



Deacon Bennett Henry McNeal

October 9, 1959 - February 23, 2020

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Jennings: Bennett was born in Jennings, LA on October 9, 1959 to Jackson McNeal and Virginia Jean Fontenot McNeal. He was called from this life on February 23, 2020. Bennett worked as an Assistant Executive Director of CARC in Lake Charles, LA for over 20 years, a job which he loved. Bennett was involved in many organizations including being a first degree knight for the Knights of Columbus, a Spiritual Director for the Faith Renewal, and Director of Religious Education at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. He also loved watching football, especially the LSU Tigers & New Orleans Saints, praying the rosary, attending church, and reading. Bennett's greatest love was spending time with his family. Bennett was a kind and loving man who was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bennett is survived by beloved wife, Monica L. McNeal of Jennings, LA; his four sons, Benjamin Landry of Jennings, LA, Bennet McNeal, II of Maxie, LA, Michael McNeal of Lake Charles, LA, Gabriel McNeal of Jennings, LA; his daughter, Ashley McNeal Gay (Blain) of Jennings, LA; his seven grandchildren, Mackenzie, Tanner, Mya, Taygan, Jonah, Sawyer, & Cam; his two sisters, Joline LeJeune of Jennings, LA, Julie Burgess of Charenton, LA.

Bennett is preceded in death by his parents, Jackson & Virginia McNeal; two brothers, Jerry & Steven McNeal; two brother-in-laws, Donald LeJeune & Rodney Burgess; his niece, Michelle LeJeune.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Deacon Bennett Henry McNeal, 60 of Jennings, LA on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM with Father Susil Fernando officiating. Bennett will be laid to rest in the New Bethany Cemetery in Moss Bluff following his Funeral Mass. Those chosen to honor him as his pallbearers will be Jay McNeal, Michael McNeal, Gabriel McNeal, Blain Gay, Terry LeJeune, Tanner Gay, and Jerod McNeal. Honorary pallbearers will Mackenzie Gay, and Mya McNeal.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home beginning on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 from 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM with a rosary recited at 6:00 PM. The family request that visitation resume on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 8:00 AM until the time of his funeral Mass at 10:00 AM.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

New Bethany Cemetery

Moss Bluff, LA

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

FEB **26**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS
511 N. Cutting Avenue
Jennings, LA 70546
(337) 824-4420
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Rosary

FEB **26**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Gathering of Friends and Family

FEB 27. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
515 Bryan St.
Jennings, LA 70546

Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Bennett Henry McNeal*

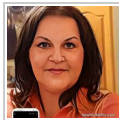
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“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Matthews Funeral Home - February 26, 2020 at 12:53 PM



Im so sorry to hear about Bennett. Prayers for family

Pam Benoit - March 02, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ *When I and Father Groth were co-pastors at Our Lady Help of Christians, Bennet used to help us at liturgies with music. He was always there when we needed him and did a wonderful job enhancing our worship at Mass. Bennett was a great friend throughout all these years and I heard often of his great service as a deacon, assisting the pastors at Immaculate Conception Church. I pray in thanksgiving for Bennett's being part of my life and I know he is now assisting all of us in prayer before the heavenly Father.*
Fr. Marshall Boulet

Marshall Boulet - February 26, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Deacon Bennett Henry McNeal.*



February 25, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ *Benny and I were childhood friends and lived across the street from each other I will miss the friendship we had for each other rest in peace my friend god bless*

Brent and Denise Fruge - February 25, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *Solid White Standing Cross With Bright Flower Break was purchased for the family of Deacon Bennett Henry McNeal.*



February 25, 2020 at 12:03 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes to the Bennett's wife, children, and family. It was a pleasure to work under him.*

Kendra Mazyck - February 24, 2020 at 09:59 PM



*Goes out to**

Kendra Mazyck - February 24, 2020 at 10:00 PM

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“ *Knights of Columbus council 9110 purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Deacon Bennett Henry McNeal.*



Knights of Columbus council 9110 - February 24, 2020 at 08:39 PM

KP

“ *My condolences to the McNeal family. I will miss "McNeal" greatly.*
Kathleen Politte

KATHLEEN A POLITTE - February 24, 2020 at 04:54 PM

RS

“ *Bennett was my best friend in high school. I'm still having a hard time believing he is gone. I will truly miss him and will remember fondly the years we had together.*

Ricky Stackhouse - February 24, 2020 at 02:54 PM

EM

“ *And I saw the river over which every soul must pass to reach the kingdom of heaven and the name of that river was suffering:
And I saw a boat which carries souls across the river and the name of that boat was love.*

*Monica and family our hearts go out to you during this time.
Sending prayers and Love to you all!*

Live Robert and Ellen Murphy

Ellen Murphy - February 24, 2020 at 02:22 PM

SC

“ I have known Benny since he was a young boy, he was always a special person who holds a special place in my heart 🙏🙏



Sharon Richard Core - February 24, 2020 at 02:20 PM

JB

“ I met Bennett in the 70's at the "White House" behind OLHC. The first thing I realized about him was how kind he was. Years later, when working with him on the parish council and other church activities, he was the same kind and gentle man I had met at the "White House". He was a great friend to me and my family. He was a wonderful servant of God. The parishioners of Immaculate Conception were indeed blessed to have him as Deacon. Go rest high on that mountain. Your work on earth is done.

Jacob Broussard - February 24, 2020 at 01:31 PM

RH

“ I worked with Bennett at CARC some years ago and will always remember him as a kind and caring man. My condolences to his wife and family of whom he was very and loved dearly.

Rita Hebert - February 24, 2020 at 01:22 PM