

In Loving Memory of
Brenda Johnson



Sunrise: October 20, 1949
Sunset: July 5, 2021

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021 - 2:00 P.M.

Philemon Baptist Church

246 Shephard Ave. • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating

Rev. Anita Bethea, Organist

Obituary

Brenda (Byrd) Johnson was born October 20th, 1949 to the late Theodore Roosevelt Byrd Jr. and the late Adeline (Branch) Byrd in Newark, NJ. The Lord called her home for eternal rest on July 5, 2021.

Brenda graduated from Essex County Girl Vocational Tech High School. She attended both Essex County College and Rutgers University for Business Administration.

Brenda was a member at Clinton Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church and served in the choir. Later she joined Humanity Baptist Church where she was Baptized and served as an Usher.

Brenda married Ronald James Johnson at Clinton Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church and they were married for over 50 years. She was the Mother to Reginald Eric Johnson and his wife Tawanna; Step Mother to Rhianna Rogers; Step Daughter to the late Margie Lee Boone; Grandmother to Octavia Wright, Caliyah Johnson, and Jaida Johnson. Sister to the late Richard Byrd; Tracy Byrd and Antoneese Grant. Step sister to Gladys Bailey and Ann Brown. Sister-in-law to the late Richard and Esther Johnson; late Abraham and Marietta Hayes; late Barbara Harris; Sandra Johnson; late Dennis (Wendy) Johnson, Joann and Eric Gray. Aunt/Auntie to a host of beloved nieces and nephews. Cousins to Lou and Shirley Hardy; Debra James. Special childhood friends/sisters in Jesus Christ; Anita (Nelson) White, Gail (Mason) Sherian, Lilly Chadwick and Sherlane Pitt. Honorary mother to Ryan Marsh, Brian Everett, Randy Stephens, Mark Waldron, James Anderson and Keith Solomon.

Brenda worked at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center for 35 years. She considered herself blessed to have worked with so many beautiful and diverse people.

She loved to travel, dance and sing, loved listening to smooth jazz and gospel music; enjoyed watching science and history documentaries; Sci-Fi, drama, mystery movies and books.

She will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.



Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading

Prayer of Comfort

Poem

Antoneese Grant

Selection

Lady Rose

Remarks (2 mins each)

Obituary/Acknowledgements

Anita White

Selection

Lady Rose

Eulogy

Rev. Allen

Recessional

Repast will be held 4pm at :

The TREC Center

55 Ludlow Street

Newark, NJ 07114

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey



With Warmest Thanks

*The family of **Brenda Johnson** wishes to acknowledge with sincere gratitude, the many expressions of sympathy shown to us during this hour of bereavement. Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers that we saw sitting there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us all day.*

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you for whatever part. God Bless you!

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