



Brenda Joyce Cormier-Brinkley

July 25, 1943 - January 17, 2025

On Friday, January 17, 2025, Brenda Cormier-Brinkley went to be with the Lord, heavenward toward her final resting place. Brenda was a devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, friend, and psalmist.

She was born in Portsmouth, VA, to the late Walter and Josephine Gatling. Brenda attended Crestwood High School and Tidewater Community College, where she earned her Associate Degree.

Brenda worked at Portsmouth Public Library for over thirty years. She loved reading and engaging with her community. In addition to her passion as a librarian, she was deeply involved in her church community and was widely known as a soloist. Family—both blood and chosen—was at the core of Brenda's life.

She has been a faithful New Mount Vernon Baptist Church member for over thirty years and is currently a member of Miracle of Faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Josephine Gatling; her husband, Melvin Brinkley; her cherished daughter, Gwendolyn Cooper; and her brothers, Walter, Leslie, Ronnie, and Larry Gatling.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Jacqueline (Charles)

Pierce; Lynda Faye James; Tyrone (Christy) Cormier; grandchildren Tanishia (Kevin) Perry, Courtney Pierce, Angelika Shinault, and her only grandson, Lincoln Paul Cormier; great-grandchildren Destinee Stith, Kelsey Carr-Stith, Kameron Carr-Stith; devoted cousins Linda Reed, Sharon Gordon, Nicholas Gordon, and Carolyn Vasquez; sisters-in-law; special friend Vonda Bracey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and church family.

Cemetery Details

Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road
Chesapeake, Va

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

JAN **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall

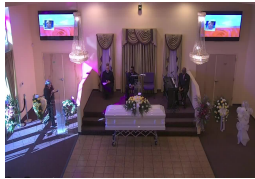
KR

“ *The spiritual songbird has gone on to rest and continue to share her voice heavenly. I was a member of Miracle of Faith along with my mother. I loved to hear Ms Brenda sing. Beautiful voice and one of my favorite songs she sang was What God Said (probably not correct title). My condolences to her family and friends .*

Kim Rodgers - January 29, 2025 at 08:11 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Celebration of Brenda Joyce Cormier-Brinkley*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 24, 2025 at 12:07 PM

SS

Ms. Joyce was a soldier for the Lord. I want her legacy to know, I listened over the years. I had the privilege to know her strength of character, and I take up the charge, as she demanded of all us lil kids of Tazewell St. Rest In Power.

Spike Sallee - January 25, 2025 at 12:51 AM

AR

“ To the Brinkley family. My heart goes out to you all. But we can rejoice in knowing Brenda was a child of the king...she had an angelic voice that could move you. I'll always remember Brenda, my other mom. I went on my first cruise with her, we had a ball! Heaven have gained another angel. Brenda my mom and dad are rejoicing around heaven. I love you Brenda and I'm going to miss our phone calls. God bless you family!

Angela Roberson - January 24, 2025 at 11:17 AM

RM

Brenda and I had a joyful time in conversation when we talked in December. We enjoyed our talking about the goodness of God and the family blessings we had. Family had included blood, community and definitely church. Family there is no doubt about Brenda's love for Christ. I'm definitely praying for all of you

Rev Joyce Mackey-Foster - January 27, 2025 at 04:25 PM

CC

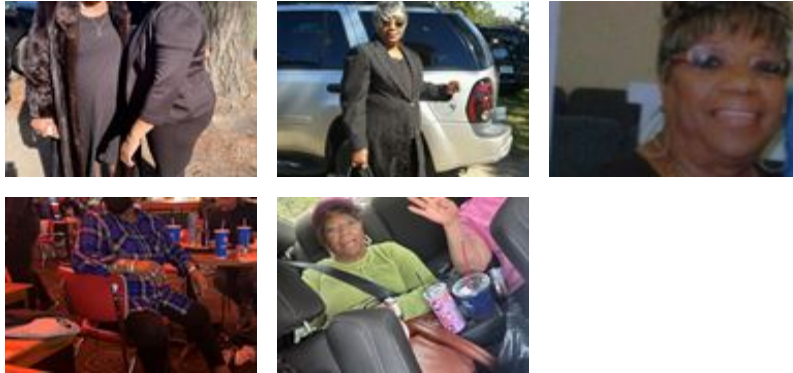
“ The time came for my sister and I to physically part, but we will always be spiritually connected. The last conversation shared with she, Faye and I in Room 2303 at Maryview Medical Center will not be forgotten. Our love for each other and the respect of each other's opinion was beyond measure. Brenda, I loved you in life and that love will continue as you enjoy "eternal life". Farewell servant of God!!! Well done!!!



Carolyn Hurdle Cannon - January 23, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ 19 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 23, 2025 at 11:59 AM

EM

“ *Condolences to the family*

Evon Myrick - January 22, 2025 at 09:35 PM

LS

“ *"Bren" as I affectionately called her, was one of my best friends while working many years together at Portsmouth Public Library. Brenda was very popular because of her friendliness, loyalty and devotion to the Lord. Her singing was so amazing, you knew it was a Gift from God. When she sang, you could actually feel the Spirit within. Her dedication to friends and family was unmatched. I'll never forget...years ago, she was scheduled to sing at a program/banquet sponsored by my church. We did not expect her to appear, since her daughter was buried a few days before. With her extraordinary strong faith in God, she showed up and sang the whole place happy. Heaven is now blessed with a sweet, melodious Angel.*

Linda Smith

Linda Y. Smith - January 22, 2025 at 08:01 PM

VP

“ Sending Prayers out to Faye and the whole Family . I was so shocked I couldn't believe it .Asking God to give all of you Strength to Walk down this Journey. 🙏❤️



Vicky Porter - January 22, 2025 at 06:54 PM

AB

“ My condolences to the family. I've known Brenda a very long time and will miss hearing her sing. May God comfort you during this time.

Alice Bazemore - January 22, 2025 at 04:21 PM

VW

“ My Condolences to Brenda's Family. I worked with her at Portsmouth Public Library's Lending Desk and we become very good friends as we were both married to military men. Brenda was always so straight forward with me and that's what I loved about her. She loved her family and I know y'all will miss her, but just know she will always be right there with you. Heaven has gained an Angel. Blessings to you all❤�

Veronica White - January 22, 2025 at 12:44 AM

HC

“ Halliburton Completions Center purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Brenda Joyce Cormier-Brinkley.



Halliburton Completions Center - January 21, 2025 at 10:09 AM