



## Mr. John- Paul Jenkins

August 19, 1947 - April 24, 2018

JOHN-PAUL JENKINS

(August 19, 1947 - April 24, 2018):

John-Paul Jenkins was born on August 19, 1947 in Hartford, Connecticut to Mrs. Ruth Mae Jenkins. He graduated from Hartford Public High School in 1967. John-Paul was awarded a scholarship to play basketball for the Washington State University Cougars. He earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology in 1974.

After college, John-Paul worked as the head coach for the Meridian High School Basketball team in Bellingham WA. He also coached the cross-country and girls' soccer teams at the high school. John-Paul was voted the school district's coach of the year in 1982.

Later, John-Paul became a top salesman for fine men's clothing stores. In this capacity, he became a member of the retailer's elite "Pacesetter Club" for top salespeople ringing over \$695,000 per year in sales.

In 1993, John-Paul married his high school classmate, Diana Taliaferro and they were blessed to enjoy 25 years together. In addition to his love of basketball, John-Paul enjoyed fishing, gardening, and reading mystery novels. Most of all, John-Paul loved spending time with his family and friends, and

enjoyed attending church. He accepted Christ at an early age, and most recently, attended Door of Faith Christian Church in Pontiac, MI. under the leadership of Pastor Earl O. Crump. John-Paul was a faithful member up until his illness.

John-Paul departed this life on April 24, 2018. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Jenkins and sister, Victoria Jenkins. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Diana and sons: Tyrone and Dorian (Rebecca); brothers: Edward and Gerald (Ann); sisters: Mary Alice, Cindy and Vanessa (Bryan); nephews: Orice, Nathaniel, Ronnie, Gregory, Brian, Glen, Timothy, Aaron, Charles, Gerald, and Devon; nieces: Olivia, Deborah, Cynthia, Crystal, Reyna, Teresa, Denise, Brenda, Darla, Tina, and Amber; two grandchildren: Jordan and Lucia; a very dear friend, Dr. Bill Flowers, and a host of other friends.

The family would like to thank the Four Chaplains Nursing Center for their excellent care.

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Saturday, May **12**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
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## Funeral Service

Saturday, May **12**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John- Paul Jenkins*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I would like to offer condolences to all family members of J. Paul Jenkins. I am a 52 year old man who works at Boeing in Evett, Wa. I knew this wonderful man for just a short time in 1981-1983. He was my basketball coach at Meridian High near Bellingham, Wa. I have beautiful memories of him and how he motivated my team and myself. He was a kind, gentle soul of a person. I will miss him very much.*

**Bryan Zimmermann** - September 30, 2019 at 09:17 PM



“ *Diane,  
My condolences to you and the family. Praying that God will comfort and strengthen you during this time. Sending love and prayers,  
Ruby Eaddy / Windsor, CT*

**Ruby Eaddy** - May 09, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ *Healing & Hope Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John- Paul Jenkins.*



May 08, 2018 at 12:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John- Paul Jenkins.*



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May 08, 2018 at 09:33 AM



“ *Dear Diana.  
Our deepest condolences to you and your family. We know through God's goodness and grace you and your family have been blessed with years of wonderful memories. We ask that you be granted peace, comfort and strength.  
Fondly,  
Debra McIntosh Rhodes*



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**Debra Rhodes** - May 07, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ *Dear Diane,*

*I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. Please know that you have my sympathy as well as my prayers and love. May God's Spirit comfort you with His presence, peace, warmth, friends, family and a speedy healing soon, replaced with many precious memories.*

*Your Cousin,  
Katie Thompson*

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**Katie Thompson** - May 05, 2018 at 06:26 AM

WT

“ Dear Diane,

*I'm just hearing about your loss. You and your family are continually in my prayers. May God continue to envelop you with His love, His comfort and His peace. I love you, Cousin!*

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**Wendy Thompson** - May 04, 2018 at 12:35 PM



Carolyn  
Napoleon

“ Diane and family , we are so sorry to hear that Paul has passed .  
We want you to know our prayers are with you .  
Many times you think death has won, but it lost because love will last  
forever with God -unknown  
Henry and Carolyn Napoleon .

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**Carolyn Napoleon** - April 30, 2018 at 07:20 PM

KK

“ To the Jenkins Family, on behalf of the Knight Family we share in your loss and sends our heartfelt condolences.

*Paul was and always will be a dear friend. All the ball players in Hartford will tell you he was a gentleman and one of the most underrated ball players to come out of Hartford Ct.*

*Paul will be truly missed but never forgotten. May he find peace in the everlasting arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*Your brother in Christ, Keith Knight*

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**Keith Knight** - April 30, 2018 at 11:07 AM

JM

“ *My sincere condolences & Prayers for the entire family... May God grant you Peace & Comfort soon 🙏*



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**Jan Milner** - April 29, 2018 at 10:55 PM

GK

“ *Paul and I grew up in Bellevue Square Playing basketball together. Always kind and considerate. Will be missed*

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**Garry King** - April 29, 2018 at 07:48 PM

AS

“ *My most recent and fondest memory of John-Paul, although we go way back to our childhoods growing up in grammar, middle, and high school together, was our almost daily chats online while playing Words With Friends. He always exemplified a charming, humorous, and pleasant personality win or lose. And, as sorry as I am due to his end-of-life sufferings, I'm grateful he had the family he had to care for him. You're in my thoughts and heart, JP! Alice E. Slater*



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**Alice E. Slater** - April 29, 2018 at 03:15 PM

WB

“ *Condolences to The Jenkins Talifero Family. Paul was a "gentle giant". Our Hearts are heavy but our Faith will sustain us. The prayers go up, Paul is now with the Lord.  
Lew Brown 64G..*

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**William M.(Lew) Brown** - April 29, 2018 at 05:57 AM

AH

*Diane. This is your cousin Alba Henegar Harris. Katie told me about the passing of your husband John. I am sorry that I did not get to meet him, but I am sure he was and is a fine man. We know that he is not dead, just transitioned to another life with Christ. My husband and I will pray that God will keep you and your family in His care, and give you the comfort that only a God like Him can do. Love cousin Alba*

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**Alba L Harris** - May 05, 2018 at 07:37 PM