



*Celebrating
the Life
of*



Kenneth S. Jenkins
“Kendu”

SUNRISE
MARCH 7, 1964

SUNSET
MAY 1, 2023

Thursday, May 18, 2023
Viewing 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Service 6:00 pm

Merrick Park Baptist Church
120-02 Marsden Street
Jamaica, New York

Order of Service

- Processional Family & Clergy
- Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. Kahli Mootoo
- Selection Sister Christine Taylor Dunn
- Scripture Readings
- Old Testament Isaiah 35:10 Brother John Taylor
- New Testament Revelation 21:3-4 Sister Jacqueline Jenkins
- Obituary Reading Sister April McTaggart
- Selection Sis. Tracy Brown
- Reflections (*2 minutes please*) Family & Friends
- Liturgical Dance A'tia Isidore
- Eulogy Rev. Dr. Kahli Mootoo
Emmanuel AME Church ~ Harlem, NY
- Final Viewing Staff of Paul Lane Funeral Home
- Musical Selection
- Prayer & Benediction Rev. Dr. Kahli Mootoo

Interment

Friday, May 19th, 2023- 11:00 am
Rosehill Cemetery ~ Linden, New Jersey
Elder Sheldon Wilson, Officiant

*Please join the family for a repass at
Rochdale Community Center
169-65 137th Ave Jamaica, NY 11434
Friday, May 19th, 2023, from 5pm to 10pm*

Kendu's Story

Kenneth "Kendu" Jenkins was born on March 7th, 1964, in Brooklyn, NY to the late Anna Thigpen and Gilbert Jenkins. He was the last of the 4 children. Kendu was called home to join his parents on May 1st, 2023.

"Kendu or Du" moved to Rosedale Queens in 1974 where he matured and had 2 beautiful children Kendo (Donay and Kiana with his previous life partner Michele Hammond).

Rosedale is where Du grew a love for basketball. In 1992 Du formulated a street basketball team named T.N.P. (Take No Prisoners) where he coached and created one of the best street ball teams in the city. In 1996, he and his brother Dogg created one of the most talked about basketball tournaments called D & D Invitational which changed his direction in life and became his passion and continued to go on every year. A lot of players across the world played in the D & D and it became one of the best tournaments in the city. From the youth to adult, he won almost every basketball tournament in NYC which includes tournaments such as The Rucker, Dykeman, Pro-City and Tournament of Champions. He coached many players who went on to D1 schools and some professionals (NBA and overseas).

Later in his life he moved to Far Rockaway, Queens where he continued his basketball legacy and ran tournaments for the youth. He also assisted with many different non profited organizations which lead him to receive numerous awards for his hard work and dedication into making his community a better place. Du was also assigned as commissioner of the Stack Bundles stop the violence basketball tournament; he was an excellent role model and Father figure to the people in his community. Although he resided in Far Rockaway, he continued to participate in basketball events all over the NYC area. Basketball was life for him.

Although he was very busy with basketball and helping the community, he also maintained to be a great dad and provider for his family. You would see his kids at the games alongside him. When he wanted peace or when the tides were high, he enjoyed fishing. He purchased a boat and taught his kids how to fish.

Kendu met and sustained a beautiful love relationship with Ms. Jacqueline Johnson who he adored until his untimely passing.

He leaves to mourn and rejoice his children Kendo Hammond (Shalima Robinson), Kiana Jenkins (Timothy Grant), Shamyia Tatum (God daughter), Alicia Crippen (bonus daughter) Grandchildren: Ariaah, Tamia, and Zoey. Bonus grandchildren: Aniyala, Amare, Camron, and Jahleem. Siblings: Reggie Martin Sr, Fabian Martin Sr, Jackie Jenkins, Sheldon Wilson (God brother), Dogg (bonus brother), host of God children, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Lovingly Submitted
The Family

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Family Tree

*A limb has fallen from the family tree,
I hear a voice that whispers, Grieve not for me'
Remember the best times, the laughter, the songs
The good I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you,
Keep on smiling, the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest,
Remembering all... how I was truly blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small,
Go on with your lives, don't stare at the wall.
I miss you all dearly so keep up your chin,
Until that fine day we're together again.*



Acknowledgments

The family of Kenneth "Kendu" Jenkins wish to acknowledge in grateful appreciation of the many comforting prayers messages and other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thoughts and deeds. May God continue to bless you.

Professional Arrangements Entrusted to:

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