



Cornelius C. Jenkins

December 31, 1970 - August 28, 2025

Cornelius C. Jenkins (54), of Aurora, Illinois passed away unexpectedly at his home,
Thursday, August 28, 2025.

He accepted Christ at an early age and later became a Sunday School Teacher. He had such a love for Old Time Gospel and a great love for God. You could always count on him for a good family church session.

Neil, formally from Batavia, Illinois, graduated in 1989 from Batavia High School. He was more than a fan of sports, he was a historian, a statistician, and a walking highlight reel. He could recall the most obscure plays and players from memory, and his enthusiasm was infectious for Basketball (BULLDOGS FOR LIFE). Neil was an active car enthusiast – 1970 Chevelle being his dream car.

He was a member of the Aurora Luxie Club and Amvets Post 103. He will ALWAYS be

remembered for his Charisma.

Cornelius was a loving, protective Husband, Father, Brother, Grandfather, Uncle, and Friend – always ready to lend a helping hand.

Neil is survived by his Wife Gayle, Daughter Camille, and Siblings, Lucille (James), Faye (Russell), Michael, Jeremy (Denise), Jacqueline, Myra (Tommy), Kendrick (Latisha) Kevin (Shannon), a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends. Cornelius (Neil) was preceded in Death by his Parents, Charles and Carrie (Campbell) Jenkins and his Oldest Brother, Charles Jenkins, Jr..

A Celebration of Life will be held after the visitation, on September 6 th , from 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., at the 3 rd Ward Social Club, 612 5 th Avenue, Aurora, Illinois.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Celebration of Life

SEP 6. 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM (CT)

The 3rd Ward Club
612 Fifth Ave.
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall

BC

“ John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that HE gave His only son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal LIFE."

Q, I thank God for giving YOU to our family, you were the Jenkins family "Knee Baby" and your Big Sis loves you... I'll miss your smile & mischievousness which added spice to our family.

I'll miss all the laughs we had as we shared TT videos of our favorite comedians, and I'll also miss you clowning during our Spades, Password, & UNO games. I'll never forget what you told me on that Tuesday afternoon, "Big Sis, honestly, I am not okay, but I'll be alright!" And, Lil Brother you are ALRIGHT in Paradise. Do me a favor & give CJ a hug for me.

I'll close with your famous words: "DULY NOTED!"

*I love you with all my heart,
Your Big Sis Cilby*

P.S. I'll be sure to check on your Baby Girl Mil-Mil for you.



Big Sis Cilby - September 05, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ I was shocked and saddened to read about Neil. (Although it took me a minute to realize Cornelius was Neil--Duh!) I wish to express my heartfelt sympathy to everyone in the Jenkins family. My prayers are with you all.

Anne Pruitt - September 04, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cornelius C. Jenkins.



September 03, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cornelius C. Jenkins.

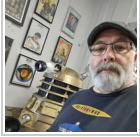
September 03, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cornelius C. Jenkins.



September 03, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Timothy Clark - September 02, 2025 at 06:35 PM



Neil and Gayle Dance to Wonderful Tonight at Gayle's Birthday party.

Timothy Clark - September 02, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ Diane M. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Cornelius C. Jenkins.



Diane M. - September 02, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ Doug, Dawn, Nadine and Eric. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Cornelius C. Jenkins.



Doug, Dawn, Nadine and Eric. - September 02, 2025 at 08:26 AM

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“*Doug, Dawn, Nadine and Eric. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cornelius C. Jenkins.*

Doug, Dawn, Nadine and Eric. - September 02, 2025 at 08:26 AM

TP

“*Neil will be truly missed, Javier & I went to school with him & his brothers. Neil was such a warm hearted, caring man who would do anything that he could for his friends & family. Funny memory - before Gayle brought him to our house to introduce us " she said "T" he's black, I told her so if you like him we will too. Then she told me his name & I told we already know him. We truly enjoyed his company & he made my sister soooo happy & their love was unconditional.*

R.I P Neil - we'll miss you & you'll be in our hearts forever.

Tanya, Javier & Jasmine

Tanya Paskadi - September 01, 2025 at 03:47 PM

NE

“ My Uncle was not just fun loving and a jokester but he was a flat-out good person. I know this firsthand. Growing up in our family where Mother Dear and Granddad's love abounds and among all their children he was known as the "knee baby". There's another thing that I want to mention that may be the worst kept secret of all, my uncle grew up with a love for the game of basketball. Growing up in a family where basketball was not just a sport but it was in our genes! It was something that just came naturally to us...and yes, we ALL wore the #40 jersey for the Home of the Battling Bulldogs.

There's a saying in basketball that says "Shooters shoot!" No matter if you're having or have had consecutive "off nights" my Uncle Neil would tell me quick, "Shooters shoot, keep letting it fly" and that's how he played the game he loved...a 3-point specialist. I remember being younger and coming to his games and yelling "Let it fly Unc! Shoot the ball!"

It's been a very rough last almost 2 years or so for 611 & 5Deep. So, it is with a heavy heart and the numbness of pure shock and denial that I writing all of this. Thinking back and reminiscing about my Uncle Neil, one of my most memorable moments was him consoling me at my going away party. I had stepped away from all the fun and laughter of Mom having all the family over to the house to see me off as I headed to Piney Woods for my senior year. I just needed a moment so I went into the bathroom and I cried like a baby. I thought, man I'm going to miss this; this unity, all this love that surrounded me, supported me, joked with me and teased me...and as a whole would NOT miss a home game. Other than my parents, you could just about guarantee that you would see one of my uncles or aunts also in the stands at Batavia High. So, while I'm in bathroom breaking down, guess what happens next? My uncle Neil must've realized I was MIA so he knocks on the door. I said I'll be out in a minute as I'm wiping my face & trying to get myself together. But he wouldn't let up, jokingly he kept knocking, so I let him in and he saw my face. I couldn't keep the tears back no matter how hard I tried to put up a front. At that moment, I remember my

uncle putting his arms around me, hugging me and saying "C'mon neph, it's gonna be alright. You're a Jenkins, be strong. It's not like you're going away forever."

And so, I'll close with that word 'forever'. Unc, I miss you; I love you and I know that you are spending eternity forever in God's warm embrace.

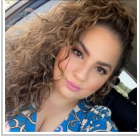


Neph - September 01, 2025 at 01:24 PM

SB

“ We already miss Neil, a family friend and generous soul. We could always count on Neil for a warm and sincere hug and, along with his fun and lively wife, Gayle, to make us laugh. Good memories of Neil and Gayle at family parties and at my daughter's wedding in Puerto Rico. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Sue Bonet - August 31, 2025 at 10:05 PM



“ Neil you were a light that could never be dimmed. We love you more than you could ever imagine and this hit us so hard. Just the simple fact I can never feel your bear hug ever again. Or tell you how much you meant to us and how you’ve gotten us through some dark days. Life is unfair. And this doesn’t make sense. To momma Gayle, he loved you so much. They way you loved and cared for him was out of this world. We love you and we are here for you. We are praying for your strength! May Neil reach the highest of heavens. Until we meet again.



Amanda Marie - August 31, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ Great freind



Adam arch - August 31, 2025 at 04:58 PM

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Sherry Vickery - August 31, 2025 at 03:09 PM

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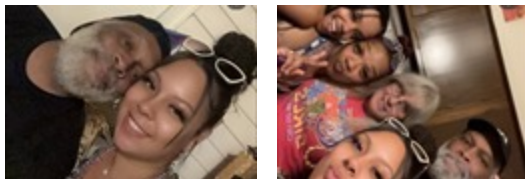
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Sherry Vickery - August 31, 2025 at 03:07 PM

DR

“ We love you unc!! Gone to soon 🕊️ your name will forever live ❤️
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dri - August 31, 2025 at 02:07 PM

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Sue Bonet - August 31, 2025 at 09:59 PM

DH

Neil I'm going to miss playing cards with you down in Alabama. Fly high with the angels my friend.
Starchild

Diane Homan - August 31, 2025 at 10:33 PM