



Edward L. Jennings, Sr.

July 24, 1937 - January 10, 2020

Jennings, Sr. Edward L.

Mr. Edward Jennings age 82, passed away January 10, 2020 at Select Specialty Hospital, Gainesville, FL. Mr. Jennings graduated from Middleton High School, Tampa, FL and earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Bethune-Cookman College in 1963. In 1971, Jennings became Gainesville's first Community Affairs Coordinator, with the City Manager's office, staying in that position for more than ten years as he enforced civil rights laws. Jennings represented District 1 on the Gainesville City Commission from 1993-2000 and was appointed mayor in 1996, he was a member Omega Psi Phi fraternity and as a master Mason in Rising Sun Lodge No. 10, NAACP, Elk and attended Campus Church of Christ.

Mr. Jennings is survived by his wife; two sons, Ed Jennings Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia, and Byron Jennings Sr., of Jefferson County; sisters; Barbara Jean Murphy, Denver, CO, Gloria Ann Blount(Robert Jr.), Atlanta, GA, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Funeral Services for Mr. Jennings will be held, 10:30am, Saturday January 25, 2020 at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Rev. Destin Williams, Sr., Pastor, Brother William Wharton, Officiant; burial will follow in Hawthorne Cemetery, Hawthorne, FL. Arrangements entrusted to Chestnut Funeral Home, Inc., 18 N.W. 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL.

Viewing for Mr. Jennings will be held at Campus Church of Christ Church,

Friday, January 24, 2020 from 4:00pm until 6:00pm, and on Saturday at Mt. Carmel from 9:30am until the hour of Service. Family and friends are asked to meet on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, 1003 N.E. 23rd Street, Gainesville, at 9:30am to form the Cortege.

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Roberta lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Jennings, Sr.*



Roberta - January 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Roberta White lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Jennings, Sr.*



Roberta White - January 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *my love to this family and my prayers*

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LB

“ My most humble condolences Auntie, Ed Jr. & Byron. We (Mary Jennings' clan), have been blessed w.a small snippet of the life Uncle Ed led and the legacy of leadership he left for us all to cherish. I can only imagine the dedication to civil rights and to strong leadership he must've had instilled in him to make it his life's work; so much so that someone thought necessary to record what kind of man he was, the legacy he left and what he meant to the people who worked with him. We as the Jennings.Graddy Family ought to be proud to have such a committed, strong "Politician" in our family as Uncle Edward Lee Jennings has been. I speak for each of my siblings when I say, We all love You all so very much and our most fervent prayers of peace and comfort remain with you.
💕💕 Lori Bethel bethellori59@gmail.com

Lori Bethel - January 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM