

"I'm Free"

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call; I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work and play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way; I found that place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void. Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss; Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much; Good friends, good time, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all to brief; Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now,

He set me free

Love, Your Brothers and Sisters

*God saw you were getting tired and put His arms around you and whispered,
"Come to Me."*

*With tearful eyes, we watched you and wished that you could stay, and although we love
you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands
at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us; He only takes the best.*

Love, Derrick, Lasondra, Jakaysha, and Jakayla

Acknowledgements

The family would like to thank everyone for their calls, prayers, texts, donations, and acts of kindness. The family will fellowship at the home of Anita Wilson at 5049 Springridge Road, Raymond, Mississippi 39154

Honorary Pallbearers

Rayford Tillman	Tyrone Kidd	Undrae Kidd
Derrick Wilson	Marlon Kidd	Gregory King
Clifton King	John King	Willie King Jr.
Curtis Wilson	Willie Bingham	

Active Pallbearers

Leonard McFarland	Cawone Webb	Patrick Mack
Tremaine McFarland	Marcus Horton	James Burks
Kenneth Turner Sr.	Shannon McKenzie	

Flower Bearers

Hinds AHS Class of 1981 and RHS Class of 1995-1998

Arrangements and Professional Services Entrusted to:

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**In Loving Memory
of**

Brenda Lee Wilson Tillman

Sunrise: April 22, 1963 ~ Sunset: May 4, 2025



Celebration of Life:

Saturday, May 17, 2025 · 11:00 a.m.

**St. James Missionary Baptist Church
2863 Hwy 467 · Edwards, Mississippi 39066
Reverend Benard McKinley, Pastor**

**Willie F. Mitchell, Officiating
Jean White, Program Guide**

Reflections of Life

Mrs. Brenda Lee Wilson Tillman, daughter of the late Laura Mae Kidd and late Willie Lee King Sr., was born April 22, 1963. She accepted Christ at an early age and loved her family and community. Brenda was known for her warm personality, kindness, always laughing, and unwavering free spirit. She enjoyed playing softball during her younger years, cooking, dancing, and laughing. There was never a dull moment with her around. Her legacy of love, compassion, and faith will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew her.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to Rayford Tillman of Edwards, Mississippi, on June 26, 2023, after having a wonderful relationship of over 20 years.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Rayford Tillman; two children, Derrick (Lasondra) Wilson and Anita Wilson; four grandchildren, Jamia Turner, Genia Wash, Jakaysha Toaster, and Jakayla Armstrong; eight sisters, Cartenna Kidd, Ashley (John) Brown, Charlie (Rey) Tatum, Clara (Robert) Hemming, Odessa (Otis) Harris, Alean German, Ethel King, and Annette (Amonte) Devine; ten brothers, Andrew Wilson, Curtis (Sara) Wilson, Tyrone (LaShonda) Kidd, Undare (Alisa) Kidd, Marlon (Kinnui) Kidd, Willie (Regina) King Jr., Clifton King, John (Shirley) King, Gregory (Yvette) King, and Willie (Terriann) Bingham; special friends/family, Betty Jean Moore, Almeta Burks, Michelle (Horn) Houston, Eva(Boo Boo) Bracey, Doretha Coleman, Cassandra (Pat) Smith, Earnestine McFarland, Tiffany (Lyon) Coins, DeeJoy, Val Green, Shirley Price, Betty McFarland, Johnnie Bee Price, Alma Jean Smith, Essie Coleman and Shirley Price; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Johnny Horton, two sisters, Marie (L.S.) Climmons and Laura Green, and one sister-in-law, Brenda Richards.

Order of Service

Processional ~~~~~ Ray Marshall and Friends

Scripture:

Old and New Testament ~~~~~ Reverend Benard McKinley

Prayer ~~~~~ Reverend Benard McKinley

Solo ~~~~~ Genia Wash/Granddaughter

Expressions"

Hinds AHS Class of 1981/Agnes Morrow

As a family member/ Tiffany Coins

As a neighbor/ Beulah Jones

Obituary Read Silently ~~~~ ("Well Done" ~~~~~ Deitrick Haddon)

Words of Encouragement ~~~~~ Reverend Robert Horton

Solo ~~~~~ Kathleen McGriggs

Prayer ~~~~~ Pastor Willie F. Mitchell

Eulogy ~~~~~ Pastor Willie F. Mitchell

Funeral Directors of Willis and Sons in Charge

Recessional ~~~~~ Ray Marshall and Friends

Tributes

I've never once seen you get up and not make your bed.

So close in proximity, but I didn't yet understand.

Though, through your actions showed me what love should be.

When someone gave to you, you gave to me. A heart full of generosity.

If there's one thing you loved deeply – one thing you'd do anything for, it's your family.

*All I see are good memories of you and me. Your love is like a loop, continued for infinity,
so much so that everyone knows that there was no one like Brenda Lee.*

--Signed 'Poodie.'

I'll miss you more than words can say, Granny. Being your 1st grandchild was such a gift, & I'll always cherish how you used to say, "you can have whatever you like." I can still see you dancing & hear you humming as you moved through life with such joy. I wish we had more time together, but I know this life isn't forever. Your beautiful spirit lives inside of me, and I'll carry your warmth, laughter, and love wherever I go.

*I love you, Sweetie—always. **Jamia***