



## Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue"

May 14, 1938 - May 1, 2021

Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue" was born May 14, 1938, to the late Hersey J. Jenkins and Beatrice Gatling Jenkins in Hertford County, North Carolina (Mapleton Township).

Yvonne was the baby of 12 children (8 girls and 4 boys) born to Hersey and Beatrice Jenkins. Her mother's brother Pompey gave her the nickname "Miss Blue" but her parents and siblings called her "Blue".

At an early age she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and joined and attended Parker' Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Yvonne attended public schools in Hertford County. After graduating from Calvin Scott Brown High School, Winton, North Carolina, she got married and to this union one son was born, Sebastian (Stepp) Newsome.

Later in life she furthered her education by attending Winston Salem State University, Winston Salem, North Carolina for a year. She then relocated to New York where her father's brother Herbert lived and worked for the New York Police Department for a number of years.

After the death of her mother, she returned home to be near her father and son. She then worked at Riverview Elementary School, Murfreesboro, North Carolina as a Teacher's Assistant. She loved working with the children so much she decided to attend college at Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in grades K-6. She also became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. While at ECSU, she worked as a

switchboard operator there. She would call her parents and sister, Montrose every night while she was working as a switchboard operator to see how her son and everyone in the family was doing.

After graduating from college, she became gainfully employed with the Suffolk City School System for a total of 28 years. While working in the school system, she attended and graduated from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia where she received her Masters Degree in Elementary Education. Yvonne had a passion for singing. She sang at various churches in Virginia and North Carolina. , including: Parker's Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, First Baptist Powellsville, Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, Philippi Baptist Church, Zoar Baptist Church (Boykins, Virginia) and Odom Chapel Baptist Church (Newsoms, Virginia) until her voice would not allow her to sing as strong as she used to. Her favorite song was "God Has Always Stood by My Side". Whenever she was asked to sing at a funeral, if the family did not have a song in mind, she would sing her favorite song. She was member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter Dorcas # 97, Winton, North Carolina

Besides her parents preceding her in death: 6 sisters: Callie Beatrice Jenkins, Rosetta J. Jenkins, Hollie J, Vaughan, Montrose J. Hall, Lacy Vivian J. Mack and a baby girl who died at birth; 4 brothers: Ralph Howard Jenkins, Jasper Pompey Jenkins, Hersey Calbert (Calvin) Jenkins and James Ronald Jenkins. Yvonne leaves to cherish her memories: a loving son, Sebastian (Stepp) Newsome; a loving and caring daughter-in-law, Lavette Newsome; a grandson, Lionel Dube (Barbara Murrell); 4 great-grand children: La'Niece Dube (the apple of her eye), Kaleah Williams, Laila Dube and Abel Dube; 3 bonus grandsons: Ronald Coates, Darryl Barrett and Deaundre Deans; 4 bonus great grandchildren: Ariana Coates, Alyssa Coates and Chaylen Barrett, Aaliyah Murrell; a niece whom she considered as a daughter and was a second mom to Charmont H. Stephen (Gilbert); her sister R\*Dell J. Speller; a friend whom she called her son, Pastor Darrell T. Partlow (Romona); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



# Cemetery Details

## Gatling Family Cemetery

Mapleton, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hertford County Undertakers  
416 S Main St  
Winton, NC 27986  
(252) 358-3141

## Service

MAY 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Parkers Grove Baptist Church  
131 Mapleton Rd  
Murfreesboro, NC 27855  
(252) 398-4930

# Tribute Wall



“Joyce Fleetwood Wiggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue"”



Joyce Fleetwood Wiggins - December 09, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue"”

November 09, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“GERILDINE DICKERSON lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue"”



GERILDINE DICKERSON - June 16, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“"Moved Out" was my favorite song. I always tried to sing it the way she did. My condolences and prayers are with the family.”



Nicki Davenport - May 28, 2021 at 07:14 PM

JW

“ To Stepp and the family , I am so sorry for your loss of your Mother , mother-in-law,sister,aunt and grandma.Sending you all my love and prayers from my family and I (Joyce,Whitney,Courtney am William.Jr:The Wiggins Family)



Joyce Wiggins - May 08, 2021 at 11:09 AM

JW

“ Joyce Wiggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue"



Joyce Wiggins - May 08, 2021 at 11:01 AM

RP

“ Mrs "Blue", my cousin, was a sweet and loving woman. She will be missed. Rest well cousin. Lonnie Parks



Ronald (Lonnie) Parks - May 07, 2021 at 09:51 PM

ED

“ I remember Blue stopping by our house in Suffolk after school on her way back to NC when Mom (Georgie Mae Davis) was alive. On Fridays Mom would always cook her fish and cornbread. I was much younger but she and my brothers, Fletcher and Bud were very close.

Earlene Davis-Lee - May 07, 2021 at 03:44 PM

P-

“ P-Nut sent a virtual gift in memory of Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue"



P-Nut - May 06, 2021 at 11:26 AM

MG

“ May the sweet memories of time spent with her sustain and comfort you during this difficult time.

MARGARET K GAINES - May 05, 2021 at 08:56 PM

EM

“ Emma McGlohone lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue"



Emma McGlohone - May 05, 2021 at 05:09 PM

CE

“ Charles and Diane Evans purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue".



Charles and Diane Evans - May 05, 2021 at 10:52 AM

MH

“ *My sincerest condolences. May your memories comfort you at this time of sorrow.*

*Mary Harrell*

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**Mary Harrell** - May 05, 2021 at 07:51 AM

GF

“ *Gatling Family lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue"*



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**Gatling Family** - May 04, 2021 at 09:55 PM



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**Hertford County Undertakers** - May 03, 2021 at 10:01 PM

JB

“ *Judy Newsome Boone lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue"*



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**Judy Newsome Boone** - May 03, 2021 at 08:38 PM

LN

“ *Best mother in law ever ! I will love and cherish your memories always ! Beautiful heart beautiful soul ! Gone to soon ! Love you and will see you again !* ❤️



Lavette Newsome - May 03, 2021 at 07:09 PM

MM

“ *To: Step, Lionel, R'Dell, and the Jenkins Family*

*Yvonne AKA Blue will be missed! She is singing in the heavenly choir. I will miss our many comical conversations. Be encouraged and lean on the Lord for strength.*

*Much Love,*

*Mr. Chris Jones, former choirmate and a dear friend*

Mr. Chris Jones, Musician - May 03, 2021 at 06:11 PM



*May you find comfort in knowing that “To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord” and “Ms Blue” has settled into her “Brand New Home.” I will never forget the fun times in the Parker’s Grove choir and I still get emotional when I hear the song that she sang at my father’s funeral, “God has always stood by my side.” We were family, friends, and choir mates and she will never be forgotten. Darlene Wiggins*

JayDee Wiggins - May 07, 2021 at 05:02 PM

WC

“ *My deepest condolences to the family in your loss.*



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**Westelle Cherry** - May 03, 2021 at 03:58 PM

CH

“ *Going to miss you so much. It just means so unreal that you are not here anymore to be my protector daily.*



*Gilbert and Charmont Hall-Stephen*

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**Charmont Hall-Stephen** - May 03, 2021 at 11:38 AM

CH

*I meant it just seems so unreal.*

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**Charmont Hall-Stephen** - May 03, 2021 at 11:39 AM

MS

“ *Marvey Speller lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue"*



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**Marvey Speller** - May 03, 2021 at 11:09 AM

MS

“ Marvey Speller lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue"



Marvey Speller - May 03, 2021 at 11:07 AM

TF

“ The Tann Family lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue"



The Tann Family - May 02, 2021 at 05:30 PM



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Hertford County Undertakers - May 02, 2021 at 05:27 PM

YT

“ Yvonne Taylor lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Jenkins Manley "Blue"



Yvonne Taylor - May 02, 2021 at 05:22 PM

YT

*I was saddened by the news of my OES sister's death. She will truly be missed by all of us. We enjoyed her warm and loving personality. Dorcas's loss is heaven's gain. My condolences to her son and his wife, as well as all of her family.*

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**Yvonne Taylor** - May 02, 2021 at 05:26 PM

EN

*I was saddened by this lost a precious soul to know her you found love from the heart.*

*Pastor Eva (Gatling)Newman  
Suitland, MD*

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**Eva Newman** - May 04, 2021 at 05:53 PM