

Life Reflections

On November 11, 2023 at 7:24 p.m., a sweet rose was plucked from the garden of life at the height of its bloom to spend eternity in Heaven. **JOYCE BRENDA WAGNER** was born on February 21, 1943 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Ruth Gatling and Bernard Morant.

Joyce, known to everyone as "Brenda," accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age at Bethel A.M.E. Methodist Church of Baltimore, Maryland.

Brenda received her education in Baltimore City Public School System (Douglass High School).

Joyce was united in Holy Matrimony on October 24, 1963 to Vandy Murphy Sr., with whom she shared a loving union of sixty-plus years. To this union three children were born, Vandy B. Murphy, Jacqueline and Yolanda Murphy.

Brenda was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She also had a host of godchildren, family and friends whom she loved dearly.

She was the matriarch of her family, a Queen and very sweet individual who lived life to the fullest. She made numerous friends wherever she went and will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew her.

She welcomed everyone with open arms, she never judged anyone. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends during the holidays. Brenda was loved by all for her cooking, baking, hospitality and traveling.

Most of all she had a heart of gold. Besides her own children, she loved and cared for children as a provider while their parent(s) worked. Even now the children kept in touch with her and the family as adults. She kept them in her heart as extended family, as well as their children.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memory: her loving husband, Vandy Murphy; son, Vandy B. Murphy; two daughters, Jacqueline and Yolanda Murphy; daughter-in-law, Renee Murphy; niece, Guilda Lynn Hammond; granddaughters, Danielle, Tiffany and Brittany; great-granddaughters, Brielle, Harmony and Aubrey; great-great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn; two brothers-in-law, John Lampkin and Bobby Ewell; sister-in-law, Laura Kate Ewell; a very special friend/sista, Iris Jo Jackson; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, godchildren and friends.

Order of Service

*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

- Psalms 91:1

PROCESSIONAL OF THE CLERGY AND FAMILY

CALL TO WORSHIP Minister Byron Warner

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *"Blessed Assurance"*

SCRIPTURE Geneen Pryor-Elder

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 2 Timothy 4:7-8

THE READING OF POEMS *"Thank You" & "And God Said"* Phyllis Graham

TRIBUTE *(two minutes)* Renako Randall
Davon Scott

REMARKS *(two minutes please)*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OBITUARY Cheryl Thompson

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *"Precious Lord"*

THE EULOGISTIC MESSAGE Minister Byron Warner

THE BENEDICTION Minister Byron Warner

THE RECESSIONAL *"Going Up To Yonder"* Clergy and Family