



Jacob Hill Jennings

May 15, 1930 - May 19, 2025

Jacob Hill Jennings, age 95, beloved husband of Jane Marie Hancock Jennings and a retired Bishopville attorney for 65 years, went to his heavenly home on May 19, 2025.

Jacob was a lifelong resident of Lee County. The middle son of the late Henry Caldwell and Mary Green Hill Jennings. He graduated from Bishopville High School in 1947 and from Wofford College in 1950, where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order and served as Number One his senior year. He was editor of the annual, a member of Blue Key, and listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. Jacob graduated cum laude from the South Carolina Law School in 1953. He was editor of the *Law Review* and was the recipient of the Claude Sapp Award, chosen by the senior class in recognition of scholarship, leadership, and industry. Jacob served two years in the United States Air Force and was a member of the active Air Force Reserves for 26 years, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Jacob joined his father, a sole practitioner for many years, in the practice of law in Bishopville in 1955, where the firm became known as Jennings & Jennings. His younger brother, Robert, joined the firm some five years later, and his partnership continued until their father's death in 1978. Robert Jennings passed away in 2011, and Jacob continued to practice with two associates, Bryan Doby and Will Wheeler.

In his professional life, Jacob served as town attorney for Bishopville for over 50 years and represented the Lee County School Board for many years. Jacob served in the South Carolina Bar in a number of capacities, serving as President of the South Carolina Bar and President of the South Carolina Bar Foundation. He served terms on several committees and boards of the South Carolina Bar. Jacob was inducted into membership, became a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1983, and served a term as State Chair of that organization. In 1998, the University of South Carolina Law School Alumni Association honored Jacob with the Platinum Compleat Lawyer Award in recognition of his competence, ethics, and integrity. The Platinum Award is given only to attorneys who have practiced for at least thirty years or longer.

Jacob served as Chairman of the Lee County Hospital Board for several years and was a long-time member of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of South Carolina (Synovus). He served a term in the South Carolina House of Representatives and served on the Board of Review for the Boy Scouts of America, having been an Eagle Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow. Besides his profession and civic duties, Jacob enjoyed hunting, playing golf, traveling, and vacationing at the beach with family and friends.

Jacob loved his church, Bethlehem United Methodist, and was a faithful, lifelong member. He was a Sunday School Teacher in both the youth and adult departments, twice served as the Chairman of the Administrative Board, as well as on the Board of Trustees, and Chairman of the Council on Ministries. He was an active member of the Joe Fanning Sunday School Class for over 65 years.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Jane Marie Hancock Jennings; son, Jacob Hill Jennings, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Ellen Yenyoo Jennings, of Columbia, SC; daughter, Rebekah Jennings Murphy of Duluth, Georgia; three

grandchildren, Rachel Leigh Jennings Bowen and her husband James (Jay) Johnson Bowen, Jacob (Coby) Hill Jennings III and his wife Gracyn Malkiewicz Jennings, all of Columbia, SC, Kathryn Marie Murphy of Duluth, Georgia and a sister-in-law, June Jennings of Greenville, South Carolina. Jacob is also survived by two nieces, Sarah Jennings Johnstone (Trip) of Greenville, South Carolina, and Laura Jennings Mincher (Tom) of Greensboro, NC; six great-nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers Henry Caldwell Jennings, Jr., Robert Dennis Jennings, and his nephew Robert (Bob) Dennis Jennings, Jr.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Friday, May 23, 2025, at Hancock Elmore-Hill Funeral Home. A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 11 o'clock on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at the Bethlehem United Methodist Church. The Reverend Dr. Kay Adams Best and The Reverend Fred McDaniel will officiate, with burial to follow at the Jennings burial plot in Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery. Military Honors will be rendered by the United States Air Force. The family would like to invite guests to a reception at the Bishopville Opera House immediately following the interment.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 167, Bishopville, SC 29010, the South Carolina Bar Foundation, P.O. Box 608, Columbia, SC 29202, or to a charity of your choice.

Serving as Pallbearers will be Rae McDaniel, Bryan Doby, Will Wheeler, Al Bramlett, Tom Kerr, Don Watson, Mark Petty, and Edward Alexander.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery

110 Pinchum Sly Road
Bishopville, SC 29010

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Chapel of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home
200 West Church Street
Bishopville, SC 29010

Funeral Service

MAY 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem United Methodist Church
115 W. Church Street
Bishopville, SC 29010

Reception

MAY 24 (ET)

Bishopville Opera House
109 North Main Street
Bishopville, SC 29010

Following interment.

Tribute Wall



“ *One of the finest men I have ever known! He and brother Robert.*

*Gordon English
forester*

Gordon English - June 07, 2025 at 08:44 AM



“ *Jodi Davis lit a candle in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings*



Jodi Davis - May 24, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Jacob Hill Jennings.*



May 23, 2025 at 07:32 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jacob Hill Jennings.*

May 23, 2025 at 07:32 AM

MG

“ On behalf of the City of Bishopville, we extend our deepest prayers and heartfelt condolences to the Jennings family. Mr. Jacob was a true pillar of our community—his legacy and impact will not be forgotten.

MAYOR LUKE D. GIDDINGS - May 22, 2025 at 07:23 PM

LS

“ Lori Smith lit a candle in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings



Lori Smith - May 22, 2025 at 05:40 PM

YT

“ Your tennis team purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Jacob Hill Jennings.



Your tennis team - May 22, 2025 at 03:05 PM

YT

“ Your tennis team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacob Hill Jennings.

Your tennis team - May 22, 2025 at 03:05 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Stoudenmire lit a candle in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings*



Rebecca Stoudenmire - May 22, 2025 at 12:47 PM

RS

“ *Richard And Anna Teal Strange lit a candle in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings*



Richard and Anna Teal Strange - May 22, 2025 at 03:01 AM

CK

“ *He was a person will be missed Prayers for the Family and Friends.*

cathy kelehear - May 22, 2025 at 01:11 AM

TD

“ *Jacob was a long time family friend. Our family ties go back for generations. He will be greatly missed. Prayers, peace and love to family.*



Tom Dampier - May 22, 2025 at 12:42 AM

AA

“ Archie And Kay Amerson lit a candle in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings



Archie and Kay Amerson - May 21, 2025 at 10:34 PM

JB

“ Bishopville has lost a true treasure with the passing of Mr. Jennings. Not only did he have a significant career, but was a friend to all. My deepest condolences to Mrs. Jane Marie and family.

Jewell Bounds - May 21, 2025 at 09:40 PM

RM

“ Mrs. Jane Marie and family,
Our Heartfelt Prayers and Condolences are Conveyed on the behalf of The late Rev. Phillip and Dora Mixon in their absence from their children Douglas, Dessie, Laverne, Wayne, and Roslyn.



Roslyn Mixon - May 21, 2025 at 08:37 PM

BP

“ To The Jennings Family Of Sir Jacob Jennings 🕊️ Condolences 🙏. -Bebe Mixon Davis, Publisher

*Granddaughter/Grand Niece
Phillip & DoraMixon 🕊️/Mamie Mixon-Simon 🕊️



Bebe Mixon Davis, Publisher - May 21, 2025 at 08:24 PM

NL

“ So sorry to hear this, Mr. Jacob was such a dear man. I have many memories of working with him when I worked for my Dad at Laney Brothers. Praying for the Jennings family.



Nancy Laney Lindsay - May 21, 2025 at 07:47 PM

JI

“ Jeannette Isaac lit a candle in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings



Jeannette Isaac - May 21, 2025 at 06:40 PM

PS

“ Jane Marie - We are saddened to learn of Jacob's passing. We join in prayers of appreciation for his distinguished and consequential life... a great lawyer and a good and a great man. We always left every conversation with you and Jacob uplifted by your and his grace and gentility as a couple. Please know you and the family remain in our prayers. Pam and John Napier

Pam and John Napier, Pawleys Island, SC - May 21, 2025 at 05:38 PM

AM

“ What a wonderful man who was a great friend to my dad, Boyd Stokes, and our family. Sympathy to the entire family in such a profound loss.



Anne McGill - May 21, 2025 at 04:44 PM

ES

“ *Condolences to the family.*



Ernest and Janet Scott-Wilson - May 21, 2025 at 03:11 PM

SM

“ *Jane Marie, my deepest sympathy to you and your family! I guess I thought Jacob was a part of Bishopville who would never die! And memories of him certainly will never die! I remember him mostly as my youth Sunday School teacher, always arriving late! And I remember the Jennings family sitting in front of me at church.*

Sandra (Tanny) O’Kelly Maddux - May 21, 2025 at 02:24 PM

CC

“ *Jane Marie I was so sorry to hear about Jacob. My love and condolences for you and your family. Carol Sindler Cast*

Carol Sindler Cast - May 21, 2025 at 02:24 PM

KO

“ *Kathy Godwin Oakley lit a candle in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings*



Kathy Godwin Oakley - May 21, 2025 at 02:02 PM

CB

“ *Cathy Brown lit a candle in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings*



Cathy Brown - May 21, 2025 at 01:41 PM

JA

“ *Prayers for the family - Jeff and Donna Alexander*



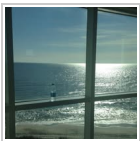
Jeff and Donna Alexander - May 21, 2025 at 12:28 PM

BM

“ *Becky (Grantham) And Bob McWatty lit a candle in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings*



Becky (Grantham) and Bob McWatty - May 21, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ *Bill Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings*



Bill Stokes - May 21, 2025 at 11:17 AM

CG

The first wedding I ever attended, at age 4 or 5 was the wedding of Jane Marie and Jacob Jennings. A dear couple. Jane Marie my prayers are with you. Claudia Brown Grossman

Claudia Brown Grossman - May 21, 2025 at 01:22 PM

RM

“ *RUTH MYERS lit a candle in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings*



RUTH MYERS - May 21, 2025 at 11:12 AM

GH

“ *Prayers for the family*



Guy and April Howell - May 21, 2025 at 11:10 AM

JW

“ *Jerry And Gail Watson lit a candle in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings*



jerry and Gail Watson - May 21, 2025 at 11:02 AM

HT

“*Hugh Tindal, Retta Tindal lit a candle in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings*



Hugh Tindal, Retta Tindal - May 21, 2025 at 10:54 AM

MB

“*Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Jacob Hill Jennings*



Matt and Betsy Bramlett - May 21, 2025 at 10:44 AM

HT

“*A great friend, neighbor, and Gamecock. Mr Jacob was the chairman of the Board of the South Heyward St sociable club. The membership sends condolences to our leader and friend*

Hugh Tindal - May 21, 2025 at 10:44 AM

LW

“*Although from entirely different "worlds," Jacob and Jane Marie not only befriended me, but invited me, often, into their den where Jacob and I had great conversations about life, ideals, faith, our cultural differences ... I learned much about a culture I still have much to learn about. Thanks for the den chats Jacob and Jane Marie ... Perhaps one day I will grasp the depth of those chats and seek better to understand that which I do not. ... I am grateful that my journey thru life and into ordained ministry brought me to Bishopville to meet and experience and learn from Jacob.*

Larry Watson - May 21, 2025 at 10:31 AM

MD

Sending heartfelt prayers for comfort and peace to the Jennings family. Mr. Jacob welcomed my daddy warmly when we moved to Bishopville and the two became great friends. Much love to Miss Jane Marie, Rebekah and Jake and their families. Bishopville has surely lost one of its greatest!

Melissa Edwins Davis - May 21, 2025 at 01:43 PM

CE

Sending love and prayers to Jane Marie and family in the death of you love one. May God give each of comfort and strength as you face the difficult days ahead!

Clara Mc Elveen - May 21, 2025 at 03:34 PM

KE

My heart aches for Jane Marie and all of the family. Jacob was an amazing man and was a great person to all of us in the Clerk of Court Office. I will always remember how funny he could be and entertain us. Sending much love and prayers to all of you.

kay Elmore - May 22, 2025 at 04:50 PM