



Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Jacobs Sr

August 26, 1933 - December 20, 2024

Daniel Wesley Jacobs, Sr., was born in Polk County, Georgia, to the parentage of Reverend Daniel Lott Jacobs and Mrs. Fannie Lou Cosby Jacobs, and reared in Cedartown, Georgia.

Dr. Jacobs earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree (cum laude) in Philosophy and Religion/Sociology at Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia, and earned a Master of Divinity Degree at the Turner Theological Seminary of the Interdenominational Theological Center. He pursued doctoral studies at the Columbia Theological Seminary and Emory University.

Dr. Jacobs was a lifelong servant of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. His ministerial career began in the Atlanta-North Georgia Annual Conference of the 6th Episcopal District, where he would eventually occupy various offices, including Secretary of the Annual Conference, Treasurer of the Annual Conference, and Dean of the Board of Examiners. He also served as the 6th Episcopal District Chair of the Board of Christian Education. At the Connectional AME Church level, he served as a delegate to the General Conference multiple times since 1976, as Secretary of the Connectional Council, and on the General Board of the AME Church.

In 1986, Dr. Jacobs was elected to serve as the 6th Administrative Dean of Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center under the Chairmanship of Bishop Frederick Hilborn Talbot. During his tenure, he almost tripled the institution's enrollment from 40 students to 105 in a given year. Over 300 persons received Master and Doctorate degrees from Turner Theological Seminary during his tenure. He initiated multiple capital improvements, including the erection of F.H. Talbot Hall, installing a computer lab, and increasing the institution's budget from \$300,000 to \$1.2 million. In 2004, Dr. Jacobs would assume the title "President-Dean" and retire from his academic career in 2008.

Dr. Jacobs was active ecumenically and served in various capacities, including the Board of Directors of the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, a member of the World Methodist Council and as a Delegate to the Consultation on Church Union. He was also awarded honorary doctorates from Payne Theological Seminary, Richard R. Wright Seminary, and Turner Theological Seminary. He was a Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. member and a member of the NAACP.

Dr. Jacobs departed this life on Friday, December 20, 2024. He was predeceased by his wife Mary. He leaves his memory to be treasured by his four children, Daniel (Donna) Jacobs, Jr., Reginald (Brenda) Jacobs, Sr., Kimberly (Dominic) Henry, and Dana Michelle Jacobs; grandchildren, Daniel Jacobs, III,

DeMarcus Jacobs, Micheal Jacobs, Sr., Reginald Jacobs, Jr., Crystal Jacobs, Dominic (Alyssa) Henry, II, and Alexandra Henry; great-grandchildren, Micaiah Jacobs, Micheal Jacobs, Jr., Mac Taft, and Adrian Henry; sisters, Betty

Copeland and Pamela (Alfonso) Findley; sister-in-law, Vickie (Jerry) Tilman; god-daughter, LaTanya Moore Copeland, along with a host of family, devoted friends, students, and colleagues.

The family extends special and heartfelt thanks to Rachel Norman, who was a dedicated, caring, and loving caregiver to both Mary and Daniel for over eight years.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034

Family Hour

JAN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Drive
Decatur, GA 30034

Celebration of Life

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark AME Church
3605 Campbellton Road Southwest
Atlanta, GA 30331

Burial

JAN 3 (ET)

Greenwood Cemetery
1173 Cascade Circle SW
Atlanta, GA 30311

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *The members of MT. Zion A.M.E. Church, ShadyDale, Ga send our condolences to the Jacob's family. Sorry for your loss. Will pray for your family.*

MT.ZION A.M.E. CHURCH, SHADYDALE GA - January 02, 2025 at 09:17 PM

R0

“ *The Kelley family extends their sincere condolences to the entire Jacobs family. I had the pleasure of meeting Dean Jacobs in June 2001 when I embarked on my seminary journey. When my housing fell through, he allowed me and my family to reside in the dorm while also driving us around Atlanta trying to find accommodations that allowed us to have ease of public transport. Dean was an angel in disguise, a true father figure. He did all that he did with a big smile on his face. Upon graduating and completing my residency at Emory University I had the pleasure of working for Dean as an Administrative Assistant rather than continuing my Pastoral Care tract. However, not only did I use my accounting skills but also had many opportunities to apply Pastoral Care training. Dean Jacobs didn't think twice about driving to any AME meeting held in Georgia and if the Turner Theological Seminary booth could be set up, he was ready. Dean was a walking AME encyclopedia; his knowledge was vast. I will hold dear to me, the last meal my husband and I shared with Dean Jacobs and the late Sis Mary, Daniel Jr and Donna.*



May God comfort and strengthen you during this season of transition.

Cherish the memories. You are in our prayers.

Rev Amanda Kelley (TTS, 05) - January 02, 2025 at 11:45 AM

CH

“ Clatties H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Jacobs Sr.

Clatties H. - January 02, 2025 at 11:12 AM

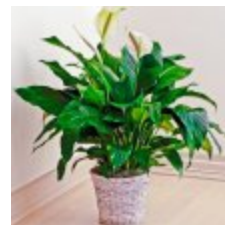
CS

“ Calvin and Eleanor Jones-Stevens sent out condolences and prayers to the Jacobs' family. He was gentle gaint among the Sixth Episcopal District. To God be the Glory.

Calvin and Eleanor Stevens - January 02, 2025 at 08:43 AM

MG

“ Mt Vienna AME Church, Valdosta Ga purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Jacobs Sr.



Mt Vienna AME Church, Valdosta Ga - December 30, 2024 at 07:06 PM

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Mt Vienna AME Church, Valdosta Ga - December 30, 2024 at 07:06 PM

SB

“ *The Allen Temple AME Church-Atlanta celebrate the legacy of our former pastor, the Rev. Dr. Daneil W. Jacobs, Sr. What a blessing it is that he passed our way to plant seeds of love and progression. Our prayers remain with the Jacobs family and all of those who have been touched by his presence.*



Rev. Dr. Susan H. Buckson, Pastor (Turner '04)

Susan H Buckson - December 27, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ *Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist C hoice was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Jacobs Sr.*



December 27, 2024 at 03:24 PM

DK

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family of my beloved cousin Rev. Daniel Jacob's, Sr. I pray God's comfort for all. Uncle Jake, is what we called him in Florida. We love you family. Rest in peace 🙏*

Dr. Bernadette Kelley-Brown - December 27, 2024 at 12:30 PM

KG

“ *Surrounding the family with tremendous love and light and praying for God's perfect peace and healing during this difficult time of bereavement.*



Kenneth Gantt - December 26, 2024 at 05:26 PM

JP

“ Sincere condolences are extended to Daniel and the entire family. May God grant you the peace that surpasses all understanding. 🙏

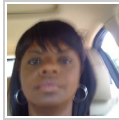


Jacquelyn Nicholson- Pass - December 25, 2024 at 07:17 PM

RA

“ My sincere condolences and prayers for the Jacob's family. Dr. Jacob served the Church well in many different areas. He will be missed by many. Servant of God Well done. Rest in Peace and Power! 🙏❤️

Rev.Richard A.Yancey - December 25, 2024 at 08:03 AM



Dr. Jacobs, DW as his family fondly called him was the became the patriarch of our family after our parents and aunts earned their wings. As his cousin, I was proud of his many accomplishments his educational goals and most importantly his dedication to God and the church. Also, I loved hearing stories about my father as he reflected on his memories growing up in Cedartown , GA. “Rest In Peace DW”, you will be truly missed.

Susan Freeman - December 25, 2024 at 09:57 AM

RK

“ Dear Family of Reverend Daniel Jacob Senior,

As I reflect on the profound loss we all share following the passing of Reverend Daniel Jacob Senior on December 20, 2024, my heart is filled with both sorrow and gratitude. For over 50 years, I have cherished my friendship with his sons, Reginald Daniel and his sister Michelle, and during this time, I have been blessed to experience the warmth and love that Reverend Jacob extended to me.

His kindness made me feel like a true part of the family, and I will forever hold dear the memories of his unwavering faith and compassionate spirit. The love he shared was a testament to his character and his dedication to spreading the message of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

As we mourn his passing, I take comfort in knowing that he is now in heaven, continuing his mission of love and faith. I pray that he watches over us and inspires us to carry on his legacy. We miss him dearly, but we celebrate the life he lived and the love he gave.

With deepest respect and heartfelt condolences,

Ronald Kelly

Ronald Kelly - December 24, 2024 at 04:23 PM



Thanks Ronald, my brother. We love you too!

Dan Jacobs Jr. - December 24, 2024 at 10:36 PM

TJ

“ This beautiful soul had the most contagious smile and eyes that would light up the room. I had the pleasure of sitting with him throughout his decline. He shared many stories of The Climb in Atlanta many years ago and always ended our visit with kindness, education and the joy! Thank you, Senior, for allowing me to spend such valuable time with you. Fly to be with your Beautiful Wife. I will always have you in my spirit.

Tanya James - December 24, 2024 at 03:41 PM



Dan Jacobs Jr. - December 24, 2024 at 10:40 PM

PF

Condolences to the Jacob family we are grateful to have known the Jacob family for so many decades much love to the entire family from the Frazier's

percy frazier - December 26, 2024 at 09:42 PM

RC

Dear Jacobs Family. As you adjust to missing yet another major member of your family circle, please know that we grieve with you just like the times we have shared in your joys. The only good we can find in your loss is in knowing that Rev Sr. Is no longer suffering. He has taken his rest and will be called first to meet the Lord in the air. I Thessalonians 4:13-18. Goodnight Dear Rev. Jacobs senior, we will see you again! Hold on to your faith Family, this is not the end!

Rev Ron & Candice Cudger - December 26, 2024 at 10:50 PM