



## Jessie J. Dinkins

June 22, 1934 - July 29, 2014

To the delight of the late Mr. Harry and Naomi Dallas Dinkins, their eldest, Jessie J. Dinkins was born on June 22, 1934 in Waverly, AL. As a young child, Jessie moved with his family to Opelika, AL where he was formally educated in the public school system. Upon becoming a young man, Jessie remained in Opelika, AL with his sights set on making a life changing move to Atlanta, GA. With total determination, the move to Atlanta was soon a reality. After arriving in Atlanta and working a few various jobs, Jessie found a career he loved with the City of Atlanta Water Works. Here he thrived, and diligently worked and soon became a supervisor in the Water Department Pipeline Division. The move to Atlanta also led Jessie to finding and marrying the love of his life, Edna Green Harvey. With this union he lovingly gained seven children that he considered as his very own. The feelings of the seven that had been blessed with his presence in their lives were understandably mutual. Later in life Jessie became a grandfather and was affectionately called "Grandpa" by these grandchildren that adored him dearly. In his spiritual journey, God led Jessie (and Edna) to become members of Welcome Friend Baptist Church, where he was a faithful servant and Deacon. With pride, Deacon Dinkins had been a member of the Welcome Friend Baptist Church family for over 15 years. Here he was also well loved and respected by all. He shared very special bonds with many of his fellow deacons as well as his pastor, the Reverend Dr. John H. Smith, Sr. For his pastime, Jessie enjoyed doing many things such as grooming his lawn, playing cards and checkers, and being a

handyman. However, all of these things held no rankings whenever there was a game being played by the Atlanta Braves. An avid and dedicated fan for many years, Jessie made sure to never miss a game and could often be heard coaching players from the comfort of his recliner whenever a wrong play had been made out on the ball field. On July 29, 2014, the Heavens rejoiced when God called our Angel here on earth home to receive his wings and to suffer no more. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten by those that he leaves to cherish his memory: His loving and devoted wife of over 54 years, Edna Dinkins; his children, Janice Tuggle, Dora Cato, Beverly Lampley, Sandra Harvey, Ronald Harvey, and Gary Harvey; grandchildren, Willie Harvey, Elaine Harvey, Ephraim Harvey, LaChanda Tuggle, Monique Lampley; a god-granddaughter, Melia Stephens; great grandchildren, Marcellus, Eshana, Jalen, Johnathan, Marcus, and Javion; A god great-granddaughter, Melina Hicks; siblings: Mary Wilson, Charlie (Willie Pearl) Dinkins, Ella Love, Inell (Roy Lee) "Red" Guice, Louise Pitts, Elbert "Jitt" Dinkins; a sister-in-law, Annie Ruth Dinkins; and a host of nieces, nephews cousins, dear friends, and the Welcome Friend Baptist Church Family. A MILLION TIMES A million times we've needed you A million times we've cried If love alone could have saved you You never would have died. In life we loved you dearly In death we love you still In our hearts you hold a place No one can ever fill. But you did not go alone For part of us went with you The day God took you home.

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“ My sincerest condolences to the family of Mr. Jessie Dinkins. No matter who we are, losing a loved one in death is painful. It is obvious that Mr. Dinkins was truly loved and will be dearly missed. May you find peace and solace in the fond memories of him. The Almighty God has promised that we will be able to spend time with our loved ones and not have to worry about death because the last enemy, death will be brought to nothing. (1 Corinthians 15:26) He also provides a hope of the resurrection for our loved ones that have fallen asleep in death when he says that all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out. (John 5:28,29) May you find comfort in these scriptural thoughts and the God of all comfort during this difficult time. If you would like to learn more about God's wonderful promises, visit [jw.org](http://jw.org). If you have any questions feel free to contact me at [lvtsew@gmail.com](mailto:lvtsew@gmail.com).

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