



## Christine Gray Birch

October 18, 1936 - September 23, 2021

CHRISTINE GRAY BIRCH, daughter of the late Charlie Brown and Levater Miles Brown was born on October 18, 1936 in Dillon County, South Carolina. Christine was the youngest of 10 siblings which all preceded her in death.

God called her home to Glory on September 23, 2021 Christine received her early education in South Carolina. At the age of 18 she moved to Baltimore, Maryland. In 1968, she completed the Baltimore City Public Schools, Division of Secondary, Vocational and Adult Education as a Practical Nurse.

After successfully passing the Maryland State Board of Examiners of nurses, she became a Licensed Practical Nurse in August, 1968.

Her last employment was with St. Elizabeth Nursing Rehabilitation Center where she remained for over 30 years before retiring. As a nurse she bonded with many of the elderly nuns that she cared for and would frequently visit them after she retired.

Christine had a heart and love for meeting people. She was always the first to introduce herself and engage in conversation. Before long she would have gained a lifelong friend. Christine was called "Nurse Nancy" because she took care of everyone. She was the captain of her senior apartment community, The Greens at Rolling Road and checked in nightly on everyone to make sure they were okay. She saved many lives while she was a resident there. She loved visiting friends and people in hospitals and nursing homes. For recreation, she loved to bowl, go to the casino, travel on bus trips and cruise with friends. Christine accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at an early age.

She joined Morning Star Baptist Church under the late Rev. Jentry McDonald, Sr. She was a member for over 35 years and belonged to many ministries, as in the Music Ministry, the Birthday Club and the Jentry E. McDonald Theatron Players. Christine loved acting and performed in many of the dinner theatre events. She was a devoted learner of the Word and attended weekly bible study.

She was also a proud graduate of the Morning Star Discipleship Program under Bishop Dwayne C. Debnam, Pastor. She loved her church family and enjoyed volunteering whenever she could.

Christine married the late Lester Gray in 1970, the late Taylor Baytops in 1983 and the late Johnnie Birch in 2004. Her daughter Brenda Kaye Smith preceded her in death in 1992. She leaves to cherish her memory, her nieces, Barbara Hayes and Stacey Thomas (goddaughter) and Dawn Brooks; nephews, Hampton Brooks and James Wheeler; a great-nephew, Tyrone Thompson; a host of other nieces and nephews; a devoted friend, Samuel Dublin; her adopted family, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Haskins & Joan Washington & Family; goddaughter, Annette March-Grier and her daughter Julia Grier, whom she cared for as a child and adored; caregivers ,Cora and Billie Hunt; and other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery

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## King Memorial Park Cemetery- Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.

Baltimore, MD, 21244

# Events

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**SEP 29** **Viewing** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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March Life Tribute Center -  
Randallstown

5616 Old Court Road, Windsor  
Mill, MD, US

**SEP 30** **Wake** 10:00AM - 10:30AM

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Morning Star Baptist Church -  
Woodlawn

1512 Woodlawn Dr, Woodlawn,  
MD, US, 21207

**SEP 30** **Service** 10:30AM

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# Comments

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always

**March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown)** - September 29, 2021 at 10:36 AM

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“ Haskins & Washington Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Christine Gray Birch.



**Haskins & Washington Families** - September 27, 2021 at 11:17 AM

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“ Christine was truly extraordinary. So was our forty-year-old friendship. Her life could have difficult days, but she never wore it on her face; she would steer her focus towards the lighter side of things. She was an inspiration for our family and we adopted her and she adopted us. We admired Chris for her strength of character and her faith. We will continue to be inspired by the actions she took and the things she said while she was alive. She will forever live in our memories. Joan & Dawn Washington and Kim & Clarence Garrett

**Joan Washington** - September 27, 2021 at 11:08 AM

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“ HAMPTON, STACEY, DAWN AND FAMILY purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Christine Gray Birch.



**Stacey Felicia Thomas** - September 26, 2021 at 07:25 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christine Gray Birch.



September 26, 2021 at 09:55 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Christine. Our fond reflections of Christine warms our hearts and will remain as a reminder of her generous smile and kind words. May you be at peace knowing that she is resting with our Lord.  
Agape',  
Dea. Doris Duren & Family

**Doris Duren** - September 25, 2021 at 10:03 AM