

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF**  
*Brenda Bennett*

Sunrise: July 1, 1961 - Sunset: May 19, 2017



Friday, May 26, 2017- 11:00 a.m.

**Elmwood Presbyterian Church**  
135 Elmwood Avenue  
East Orange, New Jersey 07018  
**Rev. Maria Crompton, Officiating**

# Obituary

**Brenda Bennett** was born on July 1, 1961 in Trinidad and Tobago to Vida Bennett and the late Ceril Brown. As a child, she attended Sangre Grande Government Primary School until she migrated to the United States at the age of 14. She loved to take charge of her younger siblings and was known for getting into playful scuffles with them.

In 1975, Brenda migrated to the United States and resided in Brooklyn, NY. There she attended Liberty Avenue Middle School and then transferred on to Thomas Jefferson High School. After graduating she pursued a higher degree in healthcare at Medger Evers College.

In 1995, Brenda welcomed her beloved daughter Tahirah to the world. She instantly became a devoted and loving mother. Tahirah was her world and she dedicated her life to her daughter. Before her untimely passing Brenda was excited and extremely proud to witness her daughter's graduation march to receive her Bachelor's Degree at Monroe College.

Brenda enjoyed music, movies and fashion. She loved to wear bright colors and beautiful jewelry. She loved to cook. She was noted to always give encouraging advice to her family and friends. She always spoke her mind whether you liked it or not. She loved life and lived it to the fullest. After her time as a stay at home mother came to an end she returned to work where she was employed at Little Flowers Group Home, after some years she started working at Heart Share Human Services and Atria Assisted Living as a Direct Support Professional. Brenda was a dedicated worker and has surely left a void at her workplace. She always had a smile on her face. There was nothing she liked better than to hold an interesting conversation.

She will always be remembered as a devoted mother, caring daughter, and loving sister. The legacy of Brenda's kind spirit, passion for fashion, love for her family and zest for life will live on.

Brenda has earned her rest and is now fast asleep upon her Savior's Breast.

Brenda is survived by her loving daughter, Tahirah Jeffrey; mother, Vida Bennett; sisters, Bernadette, Lima-Ann and Wendy; brother, Kenrick Brown; friend of Tahirah, James and Gabriell Myers; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, extended family and friends.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Invocation..... Rev. Maria Crompton

Opening Hymn..... "I'll Fly Away"

Old Testament Scripture Reading.....Amala Brown- Psalm 23-2

New Testament Scripture Reading.....Nissa Bennett-Wells  
Corinthians 1:3-5

Hymn of Comfort..... "My Life Is In Your Hands"

Reading of the Obituary.....Tameka Martin

Expressions of Love.....Tamar Nurse

Solo....."His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Arcia Stokes

Eulogy..... Rev. Maria Crompton

Recessional..... Alicia Keys - "If I Ain't Got You"

Benediction

## **INTERMENT**

Rosehill Cemetery  
792 E. Edgar Rd  
Linden, New Jersey

## **Repast**

442 South Clinton Street  
East Orange, NJ 07018



Love lives on...  
When I am, tired and laid to rest  
Love lives on

When you are, inconsolable  
and filled with sorrow

Loves lives on

When I have taken my last breath

Love lives on

When your tears start to flow smile for

Love lives on

When I seem to be, a distant memory  
find me in your heart for

Love lives on

When time comes, we shall be together again for

Love lives on

## Quotes

“Say not in grief that she is no more  
but say in thankfulness that she was”

“The song has ended, but the melody lingers on...”

## Acknowledgement

Grateful for  
the richness of her life,  
the kindness of her heart  
and the love of her friends,

The Family of Brenda Bennett is grateful to God  
for her life, your friendship and for your kindness  
and prayers. We deeply appreciate and gratefully  
acknowledge your kind expressions  
of sympathy. With Love and gratitude  
The Bennett Family.

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