



Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman

December 16, 1947 - July 30, 2021

On Friday, July 30, 2021, God guided the sweet, caring, and gentle spirit of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman, affectionately known as “Brent,” to her eternal resting place, free from pain and suffering. Brenda was born December 16, 1947, to the late Margaret Thompson and the late Only D. Byrd.

Brent left Piedmont, S.C. at an early age and moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., where she received her education. On February 16, 1966, while in New York, she met her “knight in shining armor,” Freddie Freeman. They both shared a passion for music. The two began writing music together, at which time Brent wrote “Your Touch Bring Back Memories,” Freddie’s number one hit.

Brent worked in the Portsmouth Public School system, at Churchland Primary, as a custodian for ten years. She later retired. Her favorite things to do included attending yard sales, jigsaw puzzles, being an avid collector of salt-n-pepper shakers, playing cards, and attempting to win millions on daily lottery scratch-off tickets. However, her favorite moments were those when her family, especially her grandchildren, surrounded her.

She was a beloved wife to Fred Freeman for 55 incredible years. She was an affectionate mother to Melissa McMillian, Dennis Freeman (Christy), and Chimere Freeman (Donte). She also leaves to cherish Fred Freeman Jr. (Faith), Troy Jones (Ethel), Michael Freeman, Frederica Green (Eric), Latonya Lynch, and Lamont Johnson, one sister, Ida Clark, and one aunt, Nellie Bolden (William). She was a loving grandmother to 26 grandchildren, whom

she was incredibly proud of, including Latoya, Tyrell, Deshawn, DJ, Daijah, Denzel, Maurice, MarTayvius, Markhael. Brent leaves to cherish 31 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Her stepfather, David Simmons of Piedmont, S.C., her brother David Simmons Jr. of Brooklyn, N.Y., and her granddaughter Ka'Shara Branch of Portsmouth, V.A., precede her in death.

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
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Service

AUG 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman*

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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 06, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ *From Toni (Orr) from Brooklyn NY - RIP Brent. There is no more pain fro you. You will truly be missed. Condolences and prayers go out to the family.*

Antonia - August 06, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman.*



August 06, 2021 at 04:52 AM

FF

“ From, Richard (top) Watkins and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman.



From, Richard (top) Watkins and Family - August 05, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 05, 2021 at 06:25 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman.



August 05, 2021 at 03:59 PM

DA

“ The Pollard family sends our love and heartfelt condolences to the Freeman and Simmons Family. We love you all and are praying for you. May God send his holy spirit to comfort you during these sorrowful times.



Dominique Pollard Adams - August 05, 2021 at 03:36 PM

GC

“ I worked at Churchland during the time that Brenda worked there. We had many good conversations. I'm glad that our paths met at Churchland Primary. I'm offering prayers of comfort to the family. 🙏
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Geraline Cox - August 05, 2021 at 03:03 PM

TF

“ Travis & Yolanda Towns & Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman.



Travis & Yolanda Towns & Family - August 05, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman.



August 05, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman.



August 05, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman.*



August 05, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *Evora Hall Stewart lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman*



Evora Hall Stewart - August 05, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman.*



August 05, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ *LaWona Ward lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman*



LaWona Ward - August 05, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 05, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ RIP Brent, No more pain and suffering. Your with God now. You will never be forgotten.

Lil Jack



Roy Towns - August 04, 2021 at 11:03 PM



“ Bernadette Marshall Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman



Bernadette Marshall jefferson - August 04, 2021 at 09:32 AM

DQ

“ *Donna Quinerly lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman*



Donna Quinerly - August 03, 2021 at 02:48 PM

HC

“ *HLA Home Care lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman*



HLA Home Care - August 03, 2021 at 01:44 PM

DA

“ *Derrick Adams lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ann Simmons-Freeman*



Derrick Adams - August 03, 2021 at 04:15 AM