

Missing you always

You never said

I'm leaving

You never said

Goodbye

You were gone before

we know it and
only GOD knows

why. In life

I love you

dearly in death

I LOVE YOU still

In my heart
I hold a place

That only you can
fill, it broke

My Heart

to lose you, but you

didn't go ALONE

a part of me went

with you the day

God took you home.

IF ROSES GROW IN HEAVEN

If Roses grow in heaven Lord, please pick
A bunch for me, place them in my mother's
Arms and tell her I love her and miss her,
And when she turns to smile, place a kiss
Upon her cheek and hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy, I
Do it everyday, But there's an ache
Within my heart that will never go away.

ORDER OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2026, 2:00 PM
PIPKIN BRASWELL CHAPEL OF PEACE
6601 EAST COLFAX AVE. | DENVER, COLORADO 80220
PASTOR MICHAEL D. HENRY, II, OFFICIATING / EULOGIST
SR. PASTOR, SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Processional.....Tara Washington / Andre Hazard
"Take me To The King"
Parting Memories.....Funeral Directors
Selection..... Tara Washington / Andre Hazard
"I Can Only Imagine"
Comfort From The Scriptures.....Minister
Old Testament and New Testament
Prayer of Solace.....Minister
Selection.....Tara Washington / Andre Hazard
"Amazing Grace"

Acknowledgements, Condolences and Obituary
Pipkin Braswell Funeral Director

Video Tribute

Family Tributes

Honoring Martha (Two Minute Remarks)

Selection.....Tara Washington / Andre Hazard
"Grateful"
Words of Comfort..... Pastor Michael D. Henry, II

Pipkin Braswell Funeral Directors
"I'll Always Love You"

CLOSING PRAYER / COMMITTAL / BENEDICTION

Recessional.....Musicians
"I Shall Wear A Crown"

AND SHE SHALL REST
Private Cremation
Denver, Colorado

HONORARY BEARERS

Larran Benford Joseph Martin Kelan Michael Benford
Brittany Benford Julius Benford

REPAST

Pipkin Braswell Reception Center

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family want to thank you for the cards, calls, visits and prayers
you did during our time of loss. Thank you and may God bless
you. The Family

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"When Someone You Love Becomes A Memory; The Memory Becomes A Treasure."

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



Martha
ANN
BENFORD

JANUARY 6, 1953 - MAY 1, 2026

OBITUARY

Martha Ann Benford

On January 6, 1953, in Aurora, Colorado, Martha Ann Benford entered the world as a beloved daughter to Johnnie Quattlebaum and Norma Louise Tucker. Growing up as the second oldest among three sisters and five brothers, Martha's childhood was woven with deep familial bonds. Sisters Sally, Johnniemae, and April, alongside brothers Johnnie, Curtis, Jerdie, Leo, and Lazalle, shared a close-knit upbringing filled with shared adventures and affectionate companionship.

From her earliest days, Martha's spirit shone brightly. She and her older sister Sally were inseparable, always side by side. Childhood memories brim with images of the sisters riding their bikes through the neighborhood and racing footraces with friends, their laughter echoing in the warm Colorado air. A proud product of Denver Public Schools, Martha's school years stretched from Mitchell Elementary—where she formed an unbreakable friendship with Barbara White—to Cole Junior High, and onward to Manual High School. As a Manual Thunderbolt track athlete, she displayed determination and spirit, culminating in her graduation with the Class of 1970.

Life brought Martha much joy as she met her high school sweetheart at Manual High. Together, they celebrated their marriage on July 11, 1970, and welcomed their son, I.V. Benford Jr., on April 6, 1971. Their 35 years of marriage were filled with treasured memories, a testament to their lasting love and partnership. Throughout her career, Martha contributed her talents to Varsity Contractors and served with dedication as a supervisor at Whyne Enterprises until her well-earned retirement.

Martha's warmth extended beyond her family and career through her passion for cooking and nurturing. Known for preparing hearty, generous meals that could feed an army, she delighted in making spaghetti, lasagna, and fried catfish, always accompanied by her celebrated homemade banana pudding and lemon pies. Her green thumb brought life and color to the plants and flowers she lovingly tended. Friends recall not only her culinary gifts but also her stylish sense, her radiant smiles, and the countless cookouts where her laughter and hospitality made all feel welcome.

A devoted mother, sister, and friend, Martha was cherished for her joyful spirit and her ability to listen with genuine care. Though she is deeply missed, her legacy lives on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Martha was preceded in passing by her parents, Johnnie and Norma Quattlebaum; her brother Leo Stafford; and her brother-in-law Anthony Thomas.

Martha Ann Benford's life was one of love, laughter, and lasting bonds—an enduring blessing to all who had the privilege to know her. She will forever remain in our hearts, deeply missed and eternally loved.

She leaves behind her treasured son, I.V. (Denise) Benford Jr.; brothers Johnnie, Curtis (Vicky), Jerdie (Jerri), and Lazalle (Michelle) Quattlebaum; and sisters Sally Thomas, Johnniemae Martin, and April Franklin. Her loving nieces and nephews—Nina Thomas, Joseph Martin, Tammy Martin, Curt Quattlebaum, Jeremy Quattlebaum, Candace Stafford-Hayward, Lamar Stafford, Jerdee Quattlebaum, J.C. Quattlebaum, Jasmine Franklin, Reagan Quattlebaum, Malcolm Quattlebaum, Ezekiel Quattlebaum and Patrick Thomas -Campbell—carry her memory forward with affection.



Precious Memories