



Parent's Love Story

Donald & Pat

Our parents met on a DC Transit bus, riding to and from work and School. Our mom said it was Love at first sight. Our dad worked at Loving Chevrolet and our mom worked across the street at the People's Drug Store now known as CVS. Our mom didn't mind taking a ride with her sister Mary Ann and her friend, because she knew that they would stop by the gas station next to Loving Chevrolet where our dad was working pumping gas and she would be able to see our dad working hard pumping gas and cleaning the car's windows. Our dad would clean all the windows so he could see our mom. She would just sit in the back seat smiling at him and never said a word. Her sister Mary Ann would fuss at her saying "We came all this way to get gas and you didn't say anything."

They saw each other often because our mom worked behind the food counter and she often had to take his order for a chili dog and chocolate milk shake. She said she poured on the chili and made his shake extra thick. Then one day our mom got the nerve to ask our dad if he could please give her a ride home because she did not have enough fare for the bus because it was after school hours and the bus fare had gone up to the regular price. He could have just given her the money for the bus, but instead, he said yes, I will give you a ride home. She lived in NW, DC off of Georgia Avenue and he lived in NE, DC off of Benning Road.

Our mom said our dad was such a gentleman back then and he was still a good man 54 years later. Our parents started dating in February 1968, when she was in the 12th Grade at Theodore Roosevelt High School. He had already graduated from Phelps Vocational High School the year before her so she felt like a queen because she had an older man. Our dad asked her father if he could marry her and her father said, "If you can't take care of my daughter like I take care of her, then leave her here" and our dad said, "I will take care of her" and he truly did just that. They were married July 27, 1968, one month after my mom graduated from High School. 54 Years of Marriage and they are still in Love.



Pallbearers

Donald L. Dennis Jr.
 Raqeeb Thornton
 Vanskie Williams
 Mark (Z Man) Edwards
 Melvin Bartley
 Johnny King

Floral Bearers

Family & Friends

Acknowledgements

The family of Elder Donald Leon Dennis, Sr. gratefully acknowledges your prayers, and every expression of love, kindness, and support during his illness and for your prayers and condolences during our bereavement.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRATITUDE

We the Dennis Family wish to express our deepest and most sincere appreciation for the heartfelt love, many prayers, home visits, flowers, cards, monetary gifts, telephone calls, text messages and social media posts. Your expressions of kindness will always remain in our hearts.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

JB Jenkins Funeral Home
 7474 Landover Road
 Hyattsville, MD 20785

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Elder Donald Leon Dennis, Sr.

NOVEMBER 5, 1947 | SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Thursday, September 29, 2022
 Viewing: 8:30AM | **Celebration of Life:** 9:30AM

JB JENKINS FUNERAL HOME
 7474 LANDOVER ROAD
 HYATTSVILLE, MD 20785

Pastors David and Adrienne Smith

The New Covenant Church of the Lord Jesus Christ
 3805 Lawrence Street
 Colmar Manor, MD 20722

Elder Shirlene Campbell, Officiant

Remembering Donald

Elder Donald Leon Dennis, Sr. was born in Botetourt County, Virginia on November 5, 1947 at home to LuVinia Washington and John Joe Dennis, Sr. He was raised by his mother and stepfather Samuel Washington. He moved to Washington, DC at an early age and attended DC Public Schools. He was a 1967 Graduate of Phelps Vocational High School.

As a teenager he worked at "Loving Chevrolet" with his stepfather cleaning and parking cars as they came off the trucks. Later he started working at the gas station located right next door to Loving Chevrolet. Donald loved Chevrolet cars.

Donald loved his job at the Washington Gas & Light Co. where he was employed for over 35 years. After his retirement he gave himself fully to the ministry of The New Covenant Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was a faithful member for over 36 years. He was ordained as a Deacon, a Minister and an Elder. He started out as an Usher in the little white church. He was the leader over the Tribe of Ephraim. He continued serving all the members of that tribe by visiting them and giving them communion during their shut-in or sick days. He was over the Men's Fellowship, member of the Men's Choir and Baptismal Department. He baptized many members of the church. When Elder Dennis had a word from the Lord for you, he boldly stepped out in faith and gave the word. He worked behind the scenes, mowing the lawn, shaveling snow and cleaning the chandeliers in the chapel. He was always willing to assist the Pastors whenever or wherever: at any time of day or night.

Donald L. Dennis and Patricia L. Alford were joined in holy matrimony on July 27th, 1968. The Lord blessed them with 4 children. He loved his children with all his heart. To honor Donald, Pat gave each of their children names beginning with the letter "D". When Donald asked her, "Why are you naming all of them after me?" Pat told him, "I wanted you to know that they all belonged to you without a doubt." While pregnant with their first child they prayed together. Pat asked the Lord to bless their children with Donald's hair and he asked the Lord to bless them with Pat's teeth. And he did just that.

Known affectionately by his grandchildren as Dada, Donald adored them and cherished spending time with them. As a lover of ice cream, he enjoyed sharing this love with his grandchildren. He also loved having cookouts with them and playing on the swing set he built for them with his own two hands.

Elder Donald L. Dennis, Sr. was preceded in death by his mother LuVinia Washington; father John Joe Dennis, Sr.; step- father Samuel Washington; sister Sharon Washington; brother's Wayne Dennis and John Joe Dennis Jr.; grandson Ryan Andrews II and granddaughter Marquia Thornton.

Elder Donald Dennis, Sr. is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Patricia Alford Dennis; four children, Donna R. Andrews; Donald L. Dennis, Jr.; Dionne R. Thornton (Raqeeb); and Deanne D. Dennis; four brothers; Billy Dennis (Diane); Jimmy Dennis (Birdell); Anthony Washington (Donna) and Steve Washington; grandchildren, Miya, De'ja, Darrin, Ayanna, Alexsia, Martinique, Donald III, Makenzie, David, Aliyah, Aniyah and Amiyah; one great- grandson Meiko; four godchildren, Keanna Allison; Ronald Braswell Jr.; LaJuan Downing and KeAnna; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law; great- nieces and great-nephews; The New Covenant Church of the Lord Jesus Christ Family, and his neighbors of 39 years.

He will be missed dearly by all.



Order Of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Processional Clergy
- Hymn of Comfort Praise Team
The New Covenant Church of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Readings from the Holy Scriptures
Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Elder Michael Hoston
New Testament: John 14:1-4 Elder Valeria Langley
- The Prayer of Comfort Elder Arthur Butts
- GrandChildren's Tributes
- New Covenant Church Elders' and Ministers' Tributes
(2 mins Please)
- Musical Selection I Can Only Imagine MercyMe
- Clergy Acknowledgments
Pastors Charles & Robin Parker
- Friends and Family Reflections (2 mins Please)
- Cards and Acknowledgments
Elder Shirlene Campbell
- Obituary Elder Valeria Langley
- Musical Selection You Know My Name Tasha Cobbs Leonard
- Message of Comfort Pastors David & Adrienne Smith
- Benediction & Recessional Pastors David & Adrienne Smith
- Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, MD
- Repast Following the Interment
Golden Corral Buffet & Grill
1001 Shoppers Way
Largo, MD 20774