



## Geneva Mansaw Rand "Jenny"

April 13, 1930 - December 24, 2025

### Early Life and Move to Chicago

Born in 1930, Jenny made Chicago her home in 1955, where she lived with her beloved sister, Juanita Rayner. From the moment she arrived, Chicago was richer for her presence – her warmth, drive and entrepreneurial spirit which left an indelible mark on all who knew her.

### Career and Community Impact

Jenny began her professional journey as a barber in the Lake Meadows neighborhood. Her talent, kindness and dedication quickly earned her a loyal following. In 1981, she took a bold step and established her own beauty salon in Lake Meadows. Jenny's reputation for excellence and graciousness quickly attracted a diverse and prominent clientele, including several notable Chicagoans.

### Love and Family

It was at her thriving business that Jenny met Mr. Thomas Rand around 1990. Their meeting blossomed into a loving partnership that endured until Tom's passing in 2004. Together, Jenny and Tom traveled extensively, enjoying life and dividing their time between their cherished homes in Chicago and Miami,

Florida. Jenny became deeply involved in the Rand family's business ventures and was a trusted advisor and active participant in many of their enterprises.

### Mentorship and Legacy

Jenny's influence extended beyond her own businesses. She was a mentor and role model in the founding and growth of Midway Airport Concessionaires, a start-up that flourished into a \$10 million enterprise. Her wisdom, encouragement, and leadership inspired many and left a legacy of empowerment and success.

### Family and Loved Ones

Jenny was embraced as the matriarch of the Rand family - Tom's three sons Everett, Timothy and Tyrone (who preceded her in death) along with their spouses and children. Her legacy will live on in the hearts of her family and countless people she inspired throughout her life.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to:

ST. BENEDICT the AFRICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
6559 South Stewart Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60621

For the creation of the Rand Religious Education Fund.

Make the charitable donations to St. Benedict the African Parish by check,  
Zelle, Venmo or PayPal  
SSAparish@aol.com



# Cemetery Details

## Oak Woods Cemetery

1035 E 67th Street  
Chicago, IL 60637

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

St. Benedict The African Catholic Church  
6549 South Stewart Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60621

## Funeral Service

JAN 14. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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## Burial/Interment

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DK

“ You'll be missed greatly Gen Gen. Derick Kambobe

Derick Kambobe - May 18 at 10:49 AM

FB

“ I will miss Jenny greatly. So much wisdom, so many laughs.... I know she rests in the arms of our Saviour. Regards to the family, Fran Bell

Fran Bell - January 14 at 02:37 PM

SP

“ While I never had the privilege of meeting Jenny, she was spoken of often by my late husband Norval Perkins. From him, I learned Jenny was astute, kind and gracious, and that she never forgot her old friends. I am sure Norval has helped welcome her in heaven and by now has oriented her to all important celestial ways.

Sherri Perkins - January 14 at 01:53 PM

BK

“ Jen Jen, we are the last of "501". My memories will linger about your famous question "Why?". Rest in peace. Bobbi J.

Bobbi Keys - January 13 at 03:27 PM

CF

“ Chambers family. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Geneva Mansaw Rand "Jenny".



Chambers family. - January 13 at 12:29 PM

CF

“ Chambers family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geneva Mansaw Rand "Jenny".

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**Chambers family.** - January 13 at 12:29 PM