

Mother, I Miss You

MY DEAR MOTHER, YOU LEFT US TOO SOON
LEAVING BEHIND A HEARTACHE THAT MAKES US SWOON
YOUR ABSENCE LEAVES A VOID THAT CANNOT BE FILLED
AND A PAIN THAT WILL NEVER BE STILLED

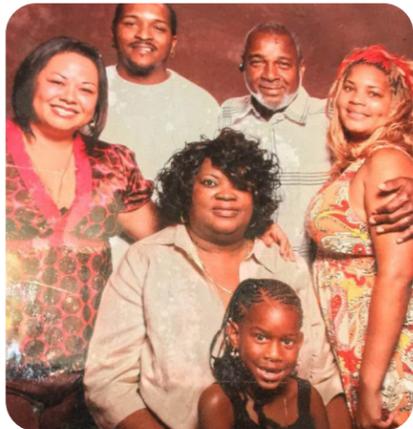
I REMEMBER THE WAY YOU USED TO SMILE
IT COULD LIGHT UP THE DARKEST OF MILES
I REMEMBER THE WAY YOU USED TO CARE
IT WAS SOMETHING THAT WE COULD ALWAYS SHARE

YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE FOR ME, NO MATTER WHAT
YOUR LOVE AND KINDNESS, I WILL NEVER FORGET
YOU TAUGHT ME HOW TO BE STRONG AND BRAVE
AND HOW TO FACE THE CHALLENGES THAT LIFE GAVE

I MISS YOU MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY
AND I THINK OF YOU EVERY SINGLE DAY
BUT I KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING FROM ABOVE
AND SENDING US ALL YOUR ETERNAL LOVE

SO I'LL TRY TO LIVE MY LIFE AS YOU WOULD WANT
AND HOLD ONTO THE MEMORIES THAT WE HAVE
WROUGHT
YOUR LEGACY WILL LIVE ON IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE
WHOSE LIVES YOU TOUCHED AND WHOSE LOVE YOU
CHOSE

REST IN PEACE, MY DEAR MOTHER, TIL WE MEET AGAIN
IN A PLACE WHERE THERE IS NO PAIN AND NO END
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE A PART OF ME, THAT I KNOW
AND YOUR LOVE WILL FOREVER CONTINUE TO GROW.



Pall Bearers

Classmates

Floral Bearers

Classmates

Acknowledgements

Please accept my deepest and most heartfelt
condolences during this difficult time. May you
find comfort in the love that surrounds you,
strength in the memories you cherish, and
peace in knowing that your loved one's life
touched so many hearts. You are in my
thoughts and prayers.

With sincere sympathy,
The Blue Family

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Celebrating the Life of BRENDA RICH BLUE



MARCH 13, 1952 — FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Thursday, February 19, 2026 | 1:00 pm

First Missionary Baptist Church

403 Caswell St,
Smithfield, NC 27577

Rev. J.B. Woodhouse, Presiding



Order of Service

Old Testament
Horace Sanders

New Testament
Rosa Edwards

Prayer of Comfort
Nathaniel Sanders

Solo - "I Won't Complain"
Carlos Cunningham, Sr.

Reflections (Limit 2 minutes)

Obituary
Jewette Williams

Solo - "In the Midst of the Storm"
Vanessa Jones

Solo - "I Shall Wear a Crown"
Carlos Cunningham, Sr.

Eulogy
Rev. J.B. Woodhouse

Mortician's Brief
Sanders Funeral Home



Obituary

Brenda Rich Blue, age 73, was born March 13, 1952 to the late James and Katie Rich. She transitioned peacefully into the arms of her eternal father on February 9th, 2026. She fought a courageous battle and remained steadfast in her faith, demonstrating grace, strength, and dignity throughout her journey.

Brenda's early years were spent as one of the first graduating classes from Smithfield Senior High where she met her husband Donnie Lee Blue. Through her husband's service in the Army, she experienced life in Germany, Virginia, Florida and many other places before ultimately finding her way back home to North Carolina. Brenda dedicated 40 years of faithful service to Walmart, where she built lasting friendships and touched the lives of many through her strong work ethic and warm spirit.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Donnie Lee Blue and her sister Doris Powell. She leaves to cherish her memory, her devoted daughter Courtney Blue (Antonio), her son Dario Everett (Amelia), her sister Freda Frink and Linda Rich, and a brother James Rich, her cherished grandchildren, Shaun Clayton, Kionna, Tatiana (Avant), Antonio Jr, Skyya, Akio, Romee, Ryuu, and great grandchildren Journee, Issac, Reign, Rylan, and a host of extended family members and dear friends.

Brenda found great joy in spending time with her daughter (Courtney). She was known for her warm spirit and unforgettable personality. Whether she was joyriding to her favorite stores, keeping everyone laughing with her sense of humor or hitting a dance move here and there. She did everything with love.

Brenda was a faithful member of First Missionary Baptist Church, where she nurtured her faith and fellowship with her church. Her loving Spirit and vibrant personality and unwavering love for her family will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to her son in love (Antonio) and grandson in love (Avant) for standing beside her with love, support and comfort during her illness and transition. Your support will never be forgotten.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."
-Psalm 23:6

God Saw You

GOD SAW YOU GETTING TIRED,
WHEN A CURE WAS NOT TO BE.
SO, HE WRAPPED HIS ARMS AROUND YOU,
AND HE WHISPERED, "COME TO ME."
YOU DIDN'T DESERVE WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH,
SO GOD GAVE YOU A REST.
GOD'S GARDEN MUST BE BEAUTIFUL,
FOR HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST.
AND WHEN I SAW YOU SLEEPING,
SO PEACEFUL AND FREE FROM PAIN,
I COULD NOT WISH TO HAVE YOU BACK,
TO SUFFER THAT AGAIN.

