Chester Jennings

James Chester Jennings, Jr. (Chester) was born on January 10, 1934 in Washington, DC. He was the son of the late James Chester Jennings, Sr. and Luberta Watson Jennings. He died peacefully on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 after a short illness.

Chester was educated in the public school system of Washington, DC and graduated from Armstrong Technical High School, 1952.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1952. He was honorably discharged from the United States Naval Reserve after serving a total of eight years including two years as an Electrician's Mate third-class petty officer on the U.S.S. Forrestal (CVA-59), which was the Navy's first super aircraft carrier. He was a member of the Forrestal Association, INC. He enjoyed attending their reunions and meeting his old shipmates. He did a portrait of James Forrestal, the former Secretary of Defense of whom the carrier is named for.

He was employed as an Illustrator and held many titles at various agencies: Art Director of the Army Reserve Magazine (1968), Freelance Artist at Southbound International, Inc. (1970), Cover Designer of AT&T Long Lines (1972), and Illustrator for US Navy Oceanographic Magazine. In 1972, Chester reentered the Federal Government (USDA) as a Visual Information Specialist and an Art Director. While at the Department of Agriculture, he was a member of President Jimmy Carter's transition team. He received a letter

commending him of work well done.

Chester joined Campbell AME Church at age 16 where he was a dedicated member until the time of his death. He was elected Trustee at the age of 25 and served as Financial Secretary for 25 years. He was a Trustee for 44 years.

Organizations that he served on where Campbell Men's Club (Treasurer) where he started the Endowment Fund; member of the Celestial, Senior and Gospel Choirs and Men's Chorus. He was also a member of the Wednesday night Bible Study and Sunday school of which he was a teacher. He was also a Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor for Art.

Chester had many interests including researching his family's genealogy. He traced his family tree back to 1807. When anyone in the family wanted to know about the family connections, Chester was the one they went to. He remembered all data concerning the family. He enjoyed going to family reunions and telling all who would listen about their family.

Chester was also a very talented Portrait artist. He started drawing at the age of 3. He won many accolades and awards for his art. He has drawn many portraits and other art pieces for people all over the country.

Chester had many past times and hobbies. One particular was going to the Jennings family gatherings at Mill Point Shores during the summer holidays. He bowled, played chess, watched the Redskins play football, and enjoyed watching movies. He also enjoyed taking care of his Koi fish in a backyard pond he made himself or putting on his putting green that he also made himself.

Chester absolutely loved being a grandfather. He enjoyed spending time with all of his grandchildren. His grandson, Tarik, fondly remembers how his grandfather nurtured his love of model airplanes and how he shares in his

talent as an artist. One of Chester's favorite past times was teaching his grandsons, Tarik and Damon, how to golf. He started them both on their golf journeys and even made their first sets of clubs. He would take Damon to golf practices weekly and enroll him in golf camps. Because of his teachings, Damon joined his High School Golf Team and won first place in the PG County School's Freshman Golf Tournament. He was so proud of them all.

The Great Frederick Fair was also one of Chester's favorite outings with his family or just with his wife, Carol. Once he entered the fairgrounds, he immediately had to have a crab cake and right before leaving, he had to have an elephant ear to take home.

Having luncheon dates and going to movies with his daughters, Glenda and Candace was also a favorite past time.

One of the highlights of his life was the surprised 85th birthday party that his wife and daughters had for him. He was so elated to see all his family members and friends.

Chester was married to his loving wife, Carol Jennings for 37 years who he met while working at the Department of Agriculture.

He is survived by those who mourn him: wife Carol, his two daughters CDR, Glenda Jennings Harrison, CHC, USN, (ret); Itinerant Elder at Reid Temple AME Church, Glendale, MD and Candace Jennings (Allante); five grandchildren, Lahquisha Harrison Brooks (Tracy, Sr.) Tarik Asim Harrison, Damon Lamont Chester Battle, Amare Xavier Carlton, and Ava Simone Carlton; three great-grandchildren; Ashley Harrison, Tracy Brooks, Jr, and Ze'Veyon Paige, and two great-great grandsons; Cayden Touch and Kacey Brooks. He doted on all of them. He was so proud to be a grandfather.

Chester is also survived by two sisters; Jeanette Dyson, Adrienne Bennett (Curtis) and one brother, Charles Jennings (Sylvia). Two sister in laws, Helen Jackson and Patricia Jennings. Three sisters and a brother preceded him in death; Ethel Jennings, Barbara Jennings, Beverly Rubain, and George Jennings.

He also leaves to mourn many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

Chester will be remembered as a loving, kind and gentle person who loved his family and the Lord.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham

11301 Crain Highway
Chletenham , MD 20623

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - The District of Columbia
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Service

JAN **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for James Chester Jennings Jr.,
Please Click the Link below.



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 14, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ *James Chester Jennings Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Glenda Harrison - January 19, 2021 at 09:52 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Chaplain Glenda Jennings Harrison - January 19, 2021 at 09:46 PM

SB

My condolences

Sandra Brickley - December 18, 2021 at 07:36 PM

GH

“ *Dad like you I am an extreme introvert that oftentimes keeps things hidden within...I promise to keep your legacy of family alive and will extend that love unconditionally to all of our family members up and down the East Coast and throughout the diaspora. Thank you for your hard learned lessons as you taught me the importance of prayer, thank you for your work ethic that taught me to persevere through dangers seen and unseen and thank you for sharing the United States Navy with me.....Fair Winds and Following Seas....the daughter who came up on the rough side, and landed in the hands of Jesus!*

Glenda Jennings Harrison - January 19, 2021 at 05:46 PM

GH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Glenda Jennings Harrison - January 19, 2021 at 05:41 PM

CB

“ *I will always remember conversations with Uncle Chester at family gatherings, whether it was about football, golf, basketball, fishing or just what was new in my life. I always walked away from those chats having learned a new fact or gained a new piece of advice. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family and friends!*

Curtis Bennett - January 19, 2021 at 11:42 AM

GJ

“ *The Jennings Family in Seattle, Washington (George and NaKeesa) send our love to the rest of our family with the passing of Uncle Chester. We will always remember him and his kindness with much love.*

George and NaKeesa Jennings - January 19, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *I extend my deepest condolences to the Jennings family. I remember all of you from when I was growing up at Campbells A.M.E. Church. I will always remember Mr. Chester Jennings as he sang in the Senior Choir, the Gospel Choir, and the Men's Choir with my Daddy, Linwood Harrod, Sr., by his side. Campbells will always be my forever home-church memory, and the Jennings family will always be part of that memory. Peace and blessings.*

Valerie (Harrod) McLaughlin

Valerie McKeithan McLaughlin - January 19, 2021 at 11:29 AM

RN

“ *Please accept our heartfelt condolences, words cannot begin to express the sadness you are feeling right now, but we are here for you and we are praying for you to get through this. God bless you and may the soul of your Chester rest in the everlasting peace of Christ Almighty. Roger & Barbara Neither*

Roger Neither - January 19, 2021 at 10:03 AM

MH

“ Carol and Candace , You are in my thoughts and in my prayers.
I will always remember all the times we shared and we were just like family Away from home. Chester will be truly missed. I keep remembering coming to his 85th Birthday Celebration. He was so happy and surprised. To God be
The Glory for all He has done. May God bring you comfort and peace.
May Gods Grace and Mercy be all around you!! Chester was faithful to
His God, and has gone home to be with Him. AMEN.



Mary Onley Hoy - January 19, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ Chester was a man of many talents. He once built his own big screen TV which I purchased from him and enjoyed for many years. Geography separated us but Chester's family and mine shared more than 6 decades of memories.

Darrell Jackson - January 18, 2021 at 09:31 PM

LB

“ Carol and family, Thanking God for your loved one's life, and thinking of you with sympathy during this difficult time. Losing a love one is never easy, we fell in love with the Jennings family not long after we started attending Campbell AME Church, they are a warm loving family. Family is everything, the bigger the better, The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, let God be your strength. You have our deepest sympathy. The Baker-Waters Family

Linda Baker-Waters - January 18, 2021 at 06:36 PM

LK

“ Bro. Jennings will always be admired for his love for his wife, his family, his grandchildren and his Campbell Church Family. Faithfulness is not just doing something on a regular basis. Faithfulness is also doing it with passion and love and kindness for others. This is what I will always remember about Bro. Jennings. He exuded strength through his quiet spirit. He was more than a Patriarch. He was a Godly leader by example for all who had the honor of knowing him.

Rev. Louis Kelly and Sis. Sheila Kelly

Louis M Kelly - January 18, 2021 at 12:27 PM

SJ

“ Praying for you and your family members Glenda! May God guide and direct your paths to strengthen you all in your times of sorrow! Your dad seems to have lived a wonderful life and has set a legacy for all to admire plus follow! You all will see him again beyond the horizon! Peace and love my classmate! 🙏🙏

Samuel Jackson - January 18, 2021 at 08:31 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Photo Slideshow



Candace Jennings - January 17, 2021 at 07:04 PM



Deeply touching!!!

Darrell Jackson - January 19, 2021 at 10:09 PM

SB

I am especially enjoying the sideshow. I was going to call Chester and let him know we were the only ones living from the Chief Army Reserve staff. Only to learn that Chester died in Dec 2020. My condolences to his family.

Sandra S. Brickley - June 26, 2021 at 01:40 PM

ND

“ Petty Officer Jennings, We have the watch.

Fair Winds and Following Seas. – from your Shipmates at Navy Operational Support Center, Washington, D.C.

“Any person who may be asked in this century what they did to make their life worthwhile, can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction, ‘I served in the United States Navy,’ – President John F. Kennedy.

NOSC Washington, D.C. - January 16, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Chester Jennings Jr..



January 15, 2021 at 03:15 PM

RC

“ Carol, My deepest and heartfelt sympathy. I pray God will sustain you and His love bring you comfort. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. With love, Rose Chaney

Rose Chaney - January 14, 2021 at 10:50 PM

WC

“ With love, Rose Chaney purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James Chester Jennings Jr..



With love, Rose Chaney - January 14, 2021 at 10:45 PM

EF

“ Sharing your sadness as you prepare to say goodbye to your love one. May your memories console you and may God sustain you with his precious promise to someday soon reunite us with our love one. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - January 11, 2021 at 04:25 AM

FB

May the Lord bless you and give you peace during this time.

Fredericka Banks - January 14, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 06, 2021 at 12:13 PM

WH

The Harrison Family Send Their Sincere Condolences 🙏❤️

Wanda Harrison - January 15, 2021 at 08:40 AM