

THEY SAY TIME WILL HEAL.

To My Baby
Neither time nor reason
Will change the way I feel.
Gone are the days we used to share.
But in my heart, You are always there.
The gates of memories will never close.
I miss you more than anybody knows...

Love and miss you every day till we meet again ALWAYS AND FOREVER

CLEO

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Pallbearers: Cory Northington, Troy Johnson, Jamir Bonner, Tony Edmond, Randy Myers,
Jayme Price Thompson

Medical Team from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Middletown NJ (Donations can
be made to www.mskcc.org)

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Felicia Ingram

Bishop Donald Hilliard Jr, Reverend Phyliss Hilliard and Cathedral International
The Ferguson-Rayam Funeral Home

To all of you who expressed your condolences, for all of your acts of kindness, we thank you
and will further express our gratitude at a later time. The Northington Family.



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REMEMBERING
BRENDA
Northington
DECEMBER 12, 1949 – DECEMBER 28, 2025

THE LIFE STORY OF
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Brenda Joyce Northington (nee Bonner) was born on December 12, 1949 in Jersey City, NJ to loving parents, Charles and Jean Bonner.

The family moved to Cliffwood, NJ when Brenda was very young. Brenda shared many fond memories of growing up in a large family of brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins. Like most of those raised in the 50's her childhood consisted of playing outdoors, caring for pets, (including chickens) chores, school and church. These things shaped her character and strong work ethic.

Brenda graduated from Matawan Regional High School. In 1968, Brenda married her prom date, friend, confidant, and love of her life, Cleo Northington, Jr. Brenda and Cleo were married near Paris Island, South Carolina as Cleo was drafted to serve in the Marines and they desired to be married prior to his tour of duty in Vietnam.

Brenda and Cleo's eldest son, Cleo 3rd, was born later that year. Brenda, exhibiting strength and fortitude, hallmarks of her personality, managed family matters while her husband was at war. When he returned, their family grew when Cory was born in 1973.

Brenda worked as an Administrative Assistant at Perth Amboy General Hospital as well as at William Grants and Sons located in Edison, NJ where she retired. Brenda had a second career as a School Bus Driver for Freehold Regional School District. Wherever she worked her co-workers were the beneficiaries of her kindness and generous gift giving. However, as hard as she worked outside of the home, Brenda worked equally as hard as a gifted homemaker. Her gift for interior design is evident in every room ... a gift she often shared with others. Her love of flowers inspired her beautifully landscaped yard, a rival to any botanical garden!

Brenda and Cleo made their home the gathering place. They kindly shared their home with the children they birthed and the children they raised. Family and friends were always welcomed.

Brenda had a love of many things such as gardening, interior design, traveling and cruising the world. Hawaii, Barcelona, and Paris were only a few of the Ports of Call. And did I say "shopping"?! TJ Maxx, Marshalls, and Macy's were her happy places.

Her greatest love is reserved for her family and beloved husband, Cleo of 57 years. Their mutual devotion personified the true meaning of "through sickness and health".

Brenda accepted Christ at a young age, was baptized at Providence Baptist Church and is a member of the Cathedral International located in Perth Amboy where she was an active member of the Women's Ministry.

Left to mourn are: Loyal, Loving and Devoted Husband, Cleo Northington, Jr.; Cory Northington, Son, and Kecia Northington, Daughter-in-Love; Grandchildren, Jada, Janae and Cory Northington, Jr.; Jamir Bonner; Sisters, Cheryl Asia; Valerie Bonner-Johnson, and Brother-in-Love, Troy Johnson; Brother, David Bonner. A host of relatives including Marie Williams, Thelma Cross and Pam Bristol; Life-long sisters/friends, Juanita and Bob Price; Georgeann and Phillip Morris; Adopted daughters/friends, Crystal Howell, Simone and Tony Edmond as well as a host of friends.

Brenda was preceded in death by her Son, Cleo Northington 3rd; Parents, Charles and Jean Bonner; Siblings; Charles Bonner III, Ozalia Brooks, Timothy Bonner, Ronald Bonner, and Edward Reed.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Thursday, January 8, 2026
Homegoing Service 11:00 AM
Cathedral International
277 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy NJ 08861

PRESIDING

Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., Senior Pastor
Cathedral International

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION, THANKSGIVING AND COMFORT

THE DOXOLOGY

THE HYMN OF FAITH
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The Old Testament: Psalm 23
The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:14 - 5:1
Gospel Prelude
The Gospel John 14:1-7

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE READING OF LIFE REFLECTIONS

"Precious Memories"
Juanita Price, Family Friend

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Deacon Karen Johnson, Women's Ministry

THE FAMILY

Cory Northington, Son

THE CHURCH

Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., Senior Pastor

TRIBUTE IN SONG

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Phyllis Hilliard

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT FOR TODAY AND STRENGTH FOR TOMORROW

THE COMMENDATION AND BENEDICTION (Please Stand)

THE RECESSIONAL

"Soon and Very Soon"

