

Pallbearers

Rayontae Box Dennis Holden
Mike Hernandez Randolph Perry
Robert Baker Omar Dillard

Honorary Pallbearers

Kevin Holden Marcus Sotonji
Apostle Richard Brown Clarence Brown
Raymond Ramsey Michael Davis

Order of Service

Prelude
Processional Father Me by Shekinah Glory
Selection Melvin Hamilton
Scripture Reading Jaxsen Ramsey
Old Testament Minister Curtis McZee
New Testament Apostle Patricia Jones
Selection Charlotte Hilliard
Cards Condolences and Obituary Monica Ramsey-Burton
Expressions (2 minutes) Family & Friends
Crowning Apostle Dr. Cint Gilstrap
Eulogy Bishop Timothy Holden Sr.
Committal
Benediction
Recessional I'll Always Love You- Whitney Houston



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Forever in Our Hearts



Celebrating the Life of
Mrs. Brenda Dillard Box Ashford
Sunrise: May 2, 1948 - Sunset: October 3, 2025

Thursday, October 23, 2025 - 11:00 AM

**Paradise Funeral Chapel
3100 South Washington Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48601**

Bishop Timothy Holden, Officiating

Her Story

Mrs. Brenda (Dillard, Box) Ashford, a well-respected woman and our beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, and auntie, departed this life and went home to be with the Lord on October 3, 2025. Age 77 years. She was born May 2, 1948, in East St. Louis, IL, to the late Frank Dillard Sr. and Annie Cunningham-Austin. She will be greatly missed by many. To know her was to love her! She had a tremendous LOVE FOR GOD and was an Evangelist and Pastor for Catching Up with God's Ministries, where she welcomed EVERYONE!!!!

Brenda was a member of House of Prayer International Ministries and a church mother of Anointed Temple Ministries. She sold Avon, a distributor for Shackley, Insurance Agent, and was the Founder of Parents for Positive Youth. Her hobbies include watching movies and soap operas, cooking, and interacting with children of all walks of life, and she was a giver. She would give you the shirt off her back!

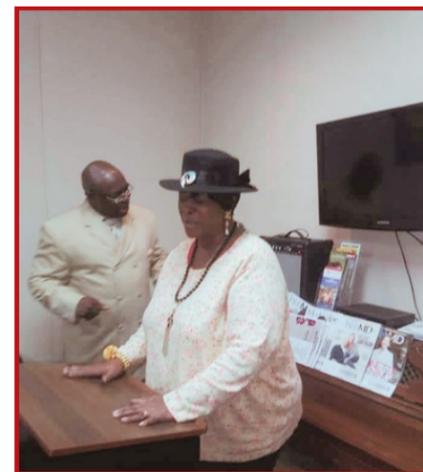
Brenda is survived by and leaves to cherish loving memories with her Children: Lecretia Roscoe, Bishop Timothy (Tamera) Holden Sr. and Raytondolyn Box; bonus daughter, LeOnada Smith; husband, Riley Ashford Jr.; grandchildren, Dennis Holden, Timothy Holden Jr., Kolby (Anton'e) Holden-Williamson, and Rayontae Box; siblings, Frank (Marcetta) Dillard Jr., Anthony (Tonda) Lovelace, Tamaria Foster, Gwendolyn (Charles) Jones, Catherine, Vincent, and Wesley Dillard; sisters-in-law, Alma Samuels, Betty and Emma Ashford; brother-in-law, Curtis (Debbie) Ashford; special niece, Felicia Jackson; goddaughter, Pastor JoAnn Gochett; godson, Apostle Richard Brown along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents: Frank Dillard Sr. and Annie Cunningham-Austin; ex-husband, Raymond Box; great-grandchildren, Dennis Holden, Jr., and Natalie Canty; brothers, Melvin Dillard, Randolph Dillard Sr.; cousin, Abu Abdul-Shaheed; beloved auntie, Hattie Sumrall; and goddaughter, Cheryl Simon.

The family would like to express our sincere gratitude to Healthsource Saginaw, St. Francis, and St. Mary's (MyMichigan).

Acknowledgement

The family of Mrs. Brenda Dillard Box Ashford wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, telephone calls and all other expressions of concern that you have shown during our time of bereavement. Never more than now was your kindness needed and more appreciated.



Mama

Her heartbeat was my very first sound,
 Her kiss my first affection,
 Her loving arms bought security,
 Her instruction, clear direction.
 I owe the person I've become to her unselfish love.
 There's comfort knowing she's not gone.
 She lives with God above.

