

*Honoring the Life of*



*Brenda A. Martin*

**April 26, 1941 - January 8, 2021**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Maranatha Baptist Church**

**112-42 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY 11429**

# Obituary

**Brenda Armenia Martin** born on April 26, 1941, in Brooklyn, New York. She was the third of seven children born to Harriet and William Winfield.

Brenda was baptized at St. Philips Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, New York. Her dedication to loving and serving as a faithful follower of Christ continued at St. James the Less Episcopal Church, in Jamaica, New York. There she served as a member of the St. Faith's Guild, which raised funds for the church's needs.

She first attended elementary school in Brooklyn, and then in Queens after the family moved. Brenda graduated from Andrew Jackson High School. She continued her educational endeavors at Queens College, where she obtained an Associate Degree. As a young woman, Brenda traveled extensively and visited such countries as Egypt and Monaco.

Brenda entered into the workforce at the Social Security Payment Center in Rego Park, N.Y. Thereafter, she continued her career of over 30 years, with the City of New York Department of Human Resources Administration/ Department of Social Services, from which she retired as a Principal Administrative Associate in 1996.

She married the late Emanuel Martin on September 25, 1971, at her aforementioned church home. From this union, God blessed them with their daughter, Karena Yvonne Martin, who was truly a gift as she was born on their exact wedding anniversary date, a few years later.

During her retirement years, Brenda continued her love of traveling and frequently took unforgettable trips with her sisters, daughter, extended family, and friends. She read almost every book written by Danielle Steel. She loved music including the Bee Gees, Teddy Pendergrass, James Brown and Bobby Womack. Brenda also stayed current with the latest music, pop culture, and social media such as Instagram. Brenda loved games of chance and was always happy to spend (winning) time in Atlantic City or Las Vegas.

She was a warm and caring person, who was always available and willing to help her family and friends, no matter their needs; be it time, financial contributions or love and support. One of her greatest joys later in life was providing care for her great, great, nieces and nephews. Brenda's home was a sanctuary and place of love for many. Her home was always open to family members and friends who were going through periods of transition in their lives. It was the hub for holidays, family gatherings, or just enjoying an opportunity to visit with her, receiving her wisdom, or basking in her wit. Brenda was a wonderful mother to her daughter, and extended that maternal love to all of her family, friends, and daughter's friends. Brenda was full of love and life. She was charming, loved, and appreciated by all who were lucky enough to know her.

Brenda's heavenly departure occurred suddenly, January 8, 2021, in her home in Cambria Heights, New York. She leaves to mourn and cherish her memory, her loving daughter Karena Martin. She will be profoundly missed by her surviving siblings Yvonne, Yvette, Beryl and Yul; as well as held in the hearts of a host of immediate, great, and great-great nieces and nephews, her brother-in-law Harold Martin and her sister-in-law Vivian Martin. Brenda was blessed with many friends, who will always have a place for her in their hearts. She will be met in heaven by her beloved husband Emanuel Martin, her parents William and Harriet, and her sister Barbara and her brother Yon.

# *Order of Service*

Reception of the Body

Opening Anthem

Opening Hymn..... “Just As I Am”

Opening Prayer

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

The First Lesson ..... Isaiah 61: 1-3

Psalm #23

Second Lesson..... Revelation 7:9-17

Hymn..... “Amazing Grace”

The Holy Gospel .....St. John 14:1-6

The Homily..... The Rev. Dr. Dennison S. Richards

The Apostles' Creed

The Prayers of the People

The Greeting of Peace

The Commendation

Closing Hymn ..... “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

Closing Anthems

The Committal (At the door of the chapel)

*Interment*  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Brooklyn, New York

## **Honorary Pallbearers**

Bryant Carrington  
Demetris Carson  
Gerard Gilmore  
Sean Hartgrove  
Eric Jackson  
Lance Obadiaru



We loved her and wanted her to stay, but God needed her more.  
My task is done. I am no longer in pain or sorrow.  
I have no more worries. God blessed me with a wonderful life.  
I move on to be with the Lord.  
Rejoice all in knowing that I am going home to heaven  
and to those who have gone before me.



*May you Rest in Paradise Dear Brenda*

*Love from your Family and Friends*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Brenda Martin** would like to express their profound and heartfelt gratitude for every act of love and kindness extended to them during these most difficult days. In the days ahead, we will need your continued prayers and support.

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