



# Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins

March 9, 1973 - January 27, 2023

John was born March 8, 1973 in Pulaski, Tennessee to William Larry Marks and LaVerne Jenkins Nolen. He transitioned from this life to his heavenly home on Friday, January 27, 2023.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Reverend Horace and Kathleen Marks, William and Berniece Jenkins, Henry and Nettie Nolen, and his sister Angie Byrd.

John was reared in Giles County Tennessee and while in high school, he gave his life to The Lord. He was baptized by Apostle Stanley Garrett at First Missionary Baptist Church on West Shoals Street, Pulaski, Tennessee.

John was educated in the Giles County School System. He graduated from Giles County High School Class of 1991. After graduation, he attended Motlow State Community College, and in 1996 he graduated from Austin Peay State University with a degree in Public Administration.

He was a lover of sports. He played soccer, football, and was an avid basketball player. Throughout grade school, high school, the collegiate level, and semi-pro level, John exuded excitement on the court with his gravity defying dunks, and astonishing skillset. He shared his love for the game and skills as a coach at Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He then attended Martin Methodist College obtaining a degree in Education. He most recently taught special education at Lyles Middle School, Garland, Texas.

John had a big personality, loved people, and never met a stranger. Throughout his basketball career, he accumulated numerous friends from everywhere, and he still remained in

contact

with his childhood friends.

He spent his final years in Texas; refereeing, teaching, and being the best father to his son Jalen, who was the center of his world.

John was loved by everyone he met and was the perfect son, father, brother, uncle, nephew,

cousin, and friend. He will be greatly missed.

The visitation will be 11:00am to 12:00pm Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home.

The funeral service will follow at 12 o'clock noon in the chapel of Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home.

The burial will follow in Maplewood Cemetery in Pulaski, Tennessee.

John leaves behind to cherish his memories his beloved son Jalen Jenkins, Garland, TX; his

mother LaVerne (Jerry) Nolen, Pulaski, TN; his father William Larry (Anne) Marks Lakenheath,

England; sisters Kim Byrd, Pulaski, TN, Sheryl Marks, Hutschenhausen, Germany; step-sisters

Tammy (Donald) Perry, Patricia Nolen; step-brothers Timothy Nolen, Jerry Nolen; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Maplewood Cemetery

500 Ballentine Street  
Pulaski, TN

# Tribute Wall

Jl

“ I am lost with words...he was such a sweet, kind teacher always with a bright smile. I remember seeing him everywhere I go and always saying hi to me knowing that my favorite teacher is gone . I feel like I am dreaming. I just wanted to give my condolences and a big hug for his family and friends through this tough time 🕊️🙏



jimena - April 29, 2023 at 11:53 PM

IL

“ I am still in a state of disbelief but I have to accept it, you are gone ahead to be with the Lord. We would not go this long and dont speak. You are a very special person, I will treasure all the memories we shared. I will always remember you as a dedicated father and educator. You wanted so much more for the children you work with. I will remember you for the way you spoke and love on your family and your friends. I will remember our quality time together, just reasoning but also making a fool of ourselves. Memories. Jonathan, the father, teacher, son, brother, nephew, friend and confidant. I will always carry you in my heart.

Ingrid Levy - February 11, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ Witing didn't post with the picture of John, Becky Griffin, and Ty Whitmire in December of 2014! John's love snd kindness towards all at Lakeview Centennial High School in Garland, Texas, will remain in our memories and hearts for years! You were our sunshine! Love you forever! Rest in Peace! Your sister, friend, and coworker, Becky Griffin

Becky Griffin - February 11, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ John, you will always be my beloved brother, friend, and coworker. The love and kindness you shared with so many at Lakeview Centennial High School in Garland, Texas, will live on in our memories and in our hearts! I'll love you forever and look forward to seeing you again in Heaven some day! May you rest in the arms of God! Love always, Your sister Becky, Who you affectionately called Ms. G



Becky Griffin - February 11, 2023 at 12:36 PM

JN

“ John, I treasure the times we had together at Lakeview. We were a great co-worker and friend. RIP



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**julie Jayne nelson** - February 11, 2023 at 09:05 AM

LN

“ Praying 🙏 for the family and friends. May God give you all peace and comfort at this difficult time. God has gained another strong soul. Sincerely Laurie Nwosu



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**Laurie Nwosu** - February 11, 2023 at 02:05 AM

CC

“ Mr. Jenkins, you will be missed! I can still hear you saying “What’s Up Ms. Collins” You were truly a soul that can never be replaced.



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**Crystal Collins** - February 10, 2023 at 04:10 PM

PP

“ Paula Perry lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins



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**Paula Perry** - February 09, 2023 at 08:32 PM

CL

“ Cynthia Luter lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins



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**Cynthia Luter** - February 09, 2023 at 03:25 PM

AE

“ Arica Ellis lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins



Arica Ellis - February 09, 2023 at 12:19 PM

DB

“ Darrell Beets lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins



Darrell beets - February 09, 2023 at 11:00 AM

WB

“ Willie Ballentine lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins



Willie Ballentine - February 09, 2023 at 09:35 AM

CJ

“ Celia Jones lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins



Celia Jones - February 09, 2023 at 09:04 AM

TM

“ Tonya (Reynolds) McBride lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins



Tonya (Reynolds) McBride - February 09, 2023 at 04:46 AM

MC

“ *Mimi Cox lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



Mimi Cox - February 08, 2023 at 11:51 PM

PA

“ *Pamela(Coleman)Edmundson lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



Pamela(Coleman)Edmundson - February 08, 2023 at 07:11 PM

SC

“ *Sheila Daily Coffey lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



Sheila Daily Coffey - February 08, 2023 at 07:02 PM

CR

“ *Coronda Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



Coronda Reynolds - February 08, 2023 at 06:00 PM

EH

“ *Rest In Peace Big Brother You will be missed and hug Angie for me.*

Erica Hillius - February 08, 2023 at 03:09 PM

EP

“ *Earlean Parkman lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



**Earlean Parkman** - February 08, 2023 at 02:28 PM

TG

“ *Tamara Givens lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



**Tamara Givens** - February 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM

NG

“ *Nicole Grigsby lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



**Nicole Grigsby** - February 08, 2023 at 11:00 AM

AH

“ *A wonderful person and student that I was lucky to know.*

**Ann Hays** - February 08, 2023 at 10:48 AM

TN

“ *Tammy Neller lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



**Tammy Neller** - February 08, 2023 at 09:07 AM

FH

“ *Felicia Howard lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



Felicia Howard - February 08, 2023 at 06:55 AM

EM

“ *Erica Martin lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



Erica Martin - February 08, 2023 at 04:51 AM

LC

“ *Louise Clack lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



Louise Clack - February 08, 2023 at 04:32 AM

MG

“ *Mary J Gordon lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



Mary J Gordon - February 08, 2023 at 02:44 AM

VB

“ *Vickie Burwell lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



Vickie Burwell - February 08, 2023 at 12:25 AM

CJ

“ *Connie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



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**Connie Jackson** - February 07, 2023 at 11:48 PM

MG

“ *Monica Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



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**Monica Gilbert** - February 07, 2023 at 08:50 PM

LG

“ *Lori Gentry lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



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**Lori Gentry** - February 07, 2023 at 06:24 PM

JE

“ *Judy Allen Ebenstein lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



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**Judy Allen Ebenstein** - February 07, 2023 at 06:20 PM

MB

“ *Melanie Brown-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



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**Melanie Brown-Johnson** - February 07, 2023 at 06:12 PM

GR

“ *Gretchen Randolph lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



**Gretchen Randolph** - February 07, 2023 at 06:10 PM

SM

“ *Sonya Mayes lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



**Sonya Mayes** - February 07, 2023 at 04:49 PM

CC

“ *Crystal Cotham lit a candle in memory of Johnathan Fitzgerald Jenkins*



**Crystal Cotham** - February 07, 2023 at 02:42 PM

CC

*John will surely be missed... class of 1991*

**Crystal Cotham** - February 07, 2023 at 02:43 PM