



## Mrs. Cherise Antoinette Jennings

September 12, 1962 - September 28, 2013

Cherise Antoinette Jennings was born on September 12, 1962 in Chicago Illinois to the late Marshall and Icelean Ellington. As the daughter of a missionary and deacon, Cherise accepted Christ at an early age and lived her life declaring the works of the Lord.

After graduating from Allegan Senior High School, Cherise worked for Hart and Cooley Factory for 10 years before starting her own business, Accessories Plus Boutique in the City of Allegan. As one of the first African American boutique owners in the city, Cherise proudly dressed everyone who entered her doors from prom attendees, to brides, to church mothers looking for suits and hats that would not only turn heads but demand attention.

Cherise spent 26 years with the love of her life, her devoted husband Rickey Lee Jennings. The two were united in matrimony on October 7, 1995 and would have celebrated their 18 year anniversary.

As the mother of 9 children, Cherise was no stranger to accepting tough challenges with a courageous spirit, after being stricken with blindness in 2010. Cherise went on to attend Cornerstone University, where she pursued a degree in Business Management.

In her spare time, Cherise enjoyed shopping, watching movies, studying the bible and spending time with her family. In 2005, Cherise became an ordained licensed Evangelist Missionary in the Church of God in Christ and declared that she would forever spread the word that, "Jesus was coming soon".

Upon being diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer, Cherise stayed strong in her faith and never gave up the belief that God was able.

Cherise was preceded in death by her father, Marshall Ellington; her mother, Icelean Ellington and her father-in-law, Administrator Walter Jennings.

Cherise's life will remain alive through her loving and devoted husband, Rickey Jennings of Allegan MI; 6 sons: Alfonzo, Harrison, Artelle all of Allegan MI, Dwayne of Holland MI, Jaquan of Kalamazoo MI and Lamare of Kalamazoo MI; 3 daughters: Oviance of Allegan MI; Octaivia of Battle Creek MI and Helen of Los Angeles, CA; 3 sisters, Nadean Horton of Chicago, IL, Margret Ellington of Kalamazoo MI and Maureen (Carol) Ellington of Holland MI; mother-in-law, Bernice Jennings of Kalamazoo MI; 4 grandchildren; along with a host of relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

311 Western Avenue  
Allegan, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Greater Open Door Church Of God In Christ  
416 Phelps Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Visitation

OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Allegan  
1290 32nd Street  
Allegan, MI 49010

## Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Cherise Antoinette Jennings*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Cherise Antoinette Jennings*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Carolyn Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cherise Antoinette Jennings*



**Carolyn Walker** - October 06, 2013 at 04:12 PM



*Rickey may God continue to keep you in this time of sorrow. Cherise was a beautiful person with a loving heart. She had a contagious smile that lit up a room. Her memory will live on forever. I am praying for you.*

**Carolyn Walker** - October 06, 2013 at 04:14 PM



“ *Evangelist Brenda Henry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cherise Antoinette Jennings*



**Evangelist Brenda Henry** - October 04, 2013 at 02:43 PM



“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



**Remenyi Ann Williams** - October 04, 2013 at 12:53 PM

MP

“ Dear Rickey & family,

*You are in our thoughts and prayers. Our hearts are heavy as we learned of Cherise's passing. We know she is now fully restored. Mary cherished her friendship with you throughout the past years working with her at the shop. She always had a way to make you smile and brighten your day! We pray God will give you extra strength and peace. We will all be singing and praising together soon!*

*Steve & Michele Pierson and Lloyd & Mary McClain*

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**Michele Pierson** - October 03, 2013 at 08:38 AM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cherise Antoinette Jennings.*



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October 03, 2013 at 08:27 AM

MP

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Cherise Rick! She always brighten the room with her smile and excitement. My mother has many good memories from working at the shop. She has blessed us with her friendship and kindness in so many ways. You and your family are in our prayers. I know one day soon, we will all be singing & praising together in God's time. May God give your hearts strength and peace during this extremely difficult time.*

*Steve & Michele Pierson & Lloyd & Mary McClain*

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**Michele Pierson** - October 02, 2013 at 03:26 PM

JB

“ *Jennings Family,  
May God give you comfort and strength to cope with your loss. I am very sorry to hear of Mother Jennings passing. Please know that I am holding you and your family up in prayer. May God's peace and blessings be upon you all.*

*Evangelist Jackie Bailey*

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**Jacqueline Bailey** - October 02, 2013 at 02:20 PM



“ Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cherise Antoinette Jennings.



October 01, 2013 at 10:26 AM

AW

“ To the family of Cherise A. Jennings, may this transition time allow you to reflect upon all the joy that you shared with Cherise. My mother the late Frances McKinney, Cherise's former neighbor enjoyed time spent chatting with Cherise and Mr. Jennings . May God bless you all. Frances's daughter.

*Robert & Anita McKinney Wilkerson, Kalamazoo,MI*

Anita McKinney Wilkerson - October 01, 2013 at 08:01 AM

JD

“ To the family of Cherise Antoinette Jennings, may God comfort you and keep you close in this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Cherise you have touched the hearts of many and I will always remember your sweet spirit and love for the Lord.

*Love your cousin, Joyce Kimble Dunston and Family, Louisville Kentucky*

Joyce Dunston - September 30, 2013 at 10:14 PM

MW

“ Minister Flora Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Cherise Antoinette Jennings



Minister Flora Walker - September 30, 2013 at 09:22 PM

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“ Dear Rickey, Children, Jennings Family,

*Our hearts are hurting today at the loss of our dear friend Cherise. She made us laugh and she helped us look good in the beautiful clothes and hats from her shop. We are praying for each of you; asking God to keep you in His loving care in the days to come. May God Bless Each of You.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Anderson Family*

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**Naomi T. Anderson** - September 30, 2013 at 06:03 PM