



## Fredda Samantha Bryan

September 30, 1965 - June 1, 2017

On June 1, 2017, Fredda Samantha Blackman Bryan was called home to be with our Lord. She was born on September 30th 1965, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, to May Tagupa Blackman a native Hawaiian and Freddie Samuel Blackman a U.S. Marine from Dallas Texas. She was the youngest child having an older brother Dane and sister Randolyn. The family lived on several military bases in the U.S. before settling in Oceanside California, near Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base in 1976. It was Oceanside that Fredda called her hometown. Fredda attended Jefferson Jr. High School and graduated from El Camino High School.

In 1983, shortly thereafter she worked several years at LaCosta Resort and Spa before joining the Navy in February of 1987. Fredda retired in 2009 with the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer. Upon retirement Fredda went to work for the American Cancer Society, where she was a dedicated champion for the cause of Breast Cancer Awareness. She was a Breast Cancer survivor, while in recent years living with stage 4 Cancer.

She leaves behind her only son D'Angelo Applewhite of Chesapeake, VA, father Francis "Daddy" Ferguson, of Oceanside, CA, brother Freddie Patrick Blackman of New York, NY, sister Randolyn Anderson of Atlanta, GA, nieces Trina Jenkins of Denver, CO., Octavia Ellison of Houston, TX, Jasmine Walker of Atlanta, GA., and seven great nieces and nephews, aunt Beverly Blackman

of Dallas, TX., God parents Samuel and Thelma Phillips of Chesapeake, VA., Godson Eric Robert Hunter of North Hollywood, CA., and a host of friends, colleagues and loved ones. Fredda was preceded in death by her mother May Tagupa Blackman, father Freddie Samuel Blackman, a niece Michelle E. Blackwell and nephew Joaquin G. Pruitt.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake Service

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

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JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grove Church  
5910 West Norfolk Road  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Fredda Samantha Bryan



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 06, 2017 at 06:43 PM

FH

*Beautiful tribute to a Beautiful lady. Thank you for your service.*

Freida Hartwell - June 07, 2017 at 01:40 PM



*Beautiful. You WON the race!!*

Suzette Tate-Creekmore - June 08, 2017 at 06:16 PM

S"

*Beautiful!! Thank you.. Rest Well Fredda ❤️❤️❤️*

Shannon Nurse "sister " - June 09, 2017 at 06:42 PM



*Hi Baby Your fight is over, you have won your race. Rest well Babygirl.*

Frank Ferguson - August 29, 2017 at 12:23 AM

OH

*Thank you for sharing! My thoughts and prayers are with you!*

olaf hansen - August 29, 2017 at 06:45 AM

DW

*So beautiful. No more pain! Rest In Paradise .... I'll see u when i get there....*

**Dionne Wing-Powels** - August 30, 2017 at 01:18 AM

KM

*Hey Fredda Girl Love you*

**Kim M. Martin** - October 06, 2017 at 08:13 AM

KS

“ *Thank you for your strength and your grace.*

*Kenneth Spencer*

**Kenneth Spencer** - June 11, 2017 at 05:22 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Hatz lit a candle in memory of Fredda Samantha Bryan*



**Nancy Hatz** - June 08, 2017 at 06:32 PM

JH

“ The Hampton Roads Chapter of the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation would like to extend our heart felt sympathy to Family and Friends of Fredda. To say she was a true warrior and a child of God is an understatement. She has touched many lives as they embarked on their journey with cancer. Cancer loss the battle with Fredda in her own gentle sweet way. Her soothing smile and gentle voice of words of encouragement will be greatly missed. Rest on our friend for you have fought a good and faithful fight.



John 3:16~For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son(Fredda), that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life..Rest on our FRIEND!

Juanita Harris-Jones  
Hampton Roads Chapter of VBCF

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Juanita Harris-Jones - June 07, 2017 at 12:03 AM

JH

“ The Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation Hampton Roads Chapter would like to extend our heart felt sympathy to the Family and Friends. Fredda touched and encourage a lot of people, families as they embarked on their journey with cancer in her soft gentle way. We have a lost a true warrior and child of God. Rest on you have fought a good and faithful fight. Cancer didn't defeat you, you just pave another road for warriors to follow. We loved and will miss your soothing smile.



Juanita Harris-Jones  
Hampton Roads Chapter of VBCF

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Juanita Harris-Jones - June 06, 2017 at 11:39 PM

CC

“ *A true Hero*

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**Charlene Cattoi** - June 06, 2017 at 08:27 PM

NE

“ *I met Fredda during a Portsmouth Relay for a Life meeting. We talked for hours that day. I will always remember for kind spirit. To know her was to love her. Fredda you will truly be missed but never forgotten.*



*Nicky Somerville Edwards*

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**Nicky S Edwards** - June 06, 2017 at 01:35 PM

SG

“ *Fredda was truly a beautiful lady both inside and out. She was a true champion for all who had any dealings with cancer of all types. Her involvement in the Hampton Roads communities was invaluable. She will always be remembered for her soft encouraging words and strong furious fighting ability for all she believed in. Everyone who knew her will truly miss her but we are happy that she is at peace and free from pain. Please know that our prayers and thoughts are with her family during this period and that she will always be in our hearts.*

*Shirley M. George,, Virginia Education Association  
Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation*

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**Shirley M. George** - June 06, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Fredda Samantha Bryan.* ”



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June 06, 2017 at 11:29 AM



“ *9 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - June 06, 2017 at 08:47 AM

JB

“ While only attending Grove Church a few months now, I can remember back when Pastor Marriner brought Fredda forward and spoke about her condition to the congregation. Not knowing who she was before, I felt compelled to approach Fredda and introduce myself and say to her, "Fredda, From This Day Forward I Will Never Forget Your Name." I saw her a couple times after that at Sunday service and to my surprise she remembered my name. Even in the condition she was in, she made me feel special by remembering who I was. She gave me clarity and a renewed sense of faith in God that I didn't have before. I am thankful to her for giving me that. I am deeply sadden to hear of her passing and My heart and prayers go out to her family. She truly was an angel!



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**Jorge Bryant** - June 05, 2017 at 11:03 PM

CF

“ God looked around his garden and He found an empty place  
He looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face  
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best

He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain  
He knew that you would never get well on earth again

He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb  
So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace Be Thine"

It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

Seth and Carmen Fitch  
ACCM Ret USN

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Carmen Fitch - June 05, 2017 at 10:56 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family  
of Fredda Samantha Bryan.



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June 05, 2017 at 08:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Fredda Samantha Bryan.*



June 05, 2017 at 06:42 PM



“ *Eloise B. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Fredda Samantha Bryan.*



**Eloise B.** - June 05, 2017 at 06:30 PM



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**Marcia Pitt-Ridgill** - June 05, 2017 at 06:25 PM



“ *Virginia Athletic Council purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Fredda Samantha Bryan.*



**Virginia Athletic Council** - June 05, 2017 at 06:05 PM

MP

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Marcia Pitt-Ridgill - June 05, 2017 at 04:06 PM

MP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Marcia Pitt-Ridgill - June 05, 2017 at 03:45 PM



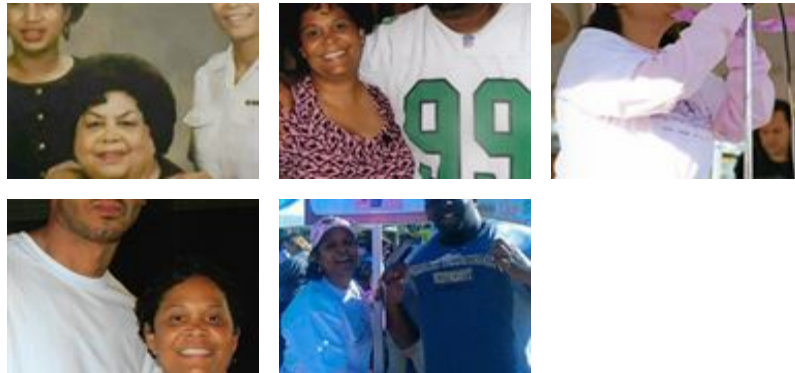
“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Fredda Samantha Bryan.



June 05, 2017 at 02:56 PM



“ 35 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - June 05, 2017 at 12:59 PM

TG

“ *Fredda you will forever be in my heart. Thank you for being so strong for so many people. I was happy to be in your presence, my very on angel on earth. You are whole again without any pain. I love you my sister in Christ.*  
*Tammy Gibson*

**Tammy W. Gibson** - June 05, 2017 at 10:53 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fredda Samantha Bryan.*



June 05, 2017 at 10:45 AM

TC

“ *I am honored and blessed to have known Fredda. She was truly a blessing and she will be missed.* *Teresia Chism*

**Teresia Chism** - June 05, 2017 at 09:47 AM

TM

“ Tracey Mayweather lit a candle in memory of Fredda Samantha Bryan



Tracey Mayweather - June 05, 2017 at 09:42 AM

DM

“ So very sorry for your loss. May God strengthen and comfort you during this time.

Delceno Miles - June 05, 2017 at 08:43 AM

 Jenita Myers-White

“ It is not for me to ask why Lord but to thank you for experiencing your fire and light through Fredda. Thank you for sharing her smile, wisdom and boldness with us all.



Jenita Myers-White - June 05, 2017 at 08:40 AM

RS

“ Forever in our hearts. She will be truly missed. Condolences to the family.  
Regenia Simmons



Regenia Simmons - June 05, 2017 at 06:35 AM

DB

“ *Fredda supported and prayed for me as a Breast Cancer Survivor. She was loved and will be truly missed. May God comfort us all.*

*Della Boothe*



**Della Boothe** - June 05, 2017 at 03:12 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Fredda Samantha Bryan.*



June 05, 2017 at 02:08 AM

BJ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Brian Johnson** - June 04, 2017 at 06:27 PM

SF

“ *Simone Jackson & Family lit a candle in memory of Fredda Samantha Bryan*



**Simone Jackson & Family** - June 04, 2017 at 06:15 PM

LB

“ When I served as Principal of I.C. Norcom High School, I was honored to have been recognized at the 2010 "Nothing More to Prove" Luncheon sponsored by the Hampton Roads Chapter of the National Association of Black Military Women for my service in the field of education. Fredda Bryan recommended me for that honor. I will be eternally grateful to her for selecting me. My sincere condolences to her family and friends. She will always be remembered for her tireless efforts as an advocate for breast cancer awareness.

*Lynn Briley*

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**Lynn Briley** - June 04, 2017 at 06:09 PM

RE

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I'm glad I met Fredda and will truly miss her. She was a blessing to many. May you find comfort from God my thoughts and prayers are with your family.



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**Regina** - June 04, 2017 at 05:13 PM

TS

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Fredda. She was truly a blessing to our community but especially to the Grove family. We love her and will always miss her. RC and Theresa Smith



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**Theresa Smith** - June 04, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Fredda Samantha Bryan.*



June 03, 2017 at 07:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fredda Samantha Bryan.*



June 03, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ *Fredda you will be truly missed.*  
*Cheryl*  
*Suffolk*



**cheryl McAllister** - June 03, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Randolyn Anderson** - June 03, 2017 at 08:48 AM

“ *If Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

*Author believed to be*

*David Romano*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
And I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me,*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things,  
We didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you,  
and each time that you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.*

*But when tomorrow starts without me,  
Please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name,  
And took me by the hand,  
and said my place was ready,  
In heaven far above,  
And that I'd have to leave behind  
All those I dearly love.*

*But as I turned to walk away,  
A tear fell from my eye  
For all my life, I'd always thought,  
I didn't want to die.*

*I had so much to live for,  
So much left yet to do,  
It seemed almost impossible,  
That I was leaving you.*

*I thought of all the yesterdays  
The good ones and the bad,  
I thought of all the love we shared,  
and all the fun we had*

*If I could re-live yesterday  
Just even for a while,  
I'd say good-bye and kiss you  
And maybe see you smile.*

*But then I fully realized,  
That this could never be,  
For emptiness and memories,  
would take the place of me.*

*And when I thought of worldly things,  
I might miss come tomorrow,  
I thought of you, and when I did,  
My heart was filled with sorrow.*

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*But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home  
When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden  
throne.*

*He said, "This is eternity,*

*And all I've promised you."  
Today your life on earth is past,  
But here life starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow,  
But today will always last,  
And since each day's the same way  
There's no longing for the past.*

*You have been so faithful,  
So trusting and so true.  
Though there were times  
You did some things  
You knew you shouldn't do.*

*But you have been forgiven  
And now at last you're free.  
So won't you come and take my hand  
And share my life with me?*

*So when tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here, in your heart.*

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**Lenay Bolden** - June 03, 2017 at 06:04 AM

SC

“ *Sharell Clifton lit a candle in memory of Fredda Samantha Bryan*



Sharell Clifton - June 03, 2017 at 04:16 AM

VG

“ *My heart is so heavy right now. Fredda was a great friend and will truly be missed by many. May the family find strength in the days ahead and know you are all in my prayers.*



Veronica Gilchrist - June 02, 2017 at 10:53 PM

ST

“ *Shannon Gibson Thayer lit a candle in memory of Fredda Samantha Bryan*



Shannon Gibson Thayer - June 02, 2017 at 09:03 PM

RC

“ *Prayers and Condolences to the Families and Friends 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤�*

Renita Cherry-Thomas - June 02, 2017 at 08:04 PM

RB

“ Russ Beeson lit a candle in memory of  
Fredda Samantha Bryan



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**Russ Beeson** - June 02, 2017 at 08:01 PM

 Irma  
Cooper

“ Our hearts are filled with sorrow upon hearing  
the news about our Sister Veteran and  
NABMW member, Fredda Bryan. We know  
GOD is faithful and will comfort the family  
during this time of grief. Please accept the  
sincere condolences from the members of the Los Angeles Chapter  
National Association Black Military Women.  
COL (RET) Irma Cooper, Chapter President and MSG (RET)  
Charlotte Jennings, Chapter Vice President.



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**Irma Cooper** - June 02, 2017 at 07:52 PM

 Trina  
Lloyd

*Ms. Cooper, there will be an event in Fredda's hometown of Oceanside  
CA on Sept 30, 2017. We would love to have one of your members or  
your self to come out and represent the chapter at  
The event. Please feel free to contact me at [tloydhome@aol.com](mailto:tloydhome@aol.com)  
Visit the event RSVP site at [www.sendrsvp.com/honorfredda](http://www.sendrsvp.com/honorfredda)*

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**Trina Lloyd** - September 10, 2017 at 02:29 AM

IB

“ *Isaiah (retired LT USN) and Deborah Banks purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Fredda Samantha Bryan.*



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**Isaiah (retired LT USN) and Deborah Banks** - June 02, 2017 at 07:21 PM



“ *Freda was a loyal and dedicated member of the National Association of Black Military Women. It was indeed an honor to have known such a fine and upstanding individual. My condolences to the family and her many friends.*



*Ernestine Faircloth*

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**Ernie Faircloth** - June 02, 2017 at 05:24 PM

SG

“ *People sometimes come into our lives and touch us so softly we don't always notice.  
Some quietly guide us so that we may find our path in life.  
Some ensure we stay at the top of our game.  
Some reach out and teach us to move mountains.  
She was all that and so much more.  
A dear friend, mentor and most of all family.  
She exuded strength, poise, class and true grit.  
I am humbled and honored to have known her.  
Fair Winds and Following Seas Fredda.*

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**Sylvia Gibson** - June 02, 2017 at 12:53 PM

RA

*Our family Thanks you for sharing your BEAUTIFUL thoughts on Fredda.*

**Randolyn Anderson** - June 03, 2017 at 08:41 AM

TJ

“ *Tanisha Jackson lit a candle in memory of Fredda Samantha Bryan*



**Tanisha Jackson** - June 02, 2017 at 11:30 AM



“ *Chris Mendenhall lit a candle in memory of Fredda Samantha Bryan*



**Chris Mendenhall** - June 02, 2017 at 08:37 AM

RA

*Our family Thanks you.*

**Randolyn Anderson** - June 03, 2017 at 08:42 AM

HS

“ Words cannot express the sorrow I feel in hearing of the passing of Fredda. I met Fredda some years ago at a National Association of Black Military Women (NABMW) Reunion! Fredda was such a beautiful person both inside and out! Her presence radiated the room when she was present. I will always remember her beautiful spirit and bubbly personality! Heaven has gained another Angel and all is well. May God continue to strengthen and comfort the family as you mourn your loved one! She will truly be missed.

*Very Respectfully,*

*Colonel (R) Harriet L. Staten  
President Emeritus, Atlanta Metro Chapter of NABMW*

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**Harriet Staten** - June 02, 2017 at 07:44 AM

RA

*Thank you Colonel Staten your words are Truly appreciate it from our family.*

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**Randolyn Anderson** - June 03, 2017 at 08:45 AM

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**Marcia Pitt-Ridgill** - June 02, 2017 at 07:28 AM



*Fredda is being honored on Sept 30th in her home town of Oceanside CA, we would love to have you attend please visit [www.sendsvp.com/honorfredda](http://www.sendsvp.com/honorfredda)  
Inbox if you like for more info.*

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**Trina Lloyd** - September 10, 2017 at 02:33 AM