

Jenkins - Emmanuel

The story of my family, the Jenkins-Emmanuel family, begins in the picturesque landscape of 19th century Wales. It all started with the birth of David Jenkins in April 1838 in Llechryd, Cardiganshire. His parents, John, and Mary Jenkins nurtured him in a loving home. David grew into a man of resilience and dedication. In the summer of 1861, fate led him to Paris, France, where he met and married the love of his life, Margaret Phillips, on July 4. Margaret, born in September 1838 in Tre-groes, Pembrokeshire, was the daughter of Simon and Hannah Phillips.

David and Margaret's union was blessed with eight children over 16 years. They established their family in the serene village of Cilgerran, Pembrokeshire. Despite the challenges of the era, they built a life filled with love and laughter. Tragically, Margaret passed away on January 31, 1892, at the age of 53, leaving a void in the family. David followed her a few years later, on October 7, 1896, at the age of 58.

Among their children was Simon Jenkins, born in October 1863 in Eglwys Wen, Pembrokeshire. Simon inherited his parents' strong will and compassion. By 1871, Simon was living in Monachlogddu, Pembrokeshire, and by 1881, he was working as a servant in St Dogmaels, Pembrokeshire. In 1889, he resided at 5 Fforchaman Road, Cwmaman, Aberdare, and worked as a coal miner. Simon married Ann Thomas, a woman of grace and determination born on September 5, 1860, in Llywel, Breconshire. They lived in Aberdare, Glamorgan, by 1891 and had four children. However, their time together was cut short when Ann passed away in 1897 in Aberdare, Glamorgan, at the age of 37.

Simon found love again and married Elizabeth Ann Prosser. Their union brought two more children into the world, expanding the Jenkins family. By 1901, Simon was living in Ystradyfodwg, Glamorgan, and later moved to Tumble, Carmarthenshire, in 1929. Simon lived a full life and passed away on August 31, 1935, at 119 Garden Suburbs, Trimsaran, Carmarthenshire, at the age of 71. He was buried on September 5, 1935, at Trealaw Cemetery, Porth Rhondda.

The legacy of the Jenkins family continued through Ceinwen Annie Jenkins, born on September 2, 1891, at 29 Glanamman Road, Cwmaman, Aberdare. Ceinwen, a resilient woman, had one son Tudor from a previous relationship before finding enduring love with Henry Emanuel. Henry, born on April 27, 1891, was a man of strength and kindness. They married on April 15, 1924, and lived at 14 Railway Terrace, Tumble, Carmarthenshire, before having three children together. Ceinwen worked as a process worker at the Royal Ordnance Factory in Pembrey. Her life journey concluded on December 14, 1946, at 119 Garden Suburbs, Trimsaran, at the age of 55, while Henry lived until August 1, 1968, reaching the age of 77.

Their son, Vernon David Emmanuel, born on September 17, 1925, at 22 Railway Terrace, Tumble, Carmarthenshire, carried forward the family legacy. Vernon, a man of integrity and devotion, worked as a mechanical and electrical engineer at Uskmouth Power Station. He married Estelle Davies on March 13, 1948. Estelle, born on November 4, 1928, in Trimsaran, Carmarthenshire, brought warmth and joy to their family. They had three children, nurturing them with love and wisdom. Estelle passed away on January 11, 2012, at the age of 83, and Vernon followed on April 28, 2016, passing away in room 5 at Cilamaenllwyd Care Home in Pwll, at the age of 90.

Their son, Graham Tudor Emmanuel, born on September 24, 1951, in Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire, continued the family tradition of resilience and love. Graham's life journey saw him marry twice, first to Carol White, with whom he had one daughter, Bethan, and then to Linda Jane (Elizabeth) Williams, with whom he had three children. Linda, born on April 26, 1963, was a woman of compassion and strength. She and Graham built a life together until her passing on July 4, 2015, at the age of 52.

Graham and Linda's children—Bethan, Anna Marie, Owen Rhys, and Kay Louise—each carry the family's enduring spirit. Bethan, born on April 27, 1977, had one son, Ryan, and later married Mark Paul Threlfall on April 6, 2021.

Anna Marie, born on March 20, 1982, has two daughters from previous relationships, Jasmine, and Leila, and two children with her husband, Richard James Bryan Sorroll, Richie and Ruby.

Owen Rhys, born on September 27, 1983, married Rebecca May Phillips on March 22, 2014, and they have two children, Ethan, and Ava.

Kay Louise, born on October 13, 1986, married David Andrew Haines on February 4, 2012, and they have three children, Harrison, Sophia, and Bella.

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