



Paula Lorraine Benford

May 11, 1951 - March 29, 2024

Paula Benford, of Chattanooga, passed away Friday, March 29, 2024, at her residence. She was born in Chattanooga, TN to Walter and Marian Benford. She attended Howard High before earning her Bachelor's degree in Spanish from UTC. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta, as well as an attending member at Avondale Church of Christ. Paula was preceded in death by her mother, Marian Benford, and father, Walter Benford, Sr.; brother, Michael Benford; grandmother, Mary Sherrill; grandfather, Robert Sherrill; grandmother, Emma Jackson; grandfather, Robert Benford; uncle, James Benford; and aunt, Tommie McKinney. She is survived by her sister, Sylvia (Brady) Daniels, of Columbia, MO; brother, Walter (Calamity) Benford, of Dayton, OH; sisters, Vickey Brown and Robbi Benford; brothers, Jerry (Anette) Benford and Ivan Sherrill, all of Chattanooga; nieces, Chereese Demmons, Alyson Daniels, Tamera Daniels, Candance Benford, Sharmaine Benford; nephews, Eric Benford, Marrell Benford, Marcus Benford, and David Armor; a loving friend of 30 years, Rumanda (Todd) Clemons; a host of great and great-great-nieces and nephews. Paula will lie-in-state on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 12 noon in the chapel with Brother John R. Taylor, Sr. as the eulogist. Burial in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37409

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

APR **9**. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

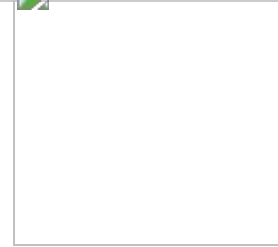
APR **10**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RC

“ *You are a beautiful mind and a great friend I miss you everyday* ”



Rumanda Clemons - December 30, 2025 at 02:59 AM

JB

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall* ”



jerry benford - April 11, 2024 at 12:44 PM

KS

“ *Sending Condolences to the Family. Will continue to keep you in our Prayers. The Kelly Family* ”



Kathy Annette Sligh - April 11, 2024 at 04:47 AM

PW

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family during this time of bereavement.*

From Pat White and Te'mya

Pat White - April 10, 2024 at 04:29 PM

CC

“ *Prayers for the family. Paula will be missed. She was a beautiful, smarth, wonderful person to know. Connie Carlisle*



Connie Carlisle - April 10, 2024 at 02:51 PM



Paul will be missed. She was a friendly, compassionate and fun loving person. My condolences to her family.

Denise Strickland - April 10, 2024 at 03:39 PM

MB

“ *Praying for the Family for strength as you go through the Celebration for Paula & better days ahead. Amen*



Maxie Benton - April 10, 2024 at 02:36 AM

RF

“ Robbin and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paula Lorraine Benford.



Robbin and Family - April 09, 2024 at 01:10 PM

AT

“ Arlease Talley-Foy lit a candle in memory of Paula Lorraine Benford



Arlease Talley-Foy - April 09, 2024 at 12:00 PM

KP

“ Kristie Poke lit a candle in memory of Paula Lorraine Benford



Kristie Poke - April 08, 2024 at 06:55 PM



“ Loretta Nunn lit a candle in memory of Paula Lorraine Benford



Loretta Nunn - April 08, 2024 at 06:02 PM

AW

“ *Condolences to the family. May God strengthen you in this time of sorrow.*



Allene Ward - April 06, 2024 at 12:56 PM

VF

“ *Vickie Fielder lit a candle in memory of Paula Lorraine Benford*



Vickie Fielder - April 04, 2024 at 12:05 PM

PF

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Paula Benford.*



Phyllis Patten Fleming - April 03, 2024 at 01:17 PM

JC

“ *Janice Hunter Cameron*



Janice Cameron - April 02, 2024 at 03:39 PM

MM

“ *Marvis Peavy McKeldin lit a candle in memory of Paula Lorraine Benford*



Marvis Peavy McKeldin - April 02, 2024 at 10:34 AM

LJ

“ *Sorry for your loss family. Praying for you during this difficult time. Sincerely Tony and Lita Jones*



Lita Jones - April 02, 2024 at 08:22 AM

SK

“ *Sharon Kennard lit a candle in memory of Paula Lorraine Benford*



Sharon Kennard - April 02, 2024 at 12:52 AM

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“ *Howard Class of 1970, sending condolences and prayers to the Benford family*



Howard Class of 1970 - April 01, 2024 at 12:39 PM

SS

“ *Sledge - Hampton Siblings lit a candle in memory of Paula Lorraine Benford*



Sledge - Hampton Siblings - March 29, 2024 at 07:49 PM

JB

Great childhood memories of playing with Paula (and siblings) on the Southside. She was very kind. Condolences and prayers to the Benford family.

Janice (Harrison) Beard - April 03, 2024 at 05:20 PM

DH

Paula was a talented, smart, beautiful lady/Sis who loved life. I truly enjoyed the time we were able to spend on this side. Condolences goes out to her family. Darlene Houston

Darlene Houston - May 17, 2024 at 08:56 AM