



Brenda Charles

May 30, 1946 - April 15, 2021

Brenda Gail Akins Charles was born May 30, 1946 to the late Goldie B. Akins and Daniel Akins, Sr., in Johnson City, TN. She attended Dunbar Elementary and was a part of the last class to graduate from Langston High School in 1965. Throughout the years, she worked as a Nurse's Aide at Memorial Hospital; she also worked at Kennametal, Pharmacil, and North Electric. She always enjoyed volunteering her time at Carver Rec for many different activities and church fish fry's. As well as Northside Elementary, where she assisted with the Pre-K.

She was a devoted member of St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church. As a faithful servant of the Lord, she served as a Deaconess, Pastor Steward, Sunday School Superintendent, Leader of Children's Activities, and Choir Member. She also served on the Finance Committee and worked with Church Women United.

She is preceded in death by her brothers Daniel Akins, Jr., William (Billy) Akins, Robert Akins, James (Jazz) Akins, John Akins, and her sister Mary Ann Greenlee. She leaves to mourn: her husband James Charles, Sr.; 3 children: James Jr., Kentrell, Salt Lake City, UT, Danielle (Thomas); 3 sisters: Bettye Robinson, Nancy Posey, Janice Wells all of Johnson City, TN; a brother: Terry Akins, San Diego, CA 2 honorary sons, Steve Glacier and Josh Martin; 6 grandchildren: Mignon, James III "Sonny", Adrian "AJ", Cameron, Shawn,

Olivia; 3 great- grandchildren: Luke, Evan, and Trey, Jr. “T-Bone”; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Special Brother: George Nichols; Special Friends: Freda Wilson, Sarah Birchette, Dawn Smith, Herb Greenlee

Brenda was a loving sister, great wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother!! She loved to talk, have fun and was just an all-around joy!! She fought a good fight, LOVED THE LORD, and NEVER GAVE UP

Graveside services will be held at 2:00pm Friday April 23, 2021. The family will have a private service prior to the interment.

Cemetery Details

Washington County Memory Gardens

113 Memory Gardens Rd.
Johnson City, TN 37615

Previous Events

Interment

APR **23**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Johnson City, TN 37615

Tribute Wall



“ *Brenda Charles*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *She was one of the best mothers in the village that helped raise me. She will be truly missed. Prayers and well wishes going out to Sonny, Kentrell & Danielle from the Knaff family On a personal note, I will miss the Christmas fudge and fried fish sandwiches from the St. Paul fish fries*

James Knaff - April 24, 2021 at 08:27 AM



“ *Diane Bradley lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Diane Bradley - April 23, 2021 at 11:46 PM



“ *Marie McCullough lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Marie McCullough - April 23, 2021 at 10:09 PM



“ *Rest in Heaven Brenda. God bless you and your beautiful family.* ”

James Watkins - April 23, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Charles.* ”



April 23, 2021 at 04:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Charles.* ”



April 22, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Charles.* ”



April 22, 2021 at 08:31 PM

VJ

“ *Vivian Jackson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



vivian jackson - April 22, 2021 at 07:55 PM

GC

“ *So very sorry for your loss. May God bless you all.*



Geary and Renee Coles - April 22, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Charles.*



April 22, 2021 at 12:44 PM

GE

“ *With Deepest Sympathy. May the "God of all comfort " be with you now and in the days ahead.*



Gwen S. Evans

Gwen S. Evans - April 22, 2021 at 10:26 AM

TL

“ My sincere condolences to Sonny, Sonny, Jr. ,
Kentrell, Danielle, and the rest of the family. I
genuinely loved Brenda and always looked
forward to talking with her and getting to
laugh and joke around with her. I will miss her
dearly.
Much love,
Tanisha Charles- Lawson



TANISHA LAWSON - April 22, 2021 at 09:57 AM

RO

“ Raymond & Carol Oxendine lit a candle in
memory of Brenda Charles



Raymond & Carol Oxendine - April 22, 2021 at 12:58 AM

SR

“ Auntie we will truly miss your fun loving sprit.
Kitten, Paul, Breanna, and Shaylea



Shaunnellia Rice - April 21, 2021 at 10:12 PM

PW

“ *Paul Weir lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Paul Weir - April 21, 2021 at 09:31 PM

AN

“ *Angelo Newman lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Angelo Newman - April 21, 2021 at 08:29 PM

CB

“ *Christine Black lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Christine black - April 21, 2021 at 06:46 PM

CB

Always had a Beautiful smile

Christine black - April 21, 2021 at 06:46 PM

SA

“ *Sandy.Sylvers sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles*



Sandy.Sylvers - April 21, 2021 at 03:36 PM

SD

“ *Sincere condolences to the family of Brenda (Akins) Charles. Brenda was such a beautiful person in every way! She will definitely be missed by her friends & family. With love and much prayer... Robert & Sandra Davis and family.*



Sandra H. Davis - April 21, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Charles.*



April 21, 2021 at 12:05 PM

PH

“ *Brenda was a dear friend and servant of the most high. We shared many laughs, prayers and services together. I know she will be greatly missed by her family and many, many friends. Rest in peace, my sister, we will see you in that great getting up morning! Fare thee well. †*



Pamela L Hoard - April 21, 2021 at 10:16 AM

JL

“ *Julia Anderson Letcher lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Julia Anderson Letcher - April 21, 2021 at 09:47 AM

CB

“ *Charles Buford lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Charles Buford - April 21, 2021 at 09:21 AM

JM

“ *Jan Malone lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Jan Malone - April 21, 2021 at 08:59 AM

YB

“ *Your brother.....GL purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Brenda Charles.*



Your brother.....GL - April 21, 2021 at 02:11 AM

ML

“ *Mary Latham lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Mary Latham - April 20, 2021 at 11:30 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Brenda Charles.*



April 20, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Brenda Charles.*



April 20, 2021 at 07:45 PM

KD

“ *You have my deepest sympathy*



Katie Dave - April 20, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Brenda Charles.



April 20, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Brenda Charles.



April 20, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ *Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Carolyn Fain - April 20, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Brenda Charles.



April 20, 2021 at 02:53 PM

KB

“ *KATIE. BAILEY-HYNES lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



KATIE. BAILEY-HYNES - April 20, 2021 at 12:14 PM

KB

I'm going to miss her birthday calls I'll always remember them

KATIE. BAILEY-HYNES - April 20, 2021 at 12:15 PM

EB

“ *Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Elaine Brady - April 20, 2021 at 10:54 AM

MW

“ *Mary Williams lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Mary Williams - April 20, 2021 at 10:31 AM

EC

“ *My sincerest condolences & sympathy for the Akins and Charles families. Brenda has a sweet, loving and kindly spirit about her that will always be with everyone who knew and loved her.*
Eddie & Charlotte Charles
Rogersville, Tn.

Eddie Charles - April 19, 2021 at 10:54 PM

AH

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family!*



Alberta Harris - April 19, 2021 at 09:50 PM

AH

“ *Alberta Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles*



Alberta Harris - April 19, 2021 at 09:49 PM

LJ

“ *Louis Locke Jr. lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Louis locke jr. - April 19, 2021 at 06:40 PM

RB

“ *Ms. Brenda was such a special lady and treated us all as if we were her children. She will be greatly missed.*

Regina Berry - April 19, 2021 at 12:52 PM

JR

“ *I was very saddened to hear of Brenda's passing. She was a special lady. Worked with her back when our kids were in elementary school at North Side. My thoughts are with you all.*

Judy Reynolds

Judy Reynolds - April 19, 2021 at 10:59 AM

BJ

“ *Bobby J Ryans Jr lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Bobby J Ryans Jr - April 19, 2021 at 10:35 AM

GD

“ *Gail Deadrick lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Gail Deadrick - April 19, 2021 at 09:45 AM

SW

“ *Stacie Workman lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Stacie Workman - April 19, 2021 at 09:34 AM

DM

“ *Debra D. McCrary sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles*



Debra D. McCrary - April 19, 2021 at 12:55 AM

DM

“ *Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Darrell & Janice Murphy - April 18, 2021 at 09:25 PM

CA

“ *Crystal Andetson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



crystal andetson - April 18, 2021 at 08:32 PM

AH

“ Blessings to the Charles family. Brenda was a very kind and compassionate Godly woman.



Angela Hall - April 18, 2021 at 07:39 PM

AE

“ Alan & Doll Evans lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles



Alan & Doll Evans - April 18, 2021 at 05:21 PM

AE

We will miss you precious cousin!

Alan & Doll Evans - April 18, 2021 at 05:24 PM

MM

“ Myra Miller lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles



Myra Miller - April 18, 2021 at 04:50 PM

GB

“ G.L. & Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles



G.L. & Trish Bristol - April 18, 2021 at 04:18 PM

MM

I will miss you my dear Friend

Myra Miller - April 18, 2021 at 04:52 PM

CT

“ Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles



Connie Thompson - April 18, 2021 at 10:42 AM

CT

We are going to miss you Ms Brenda

Connie Thompson - April 18, 2021 at 10:43 AM

 Mary Rollins

“ Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles



Mary Rollins - April 18, 2021 at 05:13 AM

BA

“ *Babby lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Babby - April 18, 2021 at 03:40 AM

KM

“ *Kathy Mills lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Kathy Mills - April 17, 2021 at 11:33 PM

FL

“ *Frazier And Elbert Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles*



Frazier and Elbert Lyons - April 17, 2021 at 10:18 PM

VP

“ *Viola Pattom sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles*



Viola Pattom - April 17, 2021 at 09:02 PM

RM

“ *Ruth Wells Mensah sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles*



Ruth Wells Mensah - April 17, 2021 at 09:00 PM

CF

“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Carla Forney - April 17, 2021 at 08:47 PM

SC

“ *So sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. May GOD comfort your family during your grief.*

Susie Colston - April 17, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ *Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles*



Linda Workman - April 17, 2021 at 08:22 PM

DD

“ Donna L Drakeford lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles



Donna L Drakeford - April 17, 2021 at 07:34 PM

DD

Aunt Brenda always connected to us through the love of her heart. I pray for God's comfort for the family during the remembrance of her beautiful life.

Donna L Drakeford - April 17, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ Shelia Bagwell lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles



Shelia Bagwell - April 17, 2021 at 06:40 PM

BS

“ Buddy Stuart lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles



Buddy Stuart - April 17, 2021 at 04:53 PM

SC

So sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. May GOD comfort your family during your grief.

Susie Colston - April 17, 2021 at 08:20 PM

"H

“Doochie” Clarence & Barbara Hall lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles



"Doochie" Clarence & Barbara Hall - April 17, 2021 at 03:38 PM

DH

Prays to her family

"Doochie" Clarence & Barbara Hall - April 17, 2021 at 03:40 PM

PD

“Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles



Pauline Douglas - April 17, 2021 at 03:06 PM

ST

“Sandra Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles



Sandra Turner - April 17, 2021 at 01:36 PM

ST

My prayers and condolences are with you .
Brenda was one of my closest friends she was surely be missed. Rest In Peace my friend

Sandra Turner - April 17, 2021 at 01:39 PM

BS

“ *Bill And Elizabeth Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles*



Bill and Elizabeth Scott - April 17, 2021 at 01:30 PM

NH

“ *We send our heartfelt condolences and compassionate Love to Sonny Charles and his family during this time of grief. Brenda was a beautiful lady with a radiant smile and charming personality. Her lifelong work at ST. Paul AME Zion Church touched the lives of so many people in a positive manner. Brenda was a delightful classmate during our time at Langston High, always jovial and fun loving. She along with our fellow classmates have the distinction of being members of “Langston’s last graduating class” in 1965. We pray that God comfort her family and many friends as we remember Brenda’s vitality, beauty, and friendly outgoing personality. With Prayers and Blessings for the Charles and Akins Families. Norman & Nancy Howard*

Norman Howard - April 17, 2021 at 01:11 PM

JS

“ *John Story lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



John Story - April 17, 2021 at 11:53 AM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann James lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Mary Ann James - April 17, 2021 at 11:33 AM

PR

“ *Patria Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles*



Patria Rhea - April 16, 2021 at 08:50 PM

PR

Sorry for your loss

Patria Rhea - April 16, 2021 at 08:50 PM

RM

To Sonny and family, Janice, Nancy, Betty, and Terry please accept my heart felt sympathy for the loss of Brenda we all loved her and we share in your grief. May God bless you all with strength and comfort to endure the pain of losing your loved one

Ruth Wells Mensah - April 17, 2021 at 02:18 PM

GC

“ *So sorry for your loss. May God be with you and bless you all.*



Geary and Renee Coles - April 16, 2021 at 08:39 PM

DG

“ So sorry for your loss.. Brenda will always remembered. May she rest in peace. Prayers to the family for comfort and strength.



Debbie Grey - April 16, 2021 at 08:28 PM

RF

“ Renea Hall & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles



Renea Hall & Family - April 16, 2021 at 07:46 PM

JL

“ Jackie Leeper sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles



Jackie Leeper - April 16, 2021 at 06:29 PM

SS

“ Shelia Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles



Shelia Smith - April 16, 2021 at 05:46 PM

SB

“ *May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time!!*



Sarah Bell-Young - April 16, 2021 at 04:41 PM

CB

“ *Carol Bradley lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Carol Bradley - April 16, 2021 at 04:24 PM

SW

“ *Steve And Susan Wagner lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles*



Steve and Susan Wagner - April 16, 2021 at 04:03 PM

GM

“ *Gary & Moricina sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles*



Gary & Moricina - April 16, 2021 at 03:05 PM

NG

“ Nancy Greenlee sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles



Nancy Greenlee - April 16, 2021 at 02:44 PM

CG

“ Claudia Goibes lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles



Claudia goibes - April 16, 2021 at 02:40 PM

VR

“ Vanessa Robinson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles



Vanessa Robinson - April 16, 2021 at 02:30 PM

LB

“ Lee & Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Charles



Lee & Lydia Bridwell - April 16, 2021 at 02:10 PM

LB

“ Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - April 16, 2021 at 02:05 PM

JA

“ Jaymon and edna



jaymon - April 16, 2021 at 11:27 AM

JA

“ Jaymon and edna



jaymon2013@gmail.com - April 16, 2021 at 11:26 AM

EB

“ Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Brenda Charles



Elaine Brady - April 16, 2021 at 11:05 AM

EB

My sweet friend she will truly be missesf

Elaine Brady - April 16, 2021 at 11:05 AM

RS

“ *May GOD Bless the family of Ms Brenda during this time.*



Regina Smith - April 16, 2021 at 10:58 AM