



Brenda Walker

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Brenda Ford Walker, 73, of Chattanooga, passed away, Monday, June 9, 2025, in a hospital in Newnan, Georgia. She was born November 1, 1951 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late Betty Terry and Tommy Ford. She was the baby girl of 10 siblings. Brenda received her education in the Chattanooga Public School and was a 1969 graduate of Howard High School. Brenda worked for Erlanger Medical Center where she worked in Environmental Services, Children's Respiratory Care, and a Patient Services Representative. She retired on October 31, 2019, after 44 years of service.

On March 20, 1999, Brenda became the wife of Willie E. Walker and were married for 26 years. Brenda was a Servant of Jesus Christ and proud member of Mt. Canaan Baptist Church under the Leadership of the late Pastor Melvin and Mother Maggie Jordan, where she was a member of The Combined Choir, Women of Excellence, Greeters Ministry, and other areas where she could display her gifts and share her infectious smile and compassionate heart.

Brenda's life was rooted in family, and she shared a lifelong bond with her beloved first cousins- a connection that deepened and expanded over the years. . . a powerful network of love, support, and shared legacies that grew even stronger with time. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the entire first cousin clan, near and far, who remained present in Brenda's life through laughter, prayer and presence. Your connection means the world to her and to us.

The Power of Sisterhood: Brenda Walker was richly blessed by a circle of devoted friends whose sisterhood, support and unwavering love graced her life with joy and strength. The family wishes to extend heartfelt gratitude to the following special women who walked closely with her over the years. Over 50 years of love – Brenda "BJ" Smith of Houston, TX, Sandra Harris, Patricia "Pat" Dickens, Harriet Thorton, Mary Bowman, Emma Benford and Michelle Buxton, all of Chattanooga, Cherise Smith and Carolyn Smith of California.



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Your faithful friendship, compassion and shared memories are treasures in Brenda's life. We are deeply thankful for the love you poured into her journey and the light you continue to shine in her memory.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Betty Terry Ford; grandparents, Hollis and Annie Lou Terry; brothers, Robert Howard, Jr., Larry Ford, Jesse Leon Ford, David Zeke Ford, Dennis Ford, and Walter Lebron Ford, Sr.; stepsister, Brenda Howard-McEachin; and cousin, Francis Redus.

Survivors include her husband of 26 years, Willie Walker; very dear and devoted children, Felicia M. (Rashad) Muhammad of Chattanooga and Tristan D. Ford of Rock Hill, SC; sisters, Betty A. Parham of Atlanta, GA, Ann E. Simpson, and Dorothy J. Hurt both of Chattanooga, Renee (Warren) Smith, and Natayle Howard-Woodson of Atlanta, GA; sisters-in-love, Mae Gwen Ford of Memphis, TN, and Debra Ford of Chattanooga; brothers, George Howard, Wayne Howard, Homer (Myra) Howard, Benjamin (Janice) Howard of Atlanta, GA; special cousins, James Hawkins of Knoxville, TN, Emmitt Terry, and Willie Terry, both of Chattanooga; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends.

Brenda will lie-in-state on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 12 noon at Mt. Canaan Baptist Church with Pastor Ternae Jordan, Sr. as the Eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East.



Events

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Lie-In-State

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

12:30 PM - 5:00 PM ET

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076

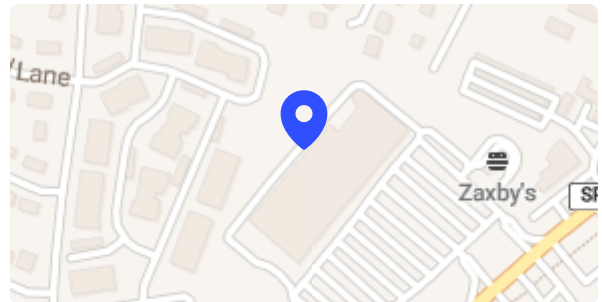


Funeral Service

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:45 PM ET

Mt. Canaan Baptist Church
4801 Highway 58, Chattanooga TN 37416



Burial

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM ET

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga TN 37411





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Laverne Hicks posted:

LaVerne Hicks Such a friendly person always meet you with a smile. Brenda will be missed.

June 20 at 2:49 PM



Wilma Poole lit a candle in honor of Brenda.



June 19 at 8:38 PM



Leslie Andrews Tatum lit a candle in honor of Brenda.



June 19 at 5:11 PM



Karen Fletcher lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

Prayers to Tristan and entire family. ❤️ 👤



June 18 at 4:43 PM



Lisa Pugh posted:

I worked with Brenda in Patient Financial Services. She was truly a beautiful person, heart and soul. She always had a sweet word and friendly smile. We talked about our kids often and shared funny stories or advice. She called my youngest daughter "Rudy", it's a joke we shared. I loved her so much and my life was better the minute I met her. Brenda's family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers. She was and will always be a beautiful light ❤️ 👤 😭

June 18 at 3:42 PM



Princetta Foster Stovall lit a candle in honor of Brenda.



June 18 at 3:25 PM



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Tim Asrnold posted:

i worked with Brenda in Children's Hospital-respiratory care. she was a hard worker and always treated everyone with respect. every one that worked with her loved her. may she rest in peace. tim arnold respiratory therapist

June 18 at 2:25 PM



Sharon Cahill posted:

Brenda made the world a better place. Her smile always touched my heart. She was a blessing to me during our years at Erlanger. It was an honor to know her. Prayers for her family and friends. Sharon Cahill

June 18 at 11:33 AM



Lawanda Smith lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 18 at 8:55 AM



Hazel Christopher lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 18 at 8:44 AM



Diana C Williams posted:

I did not know Mrs Brenda but I knew her son T Ford he is a very nice young g man my grandchildren call him uncle T they love him very much much love to the family Love Gregory and Diana Williams!!❤️❤️

June 18 at 8:29 AM



Apostle Connie Shelton posted:

My deepest sympathy goes out to the family of the late Brenda Walker there is no earthly sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.Take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there.

June 18 at 5:11 AM



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Juhwonna Kelly lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 18 at 4:36 AM



Henry And Mary Moten lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

Brenda you will be missed.Henry and Mary Moten

June 17 at 5:12 PM



Jonique Price lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 17 at 8:21 AM



Sandy L lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

Sending prayers of comfort & hugs to Tristan & family. From your Greater Tucker friends, Sandy & the aboys. 🧑🧑❤️

June 17 at 6:14 AM



Felicia Muhammad June 22 at 5:57 PM

Thank you Ms. Sandy and Greater Tucker Friends!! We Love you



Ava Johnson posted:

Brenda coworker for many years as we worked side by side we enjoyed talking about Jesus and spreading the gospel as customer service representatives she was so kind and understanding as would say live your gurl her Son became my son I will miss her and sending prayers to the family. Mama Ava live yall much.

June 17 at 3:41 AM



Felicia Muhammad June 22 at 5:59 PM

Auuh Ms. Ava, thank you for sharing. I remember Mom talking about you. We appreciate you.



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Carolyn Jones lit a candle in honor of Brenda.



June 17 at 12:32 AM

FM Felicia Muhammad June 22 at 5:59 PM
Thank you Ms. Carolyn!!



Carolyn Jones lit a candle in honor of Brenda.



My love, prayers and condolences to the Ford and Walker families in the passing of Brenda. We grew up in Alton Park and went to church at Alton Park Church of Christ together. I'll always remember that beautiful smile that she had. She was more than a friend, she was my A.P. cousin. God rest her soul. With Love, Prayers and Condolences to the families

June 17 at 12:26 AM

FM Felicia Muhammad June 22 at 6:00 PM
Hey A.P. Auntie (smile)! Thank you for sharing, we apprecia-luv you!!



Myra Cook posted:

Brenda and I were classmates in the Class of 1969. We have been friends since Alton Park Jr. High and lived on 47th Street down from the Lovelaces. Brenda will be missed. My condolences to her family.

June 16 at 5:16 PM

FM Felicia Muhammad June 22 at 7:20 PM
Thank you Ms. Myra!



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BC

Brenda S Coger lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 14 at 7:27 PM



GB

Gina Boyd lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 14 at 4:03 PM



IS

Iciephine Smith lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 14 at 4:00 PM



DB

Dirria Stone Bell lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 14 at 2:35 PM



CB

Cettetra Browner lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

To my second mom. You will be missed. Love you, Cettetra

June 14 at 1:08 PM



EB

Eulassie & Morris Beaty posted:

Our Deepest Condolences to the family of Brenda Ford Walker. Brenda was a very special kind person. She was so friendly. Brenda will be missed by Eulassie and Morris Beaty

June 14 at 1:00 PM



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JB

Joann Ballard sent a virtual gift in honor of Brenda.

June 14 at 9:27 AM



DS

Darlene Shackelford lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 14 at 5:55 AM



NE

Nikoel Smith Erlanger posted:

Brenda was a wonderful person, always had a beautiful smile every time I saw her. Prayers for Willie and her family. She will be missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing her.

June 13 at 4:58 PM

ST

Sharon A Thomas lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 13 at 3:41 PM



MH

Meme Henderson lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 13 at 2:53 PM



LD

Linda Davis lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 13 at 2:27 PM





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HE

Henrietta Erskine posted:

Praying that God will strengthen and keep you all in perfect peace during this season of bereavement. The 1969 class of Howard High School value the memories of our dear classmate and friend. Brenda always welcomed us with an infectious smile. She will be greatly miss as she has transitioned and now in the presence of the Lord. We pray for everyone that she embraced.. We will see her again if you have made Jesus Christ your Lord and Saviior.Lovingly submitted on this day from the 1969. Class of Howard High School, Chatta, TN ❤️💛Rev Blevins B. Saxton, III Class President Rev. Henrietta Erskine SMBC

June 13 at 1:13 PM

SH

Shara Hitchcock posted:

Mrs. Brenda was an Amazing lady! Her and my Moma have been good friends for years and this was hard for her to accept. Tristan, you are in our prayers, rest easy beautiful

June 13 at 10:17 AM

VW

Valencia Willis posted:

To know Ms Brenda was to love her. I've known her for many years, and whenever and wherever I saw her, we would laugh and "cut up". Tristan, I'm so sorry for this great loss. It is my prayer that the God of peace and strength cover you and keep you in the days ahead. With Love ~Valencia Hampton Willis

June 13 at 8:11 AM

TF

Tristan Djaun Ford June 13 at 6:40 PM

Thank you so Valencia.



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Kelli Darden-Jones lit a candle in honor of Brenda.



June 13 at 7:43 AM

TF **Tristan Djaun Ford** June 13 at 6:44 PM
I will forever love mama.....Thank you such Kelli.

KJ **Kelli Darden-Jones** June 13 at 7:47 AM
My deepest condolences to My Friend/Brother Tristan and his family!!! I know that he LOVED his mom and I am praying for his strength!!! May our Lord keep him, his family and friends forever is my prayer as we know God is whomever we need him to be!!



Maxine Hicks lit a candle in honor of Brenda.



June 13 at 7:11 AM



Vickie Merrell lit a candle in honor of Brenda.



June 13 at 6:20 AM

VM **Vickie Merrell** June 13 at 6:24 AM
I met Brenda while working for Walmart, she always had a beautiful smile and keep me laughing about our in the medical field and the customer service we provide in both places.
REST WELL BEAUTIFUL



Deborah Kelly posted:

My deepest condolences to the family of Brenda Ford Walker. Brenda and I were classmates at Alton Park Jr. High School. She and I had some of the best times together. RIP my sister until we meet again. Love you always 🥹

June 13 at 4:42 AM



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Kimberly Douglas sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Walker family.

June 13 at 3:22 AM



Laretta Harrison lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 7:56 PM



Gracelia Moore sent a virtual gift in honor of Brenda.

To the Walker family my heart goes out to you for the loss of your loved one. I knew Brenda from Erlanger Medical Center. She was truly a lovely human being inside and out. I will keep you all in my prayers. May many memories of happiness give you all the peace and comfort you need during this most challenging time. May she rest in eternal peace. Please accept my sincere condolences.

June 12 at 6:25 PM



Diana C Williams posted:

I did not know Mrs Walker but I know her son Tristen my grand children katie and Eli say he's their uncle he is a very nice young man he told me he had to go to Georgia because his Mother was sick and I told him I would pray for her and I did My family is so sorry for the loss of his Mother we love you Tristen Love Gregory and Diana Williams

June 12 at 6:16 PM

TF **Tristan Djaun Ford** June 12 at 8:33 PM
I love you all also -Tristan



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NC

Norma Cooper lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

My prayers and condolences to Tristen and family in the loss of your mother. So sorry for your loss. May God strengthen you during this difficult time. Norma cooper and teena keys

June 12 at 5:39 PM



TF **Tristan Djaun Ford** June 12 at 8:34 PM
Thank you Mama Norma

RH

Reginia Hamilton lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

Condolences and prayers goes out to the family. May God continue to bless you and give you peace during this time.

June 12 at 5:11 PM



GM

Glenda Morgan lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 5:07 PM



JS

Jennifer Swoopes lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 4:44 PM

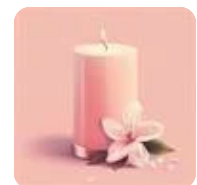


DG

Donna Garner lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

My Condolences to the family 🙏

June 12 at 12:41 PM





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Pat White lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 12:19 PM



Jacqueline Jones -Miller lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 12:15 PM



Alice Montgomery sent a virtual gift in honor of Brenda.

Family, you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May GOD be to you whatever you need HIM to be!!!Nita, Enoushall& Dedra Kilgore

June 12 at 12:14 PM



TF **Tristan Djaun Ford** June 12 at 8:35 PM
Thank you Family I love you!!!



Connie Gates lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 11:54 AM



TF **Tristan Djaun Ford** June 13 at 6:46 PM
Thank you so much.

CG **Connie Gates** June 12 at 11:59 AM
Brenda was a very kind person. I worked with her for many years. Always encouraging. Sweet Spirit. She will be missed. My Deepest Condolences to Her Family. Praying



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VL

Vanessa Lowery lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 11:54 AM



WC

Winifred Ann Careathers sent a virtual gift in honor of Brenda.

Praying for the family,Sorry for your loss

June 12 at 11:45 AM



CG

Carolyn Blakemore Green sent a virtual gift in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 11:33 AM



BS

Blevins B. Saxton Iii lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 10:59 AM



BS

Beverly Sales lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 10:43 AM



MT

Marva Taylor lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 10:39 AM





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PF

Phyllis Patten Fleming lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

Phyllis Patten Fleming/ Howard High School- Class of 1969 lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ford Walker.

June 12 at 9:18 AM



YC

Yolanda Calloway lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 8:59 AM



RA

Rashad posted:

What a beautiful soul we had in Mother Brenda. May God be pleased with her. She definitely will be missed.

June 12 at 7:46 AM

MS

Min. Rosalyn Smedley lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 5:55 AM



CG

Cynthia Dunn-Garrett posted:

To Willie & Family,I am praying for you and the family. Brenda will be missed by those who knew herCynthia Dunn-Garrett & Girls

June 12 at 3:27 AM

ME

Madeana Evans lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

June 12 at 3:12 AM





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Frances Hester posted:

Brenda was one of the sweetest people I ever met! She radiated serenity with calming spirit! Praying comfort for her family but know she is resting in God's arms!❤️

June 11 at 9:36 PM



Joyce Reynolds posted:

We pray that the family be comforted, strengthened and feel the Lord's presence and love all around you. He truly is a very present help! We pray that every need that you have is met!Steve and Joyce Reynolds

June 11 at 3:07 PM



Walter Hitchcock posted:

May God comfort and strengthen you all during this time of bereavement, for we know that God knows all and most of all, "he cares"!!

June 11 at 2:03 PM



Latonya Howard lit a candle in honor of Brenda.



June 11 at 1:09 PM



Carolyn Bailey sent a virtual gift in honor of Brenda.



June 11 at 11:33 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Brenda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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