



Mrs. Brenda Arlene Taylor

March 10, 1948 - June 16, 2020

Mrs. Brenda A. Taylor was born March 10, 1948, to the late Mr. & Mrs. Eddie "Bee" and Mary Williams Birchett in Waverly, Virginia. Brenda was raised in Waverly, Virginia, and educated in the Sussex County Public School System.

On October 16, 1964, Brenda married Charlie J. Taylor of Disputanta, Virginia, and to this union four lovely daughters were born. She later began her employment career with Prince George County Virginia School System. She worked hard, earned the title, "Head Custodian" and retired in high esteem. Having a heart for children, she became the mother, grandmother, and friend to many throughout her years of service. According to Brenda's Harrison Elementary School family, all were blessed by her compassion and giving spirit. Staff affectionately called her "a trustworthy and loving friend who was loved and respected by all persons she came in contact with." She found it exciting to plant seeds of reading in the life of a child. As soon as that exciting book came across her hands, she would buy many copies to share with others. Brenda loved reading to young children, sharing special stories, recipes, gardening, being a role model, and an encourager for young ladies. She also enjoyed the simple things in life and it showed in her daily activities especially when celebrating family and friendships. One consistent request was always honored—"Give me my flowers while I can see, smell, and enjoy them."

Brenda was a dedicated member of First Baptist Church, Disputanta, Virginia and was active, until her health began to change. She absolutely loved her faithful church family and Rev. Dr. & Mrs. J. Alfred Reid, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Disputanta, Virginia and they loved her dearly. She was also loved by her family and friends at Second Baptist Church, Chester, Virginia, along with the adored Rev. & Mrs. Johnnie Fleming, Jr. Both ministries played an instrumental role in her faith journey and were supportive from beginning to end. One of her favorite bible verses was Psalm 103:1—"Bless the Lord, oh my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

Brenda showed her family—at an early age—how to care for loved ones with health challenges because she did it firsthand. It was all done while raising a family and working full-time. As a result, her family was well prepared to provide the same level of exceptional care with love and without hesitation. Despite the challenges after being diagnosed April 30, 2017, with Stage 3 Lung Cancer, Brenda embraced her journey and remained deeply rooted in her faith. She was a beautiful soul - from the inside and out - who always handled herself and situations with grace. She was faithful in—praising the Lord, showing love and appreciation, and was always thankful for every act of kindness or assistance - no matter how big and no matter how small. When recently asked, "What words of encouragement would you leave to those while in the last phase of your journey? " Her response was "keep the faith - be patient - and always seek wisdom. Through it all, the Good Lord has kept me here this long for a reason. And if it wasn't for the Lord and my family, I would've been gone a long time ago."

Within this three-year cancer journey, our Mommy had the best team of doctors, nurses, staff, and assigned angels at Southside Regional Medical Center, Southside Regional Cancer Center, John Randolph Medical Center, Chippenham & Johnston Willis Hospital, Colonial Heights Health Care Center, At Home Care, EMS's throughout the Tri-Cities, and AAA Transportation—

whom she loved and appreciated. Last but definitely not least; her primary care physician, Dr. Olumuyiwa A. Ojediran was a son-like-figure whom she loved dearly; along with his dedicated staff—Lena and Dana.

Brenda was preceded in death by two sisters, Gail Birchett and Vivian Jacqueline "Jackie" Green; and one brother, Allen Williams.

Those left to cherish her precious memories are: her devoted and beloved family; husband of 54 years; Charlie J. Taylor; four daughters, Angela Taylor Blount, Charlene Taylor, Brenda Renee Taylor Garnett, Tamara Taylor; one God-child, Clarissa Taylor; one son-in-law, Juan Garnett, Sr.; five grandchildren, Shardae' N. Holmes, Juan Garnett, Jr., Monae' Garnett, Tiara Mason, Camryn Williams; one great-grandchild, Aiden Driskell; two sisters, Juanita Parham and Marion Graves; one brother, Eddie Birchett, Jr.; three sister-in-laws; Susie Sykes, Zatella Taylor, and Jenny Williams; three brother-in-laws; Richard Taylor, Clarence Taylor, and Theophilious Taylor; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends; among them who were devoted; Doris Allen, Margaret Wyche, Ollie Hill, Tonya Faison, Rhonda Hunt, Kathleen "MaKat" Goodwyn, and Brian Vertucci. Loving and committed caregivers who took outstanding care of her; Diane Wyche, Edith Ellis, Jerkita Carpenter, D'asia Vaughn, Elizabeth Leys, and Dorian Jones.

In the morning hours on June 16, 2020, peace stood still. After fighting a good fight of faith, suddenly finishing her course—all while in the arms of Charlie—God called Brenda—she was ready. Then our beloved Brenda went home peacefully.

Special funeral arrangements and guest list be honored while staying within social distancing guidelines and we are requesting all attendees to wear a mask/face covering.

A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church, 10209 County Drive, Disputanta, VA. Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Reid, Pastor will officiate. Brenda will be laid to rest at Southlawn Memorial Park, 1911 Birdsong Road, South Prince George, VA. The Celebration of Life will be livestreamed. Public viewing will be Tuesday, June 23, 2020 from 10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. along with virtual viewing from 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Please join us in comforting the Taylor family by uplifting them with your prayers.

Cemetery Details

Southlawm Memorial Park

1911 Birdsong Road
South Prince George, VA 23805

Previous Events

Taylor Public Viewing

JUN **23**. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fisher Hayes Funeral Home
415 Halifax Street
Petersburg, VA 23803

Taylor Celebration of Life

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
236 Harrison Street
Petersburg, VA 23803

Tribute Wall



“ M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Brenda Arlene Taylor



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - June 23, 2020 at 01:19 PM



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M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - June 22, 2020 at 04:45 PM

KE

To Mrs. Taylor who was such a sweet, loving and kind person who treated me like a daughter when I came to visit. She would talk to me so sweetly and would make me laugh too. You will be missed and I truly loved you. To the Taylor family, just know that God is going to carry you through and I love you all!!! You all are my family and I am here always. Much love, Keisha

Keisha - June 22, 2020 at 09:24 PM

LH

To the Taylor family, may our God keep and strengthen you in your time of bereavement. Your loved one will be truly missed. God bless you all. With deepest sympathy. Love you guys and she may be gone but Never forgotten...Much love Lecolia ❤️❤️

Lecolia Hill - June 23, 2020 at 03:24 PM

ZT

*To Brenda Renee and other family members,
My condolences to each of you. God will take care of you during this time of your great loss. Just remember the great times and laughter.
Respectfully,
Zelda Tucker-Dugger*

Zelda Tucker-Dugger - June 24, 2020 at 01:55 AM

MJ

“ *Brenda, was truly A special person. When God created her he threw away the mold. To the family, you will always be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Ms.Carol Jones - June 25, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Brenda Arlene Taylor.*



June 24, 2020 at 01:59 PM

TA

“ *Cousin Brenda, I thank God for the moments that I was able to share with you while you were here. You always gave the biggest hugs, sweetest kisses and wore a beautiful smile. You are an amazing woman, who touched so many lives. I love you and you will be sadly missed by all. But God makes no mistakes. He chose a truly remarkable woman to gain her wings and sit with him at his throne. To Renee, Angela, Charlene, Tamara and Cousin Charlie, you all are in my thoughts and prayers and I love you.*

Tameka Allen-Wilson - June 24, 2020 at 01:43 PM

RC

“ *I would like to express my regrets for not being there on this day as you celebrate the life of such a sweet and wonderful person as Mrs. Brenda. She epitomized all that is good in the world and will truly be missed. My sincere condolences to the family and may you find peace in the coming days ahead and appreciate the beautiful legacy, that she no doubt, has left behind. All the best and may peace be with you all.*



Ronnie Chapman & family

Ronnie Chapman - June 24, 2020 at 11:28 AM

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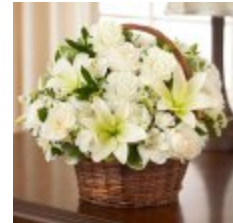
“ My condolences to Charlie and the girls. It leaves me sadden and broken that I couldn't be there for the service but good to know her love and spirit is and will always be with me. Charlie and Brenda have always been the extended parents we loved to be with when we could. Stay strong family as we were taught from an early age and never forget our Lord has brought his angle home to continue to spread her wings to her family, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends. One thing is for sure, she loved her one and only husband...Charlie as well as family members. Stay strong my sweet girls, uncle Charlie, and family. My very deepest condolences.

Edward Nevells, Jr. (Eddieboy)

Ed Nevells - June 24, 2020 at 06:01 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Brenda Arlene Taylor.



June 23, 2020 at 11:41 PM



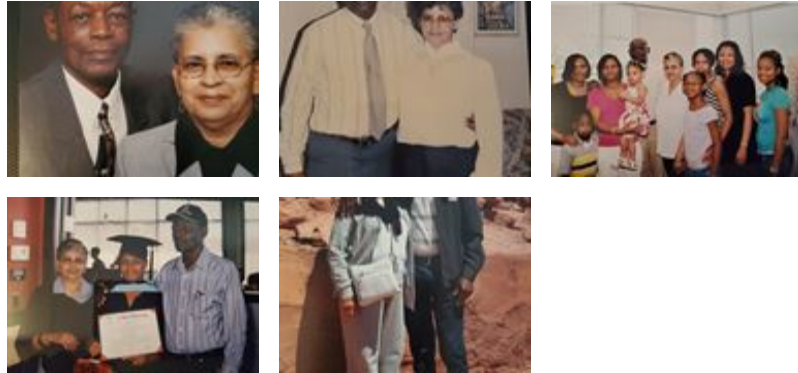
“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Brenda Arlene Taylor.



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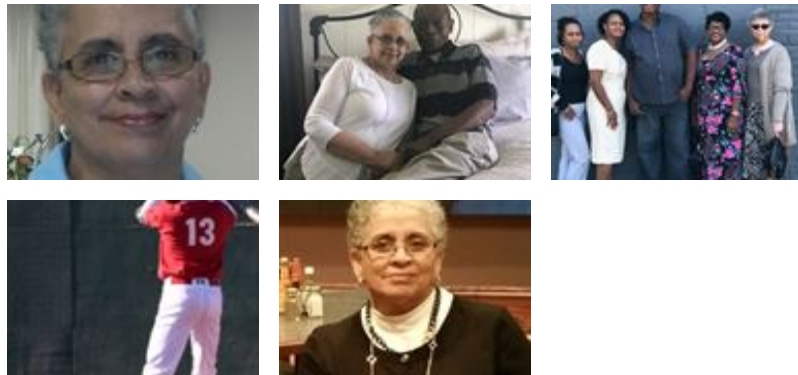
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M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - June 22, 2020 at 11:54 AM

MS

“ My sincere condolences to the Taylor Family. May GOD keep you in His sight and comfort the family in this time of bereavement. GOD BLESS

Maurice Singleton

Maurice Singleton - June 21, 2020 at 02:40 PM

BG

“ Brenda was a beautiful person inside and out. She was loving and giving and always made you feel welcome. No matter what she was facing, she was always positive and faithful, always trusting God. She will be sorely missed by us and all of the lives she touched.

Brenda J. Gilliam - June 21, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Brenda Arlene Taylor.



June 21, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Brenda Arlene Taylor.



June 21, 2020 at 11:02 AM

LF

“ Mrs Brenda was just like a second Mother to me and another Grandmother to my Daughter, Morgan and a very close and dear Friend to my Mother, Lilly Ann Jackson Faison (who preceded her in death only months ago) I will truly miss our joyful conversations! You always gave words of wisdom and encouragement!! I love you!



LaTonya Faison - June 20, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Mrs. Brenda Arlene Taylor.



June 20, 2020 at 04:08 PM

CM

“ I met Mrs. Taylor when she would visit church with her daughter, Renee and her son-in-law, Juan. What I can remember (most) is her beautiful smile with a personality to match. She was such a sweet person and I am happy that I had a chance to meet her. The love she had for her family radiated through her. She was so warm and caring. I also remember the times she would send her special string beans through her daughter to our church potlucks. I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the Garnett's, her friends and family. I know she will be missed but her memory will live on. God bless you all.

Chana Brown- Montgomery - June 20, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Brenda Arlene Taylor.



June 20, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ *Renee and family,*

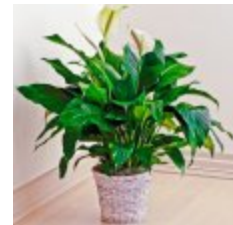
You have my heartfelt sympathy. Though, it appears Miss Brenda prepared her family well for her home-going. Leaving a legacy of leaning, trusting and depending on God. May the beautiful memories that she created and left be a comfort to you and give you the strength you all will need.

*Peace and blessing,
Claudette*

Claudette Henderson - June 20, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Brenda Arlene Taylor.



June 20, 2020 at 08:02 AM