



Brenda Walker

November 1, 1951 - June 9, 2025

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.

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, Emmit 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.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUN 17. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

JUN 18. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

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

Burial

JUN 18. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall

LH

“ *LaVerne Hicks*

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

LaVerne Hicks - June 20, 2025 at 06:49 PM

WP

“ *Wilma Poole lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Wilma Poole - June 20, 2025 at 12:38 AM

LT

“ *Leslie Andrews Tatum lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Leslie Andrews Tatum - June 19, 2025 at 09:11 PM

KF

“ *Prayers to Tristan and entire family.* 🤍🙏



Karen Fletcher - June 18, 2025 at 08:43 PM

LP

“ 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💕🙏😔

lisa pugh - June 18, 2025 at 07:42 PM

PS

“ Princetta Foster Stovall lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker



Princetta Foster Stovall - June 18, 2025 at 07:25 PM

TA

“ 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

tim arnold - June 18, 2025 at 06:25 PM

SC

“ 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

Sharon Cahill - June 18, 2025 at 03:33 PM

LS

“ *LaWanda Smith lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



LaWanda Smith - June 18, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ *Hazel Christopher lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Hazel Christopher - June 18, 2025 at 12:44 PM

DW

“ *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!!❤️❤️*

Diana C Williams - June 18, 2025 at 12:29 PM

AS

“ *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.*

Apostle Connie Shelton - June 18, 2025 at 09:11 AM

JK

“ *Juhwonna Kelly lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Juhwonna Kelly - June 18, 2025 at 08:36 AM

HM

“ *Brenda you will be missed.*

Henry and Mary Moten



Henry and Mary Moten - June 17, 2025 at 09:12 PM

JP

“ *Jonique Price lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Jonique Price - June 17, 2025 at 12:21 PM

SL

“ *Sending prayers of comfort & hugs to Tristan & family. From your Greater Tucker friends, Sandy & the aboys. 🙏🙏💕*



Sandy L - June 17, 2025 at 10:14 AM



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

Felicia Muhammad - June 22, 2025 at 09:57 PM

AJ

“ 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.

AVA JOHNSON - June 17, 2025 at 07:41 AM



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

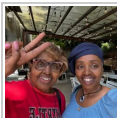
Felicia Muhammad - June 22, 2025 at 09:59 PM

CJ

“ Carolyn Jones lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker



Carolyn Jones - June 17, 2025 at 04:32 AM



Thank you Ms. Carolyn!!

Felicia Muhammad - June 22, 2025 at 09:59 PM

CJ

“ 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



Carolyn Jones - June 17, 2025 at 04:26 AM



Hey A.P. Auntie (smile)! Thank you for sharing, we apprecia-luv you!!

Felicia Muhammad - June 22, 2025 at 10:00 PM

MC

“ 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.

Myra Cook - June 16, 2025 at 09:16 PM



Thank you Ms. Myra!

Felicia Muhammad - June 22, 2025 at 11:20 PM

PF

“ Lifting Willie, Felicia, Tristan, and the entire family in prayer—asking God to surround them with His peace, strengthen them with His presence, and comfort them with His unfailing love now and in the days to come.



Priscilla (Pat) Ford - June 16, 2025 at 08:28 PM



We appreciate this more than you know! Love always

Felicia Muhammad - June 22, 2025 at 11:21 PM



“ *Vanessa Holloway lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Vanessa Holloway - June 16, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ *Lisa- Erlanger lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Lisa- erlanger - June 16, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ *Leola Phelps*



Leola Phelps - June 16, 2025 at 07:42 AM

DB

“ Dorothy Burks lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker



Dorothy Burks - June 15, 2025 at 07:58 PM

BS

Lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker praying for her daughter and son and Husband and family RIH becautifu smile 🙏🌸🌸

Brenda Smith - June 17, 2025 at 01:35 PM

BC

“ Brenda S Coger lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker



Brenda S Coger - June 14, 2025 at 11:27 PM

GB

“ Gina Boyd lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker



Gina Boyd - June 14, 2025 at 08:03 PM

IS

“ *Iciephine Smith lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Iciephine Smith - June 14, 2025 at 08:00 PM

DB

“ *Dirria Stone Bell lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Dirria Stone Bell - June 14, 2025 at 06:35 PM

CB

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



Cettetra Browner - June 14, 2025 at 05:08 PM

EB

“ *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*

Eulassie & Morris Beaty - June 14, 2025 at 05:00 PM

JB

“ JOANN BALLARD sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Walker



JOANN BALLARD - June 14, 2025 at 01:27 PM

DS

“ Darlene Shackelford lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker



Darlene Shackelford - June 14, 2025 at 09:55 AM

NE

“ 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.

Nikoel Smith Erlanger - June 13, 2025 at 08:58 PM

ST

“ Sharon A Thomas lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker



Sharon A Thomas - June 13, 2025 at 07:41 PM

MH

“ *Meme Henderson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Meme Henderson - June 13, 2025 at 06:53 PM

LD

“ *Linda Davis lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Linda Davis - June 13, 2025 at 06:27 PM

HE

“ 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 Savior.

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

Henrietta Erskine - June 13, 2025 at 05:13 PM

SH

“ 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

Shara Hitchcock - June 13, 2025 at 02:17 PM

VW

“ 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

Valencia Willis - June 13, 2025 at 12:11 PM



Thank you so Valencia.

Tristan Djaun Ford - June 13, 2025 at 10:40 PM

KD

“ Kelli Darden-Jones lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker

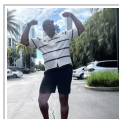


Kelli Darden-Jones - June 13, 2025 at 11:43 AM

KD

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!!

Kelli Darden-Jones - June 13, 2025 at 11:47 AM



I will forever love mama.....Thank you such Kelli.

Tristan Djaun Ford - June 13, 2025 at 10:44 PM

MH

“ *Maxine Hicks lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Maxine Hicks - June 13, 2025 at 11:11 AM

VM

“ *Vickie Merrell lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Vickie Merrell - June 13, 2025 at 10:20 AM

VM

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

Vickie Merrell - June 13, 2025 at 10:24 AM

DK

“ *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 🥹*

Deborah Kelly - June 13, 2025 at 08:42 AM

KD

“ *Kimberly Douglas purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Brenda Walker.*



Kimberly Douglas - June 13, 2025 at 07:22 AM

LH

“ *Laretta Harrison lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Laretta Harrison - June 12, 2025 at 11:56 PM

GM

“ *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.*

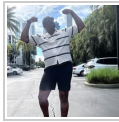


Gracelia Moore - June 12, 2025 at 10:25 PM

DW

“ 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

Diana C Williams - June 12, 2025 at 10:16 PM



I love you all also
-Tristan

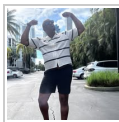
Tristan Djaun Ford - June 13, 2025 at 12:33 AM

NC

“ 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



NORMA COOPER - June 12, 2025 at 09:39 PM



Thank you Mama Norma

Tristan Djaun Ford - June 13, 2025 at 12:34 AM

RH

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



Reginia Hamilton - June 12, 2025 at 09:11 PM

GM

“ *Glenda Morgan lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Glenda Morgan - June 12, 2025 at 09:07 PM

JS

“ *Jennifer Swoopes lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Jennifer Swoopes - June 12, 2025 at 08:44 PM

DG

“ *My Condolences to the family 🙏*



Donna Garner - June 12, 2025 at 04:41 PM

PW

“ *Pat White lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Pat White - June 12, 2025 at 04:19 PM

J-

“ JACQUELINE JONES -MILLER lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker



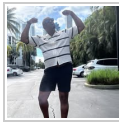
JACQUELINE JONES -MILLER - June 12, 2025 at 04:15 PM

AM

“ 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



Alice Montgomery - June 12, 2025 at 04:14 PM



Thank you Family I love you!!!

Tristan Djaun Ford - June 13, 2025 at 12:35 AM

CG

“ Connie Gates lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker

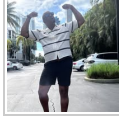


Connie Gates - June 12, 2025 at 03:54 PM

CG

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

Connie Gates - June 12, 2025 at 03:59 PM



Thank you so much.

Tristan Djaun Ford - June 13, 2025 at 10:46 PM

VL

“ *Vanessa Lowery lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Vanessa Lowery - June 12, 2025 at 03:54 PM

WC

“ *Praying for the family, Sorry for your loss*



Winifred Ann Careathers - June 12, 2025 at 03:45 PM

CG

“ *Carolyn Blakemore Green sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Walker*



Carolyn Blakemore Green - June 12, 2025 at 03:33 PM

BI

“ *Blevins B. Saxton III lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Blevins B. Saxton III - June 12, 2025 at 02:59 PM

BS

“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Beverly Sales - June 12, 2025 at 02:43 PM

MT

“ *Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Marva Taylor - June 12, 2025 at 02:39 PM

PF

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



Phyllis Patten Fleming - June 12, 2025 at 01:18 PM

YC

“ *Yolanda Calloway lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Yolanda Calloway - June 12, 2025 at 12:59 PM

RA

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

Rashad - June 12, 2025 at 11:46 AM

MS

“ *Min. Rosalyn Smedley lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Min. Rosalyn Smedley - June 12, 2025 at 09:55 AM

CD

“ *To Willie & Family,
I am praying for you and the family.
Brenda will be missed by those who knew her*

Cynthia Dunn-Garrett & Girls

CYNTHIA DUNN-GARRETT - June 12, 2025 at 07:27 AM

ME

“ *Madeana Evans lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Madeana Evans - June 12, 2025 at 07:12 AM

FH

“ *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!❤️*

Frances Hester - June 12, 2025 at 01:36 AM

JR

“ *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

Joyce Reynolds - June 11, 2025 at 07:07 PM

WH

“ *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"!!*

Walter Hitchcock - June 11, 2025 at 06:03 PM

LH

“ *Latonya Howard lit a candle in memory of Brenda Walker*



Latonya Howard - June 11, 2025 at 05:09 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Bailey sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Walker*



carolyn bailey - June 11, 2025 at 03:33 PM