

In Loving Memory of
Brenda A. Braswell



Sunrise
April 24, 1957

Sunset
April 10, 2015

Sunday, April 19, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Jimmy Starr, Officiating

Mrs. Starr, Organist

Obituary

Brenda Ann Braswell was born on April 24th, 1957 to parents the late Grant Braswell Sr. and Jessie Braswell. She departed this life on the morning of April 10th, 2015.

Brenda, the third child of the Braswell clan, grew to be a bright and ambitious woman within Newark Public Schools. She graduated from South Side High School in 1976. After graduation, she continued her education by enrolling at Kean College, where she studied education. Brenda loved academia and truly immersed herself into the college experience. While at Kean, she met a host of friends and joined the Swing Phi Swing nonprofit social fellowship.

Within this organization, Brenda participated in various community service projects and worked hand in hand with her Swing sisters and Groove Phi Groove brothers to improve the lives of others. After her time at Kean, Brenda took time to see the world. Her travels included exotic destinations such as Jamaica, Cancun and Aruba.

Brenda was employed at Newark Public Schools as a Substitute Teacher. With a passion for education, she touched the lives of all of the children in her care. She was known to be a soft spoken, strict disciplinarian with a patient heart. Ms. Braswell will be sorely missed by faculty and students.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memory, her mother, Jessie Braswell; two brothers, Naverro and Keith Braswell; one sister, Theresa Braswell; three nephews, Kevin Braswell, Eric Chandler and Keith Braswell, Jr.; four nieces, Kiera Waiters, Shanell Rodriguez-Johnson, Shannice Derrick and Johnnice Rodriguez; one god-daughter, Jaleesa Wilson; a sister-in-law, Theresa Rodriguez; a dear friend, George Patterson and a host of great nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Starr

Solo

Donna Tucker

Scripture Reading

Old Testament- Psalm 23

Rev. Jimmy Starr

Prayer of Consolation

Reflections

Family and Friends

Obituary

Theresa Rodriguez

Solo

Donna Tucker

Eulogy

Rev. Jimmy Starr

Recessional

Cremation

Fairmount Crematory

Newark, New Jersey

Repast

Kings Family Restaurant

557 Clinton Avenue • Newark, NJ 07108



Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in
a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love
that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey
that we all must take,
And each must go alone.*

*It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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