



## James Robert Jennings Jr.

December 20, 1944 - December 9, 2013

James Robert Jennings, Jr., of Lewes, DE, died at his home on Monday, December 9, 2013. He was 68.

Born in Newport News, VA ,on December 20, 1944, he was the son of the late James R. Jennings, Sr., and Pauline Aubrey Jennings. He grew up in Prince George's County, MD, and graduated from High Point High School. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1970, he completed his Bachelor's of Science degree at the University of Maryland, College Park. In the fall of 1972, he began his career with the Board of Education of Queen Anne's County as a mathematics teacher at Centreville Middle School and then served as an assistant principal at that school. Jim also attained his Master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of Maryland. He continued his career in administration and served as the Director of Human Resources until his retirement in January of 2012. He and his wife then moved to Lewes, DE.

He enjoyed reading, photography, and flying remote control airplanes.

Jim is survived by his loving family including his wife, Constance of Lewes, DE; two daughters, Victoria Spiegel and her husband, Andrew of Chester, MD and Yvonne Ritter of Bel Air, MD; a brother, David Jennings of Colorado Springs, CO; a sister, Sherri Patterson and her husband, David of Eldersburg,

MD; 10 grandchildren, Alex, Connor, McKenzie, Taylor, Tyler, Rebekah, Kearsyn and Adam Spiegel all of Chester, MD and Joshua and Liam Ritter of Bel Air, MD; and two nieces and a nephew. In addition to his parents, he was pre-deceased by his stepmother, Sherron Jennings; a brother, Paul Jennings; and a daughter, Tara Jennings.

A viewing will be held on Friday, December 13, at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Centreville, MD, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

A mass will be held privately at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Queenstown, MD.

A private burial will follow at St. Peter's Catholic Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contribution may be made to the American Cancer Society, Mid-Atlantic Division, 92 Read's Way, Suite 205, New Castle, DE 19720; or to the Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 96280, Washington, DC 20077.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

## Visitation

DEC 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *If this is the Mr. Jennings from Effingham Central Junior High School, then he is one of the reasons that I have been a math teacher for the past 40 plus years. I thought he was a terrific role model for all of his students.*

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**John Turner** - April 09, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *James Robert Jennings Jr.*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James Robert Jennings Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Robert Jennings Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Jim was a friend to whomever he met. Many years ago when I started teaching at CMS, he was a math teacher, 8th grade along with Pete Carlo. There were many a fond memory as teachers, but when Jim became HR supervisor he truly helped so many of us with difficult situations. He always said " We will work it out. Family comes first." Even though he was sometimes the messenger of not so good news, we knew it wasn't personal from Jim, but it was personal to Jim. He cared about all of us. Thoughts and prayers are with Connie and the family. Fred and Pam Edwards*

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**Pam Edwards** - December 12, 2013 at 09:36 PM

YV

“ *Yvonne lit a candle in memory of James Robert Jennings Jr.*



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**Yvonne** - December 12, 2013 at 08:00 PM

YV

*My 4 year old son explained to me when I was very upset that he knew everything. 1. That Pop-pop is with God and 2. that he is in our heart.*

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**Yvonne** - December 12, 2013 at 08:16 PM

AM

“ *Abby McNeal lit a candle in memory of James Robert Jennings Jr.*



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**Abby McNeal** - December 12, 2013 at 04:30 PM

AM

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this time.  
Love Abby Aidan and Hayley McNeal*

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**Abby McNeal** - December 12, 2013 at 04:31 PM

DO

“ I met Jim many years ago; I was a fledgling HR supervisor in Caroline County. Within minutes of our meeting, I knew this man was tremendously knowledgeable and very caring. Many times, Jim and I would travel to western shore counties for meetings and events. I actually looked forward to these travels because I would have the opportunity to listen to Jim, ask questions, and inevitably come away a better professional. As we traveled the roads, shared e-mails, and talked on the phone I remember thinking, ‘Someday I hope to be the kind of person he is.’ Jim Jennings was a special man who touched many lives in a positive way. I also want to mention Jim’s colleagues and friends from the Maryland Negotiation Service (MNS) and the Maryland Association of School Personnel Administrators (MASPA). Within those organizations (and others), Jim was well respected, sought after and beloved by everyone. It is with great sadness that I say, ‘goodbye’ to such a wonderful person.

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**Dr. Jim Orr** - December 12, 2013 at 04:27 PM

TG

“ Theresa Griebel lit a candle in memory of James Robert Jennings Jr.



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**Theresa Griebel** - December 12, 2013 at 01:13 PM

TG

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

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**Theresa Griebel** - December 12, 2013 at 01:15 PM

DM

“ Don And Vivian McClyment lit a candle in memory of James Robert Jennings Jr.



Don and Vivian McClyment - December 11, 2013 at 06:43 PM

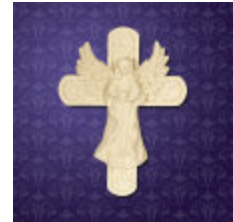
NH

“ To many, Jim Jennings WAS the BOE of QAC. He took a personal interest in all employee issues. I felt like he understood and that he cared....sometimes rare in a corporate environment. Connie, you can be proud to have been his partner.....Nancy O. Henry

Nancy O. Henry - December 11, 2013 at 06:28 PM



“ Angel Cross Divinity was purchased for the family of James Robert Jennings Jr..



December 11, 2013 at 05:43 PM

JB

“ Jennifer Burke lit a candle in memory of James Robert Jennings Jr.



Jennifer Burke - December 11, 2013 at 02:41 PM

LB

“ Our hearts break in Missouri for Connie and her family with the loss of such a wonderful, generous man. I will forever remember the weeks we spent in March together in Michigan where we were bonded by the loss of Kathie. Now to learn of Jim's passing make the year ever more painful. We are sending our thoughts and prayers your way. LaRaine, Lacey, Pamela, and Shurdena (the Evans girls).

LaRaine Bauer - December 11, 2013 at 11:21 AM

KF

“ Karen Colley & Family lit a candle in memory of James Robert Jennings Jr.



Karen Colley & Family - December 11, 2013 at 08:37 AM

FW

“ I was shocked to read of Mr. Jennings passing. He was a very big part of QACS. I remember Jim and Bob Lathrom working so hard to give QACS the technology that put us far ahead of other systems. A very dedicated gentlemen. Wish he could have had more time to enjoy his retirement. Mu thoughts and prayers are with you Connie and your family.

Faye Williams

Faye Williams - December 10, 2013 at 08:45 PM

KH

“ After being recruited from Pennsylvania to interview in Queen Anne's County, Mr. Jennings was the first person I met. He gave me the opportunity to work, live, and raise my son in a wonderful community. For that, I was forever grateful to him. My deepest sympathy to his family.

*Kathy Hildebrand*

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**Kathy Hildebrand** - December 10, 2013 at 05:25 PM

HK

“ Connie, Please accept my sympathy for you in Jim's passing. My first encounter with him was when he taught math in Adult Ed. He was one of the staff that you never had to worry about. A good teacher and a good man. Again, my condolences. Harold Kniceley

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**Harold Kniceley** - December 10, 2013 at 05:07 PM



“ Mr. Jennings was an honorable man. You could trust that if he said something he would abide by his word. Jim was also a very nice person. I am very sorry he is not here playing with his wife Connie.

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**Leslie Roche** - December 10, 2013 at 04:40 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of James Robert Jennings Jr.



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - December 10, 2013 at 04:16 PM

LP

*Mr. Jennings dedication to the Queen Anne's County Public School System will always be remembered by many. Blessings and prayers to your family at this time. Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.*

Lynda Palmatary - December 10, 2013 at 04:19 PM

LB

*“ Connie and girls,  
Bob and I send our love and thoughts to you. Even though we have been gone for 10 years not many days go by that we don't think of you. Good memories stay with us forever. Jim was the best and made our careers at QA an easy road. God best you!!!!  
Laura and Bob*

LAURA AND BOB - December 10, 2013 at 04:16 PM

GP

*“ Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a good man, and will be missed.*

Gary Pyle - December 10, 2013 at 03:58 PM

NM

*“ Our prayers go to Connie, Vickie, Yvonne and their families. Jim will be missed by all.*

nancy morris - December 10, 2013 at 02:59 PM

DS

*“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Jennings passing. His dedication and commitment to the students and staff of Queen Anne's County schools was nothing short of amazing. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.*

Debbie Scott - December 10, 2013 at 02:37 PM

KU

“ Dear Mrs. Jennings and family,  
I hope you are comforted by the outpouring of kind words for Jim.  
He was a caring person whose advice I always welcomed. Jim will  
be missed.  
With sympathy,  
Kim Umberger

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**Kim Umberger** - December 10, 2013 at 02:06 PM

LF

“ Lisa Fleetwood lit a candle in memory of  
James Robert Jennings Jr.



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**Lisa Fleetwood** - December 10, 2013 at 02:02 PM

MH

“ So sorry to hear the sad news. Spent many years on days like this  
in the office playing catch up while phones were quiet. My love and  
prayers are with you and your family. God bless.

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**mary holden** - December 10, 2013 at 01:43 PM

MW

Twenty one years ago I had Mr Jennings on the phone almost every  
day bugging him about job openings. He always took my calls and  
gave me reassuring words and encouragement. I'll never forget the call  
I finally received to report to STMS. I think he may have been more  
excited than I. He was so kind to me the summer of '93 and I will  
always be grateful. I am sure he touched countless lives in his career.

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**missy wickline** - December 10, 2013 at 04:16 PM

TF

“ Connie,  
My heart goes out to you and your family. I knew Jim for 34 years  
and shared home room with him on my very first year in QA at  
CMS. Just doesn't seem possible.  
Tomi

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**Tomi Fabri** - December 10, 2013 at 01:01 PM

LD

“ Connie,  
  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this  
time.  
  
Sincerely,  
  
Lawrence, Linda, and Christopher Dunn

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**Lawrence Dunn** - December 10, 2013 at 12:45 PM

GR

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Your family is on my prayers.  
Sincerely, Gladys Rosario

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**gladys rosario** - December 10, 2013 at 12:02 PM