Obituary

Born: Monday, June 29, 1942
Died: Monday, August 19, 2019

Service Summary

Visitation
1:30 PM to 2:00 PM, Sun Aug 25, 2019

New Light Missionary Baptist Church
1105 Willow Rd.
Greensboro, North Carolina 27401

Funeral Service
2:00 PM Sun Aug 25, 2019

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Monday, August 19, 2019 at his residence surrounded by his

WHITSETT – Dr. Jerry Bennett Sr., 77, passed away
loving family.

He was born in Magee Mississippi on June 29, 1942 to the
late Clifton and Annie Smith Bennett.

He was educated in the Simpson County School District.
After graduating from high school, he enrolled at Tougaloo College where he received a bachelor's degree. He also attended Iowa State University where he received his
master’s degree and earned his Ph.D. He later taught at the university.
For 25 years, he was an Associate Professor of Biology at North Carolina A&T State University. He will always be remembered for his soft-spoken nature, and wonderful sense
of humor, as well as his intellectual talents, integrity and

strong convictions. He was a productive and supportive of

member of key committees within the department. Dr.
Bennett was also an excellent mentor for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing research. As a mentor he maintained his commitment to excellence, and this was
reflected in his student’s thesis and other scientific reports.

Dr. Bennett will be remembered for being the first faculty member at NC A&T to participate in a biological research
study with the NASA space program. He had an experiment

schedule on the Challenger, the NASA space shuttle that also

carried Ron McNair on his last space mission.
He was a member at New Light Missionary Baptist Church

where he served as a deacon and a member of the Alpha Phi
In his spare time, he enjoyed spending time with his family
and was a professional photographer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by
brothers, Robert Earl Bennett and James Clifton Bennett.

Survivors include beloved spouse, Reverend Shirlene
Dr. Jerry Bennett, Sr.; children, Jerry Bennett, Jr., Cheri Bennett, Pastor

Daryl (Shonda), William (Bridgett), and Demar (Shana);

grandchildren, Samiah, Nadia and Joshua; brother, Ralph
Bennett, Sr.; a host of relatives and many friends.

Public viewing will begin on Saturday, August 24, 2019 from
12 noon until 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 25,
2019 at New Light Missionary Baptist Church, 1105 Willow Road, Greensboro, NC. The family visitation will begin at

1:30 p.m. Reverend Dr. Cardes H. Brown, Jr. will deliver the
Interment will be held at 12 noon Monday, August 26, 2019
Dr. Jerry Bennett, Sr.
Provided by Serenity Funeral Home & Cremations

at Lakeview Memorial Park, 3600 N. O’henry Blvd.

Greensboro, NC.

Serenity Funeral Home & Cremations is assisting the family.