

## <u>Obituary</u>

Brenda Lavern Smith was born in New York City to the late parents, Bertha Lee Smith and Thomas Charles McClain on October 28, 1952. She attended Public School 113, Wadleigh Junior High School and Washington Irving High School. She continued her education and graduated with an Associate's Degree in Applied Science from New York Community College in 1975. Her Passion was working with children, she served as an Assistant Teacher at Lucille Murray Child Development Center for over twenty-five years. Brenda was blessed with a kind heart and reached out to anyone in need. She embraced life and enjoyed sharing her warm smile with everyone. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and great aunt.

She leaves to cherish her memory here on earth: one son, Cartwright Henderson Edwards; his fiancee, Victoria Bruce; one granddaughter, Courtney Edwards; six sisters, Shirley, Jacqueline, Deborah, Dorothy, Victoria and Iris; four brothers, John, Willie, Steven and Lenny; two brothers-in-law, Anselmo (Sonny) and Robert; one aunt, Delores; one uncle, Edward; her best friend "in the whole wide world", Joanne Petersen; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. She joins in heaven her sister, Marie (Lorraine), Thomasina and her brother, Thomas (Junior).

**Dearest Brenda** - Rest our sister because your days of pain, anguish and suffering has ended. You are free! We will MISS YOU and LOVE YOU but **GOD** LOVED YOU BEST!!!

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

**Musical Selection** 

Poem Reading ...... Shirley Ann Walker

Acknowledgements

Eulogy ...... Robert Lee Walker, Jr.

Committal

Final Viewing

Recessional

**Interment** 

Rosehill Cemetery Linden, New Jersey GOD looked around HIS garden and found an empty space.

Then HE looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face,

HE placed HIS arms around you and lifted you to rest

GOD'S garden must be beautiful because HE only takes the best.

HE knew that you were suffering, HE knew you were in pain

HE saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb,

So HE closed your eyes and whispered, "Peace Be Thine".

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,

A part of us went with you the day GOD called you home

If love would have saved you, you never would have gone.

## Family Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and mountains of sincere thanks for the acts of love and kindness shared in their time of sorrow.

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