



## Brenda Thompson Farris

September 4, 1954 - March 4, 2021

On Thursday, March 4, 2021, our God in His infinite wisdom called His beloved daughter to His home in paradise. Brenda Joanne Thompson Farris was born to Alonzo Royce and Bernice Newbill Thompson on September 4, 1954 in Richmond, Virginia.

The oldest of three children, Brenda was educated in the New Kent County Public School system and graduated from Virginia State University (VSU), receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. While at VSU, she was inducted into the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Upon her graduation from college, Brenda worked as a Special Education teacher, attending to the needs of children with learning and developmental disabilities. It was here that she realized her people skills were best suited for the corporate sector, and she became a Customer Service Representative for Capital One Financial Corporation and State Farm Insurance Company.

Prior to retiring in 2019, Brenda worked for 12 years as a Lead Sales Associate (LSA) for the Virginia State Alcohol Beverage Control Authority where she earned great respect from her leadership and colleagues.

She professed her love for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at an early age, first joining Lebanon Baptist Church in Tunstall; later, a faithful member of a church closer to her home - Second Liberty Baptist Church in Quinton. While

at Second Liberty, she was a member of the choir and remained devoted to the church, even throughout the COVID Pandemic.

Brenda was known to be kind, compassionate, and loving. She was devoted to her family, taking care of her aging mother and brother, who recently experienced failing health. Brenda transported them to physician visits, made sure their medicine was correct and taken on time. She lifted their spirits by keeping them connected to other family members and friends via regular phone calls.

Her compassion was also conveyed by way of her humane care of animals. Brenda LOVED animals and was known to have a menagerie. She was particularly fond of three dogs and one cat (Louie, Cleo, Princess, and Cinnamon).

Brenda enjoyed good Gospel music and was a member of a group known as the "Gospel Five". The group provided joyous, foot stomping songs at funerals and special programs within the area.

When it came to her appearance, Brenda was always "dressed to kill", wearing the most contemporary fashions and designs of the time. She was indeed a sharp dresser. While also having a sharp wit, she was known for giving her honest opinion with courtesy and sincere respect. Brenda could have been a wonderful Comedian. She loved to laugh, and Christmas was her favorite season. She was a consummate gift wrapper, taking great pains in coordinating the wrappings and bows while smiling from ear to ear when folks would say, "I know Brenda wrapped this gift. It's too pretty to open."

Brenda was a devoted daughter, loving sister, aunt, great aunt, cousin, and friend. She leaves to cherish precious memories, her mother, Bernice Newbill Thompson; sister, Theresa T. Fisher; brother, Gordon A. Thompson; aunt, Shirley DeShazo; two nieces, Alonna and Danielle Fisher; two nephews, Gordon Thompson, Jr., and Ross Thompson; one great niece, Kinley Barnett;

and one great nephew, Isaiah Morris; and a host of cousins, relatives, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery

5300 Hopewell Road  
New Kent, VA 23124

# Previous Events

## Walk through Visitation

MAR 12. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Going Home Ceremony

MAR 12. 2:30 PM (ET)

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## Live Streaming

MAR 12 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Brenda Thompson Farris, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - March 12, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ *Brenda Thompson Farris*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Rev Sheila Crump lit a candle in memory of Brenda Thompson Farris*



rev sheila crump - March 12, 2021 at 05:11 PM



*Thank You!*

Theresa Fisher - Brenda's sister - October 21, 2021 at 03:23 PM

TM

“ *Rest in peace, my dear cousin until we meet again.*



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**TiAnna G Mobley** - March 12, 2021 at 04:07 PM

PC

“ *Please accept our heartfelt sympathy during this time of grief in the passing of your love one.*

*Pastor Rodney Christian and the Union Baptist Church Family.*

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**Pastor Rodney Christian** - March 12, 2021 at 03:30 PM

LT

“ *To the Thompson Family,  
All of you are my family too. My thoughts and prayers are with you  
while you know Brenda is in God's care always and forever. ❤️*

*Loving you all,  
Lynette Dungee Taylor and Family*

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**Lynette Taylor** - March 12, 2021 at 12:32 PM

JM

“ *To the Thompson Family:  
Praying that you find peace in your memories of Brenda.*

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**JANET A MACON** - March 12, 2021 at 12:24 PM

DD

“ I lived two doors down from Brenda for many years. She used to babysit my oldest son Jamaal, and we shared many travel journeys together in our younger days to New York, D.C. and other sites. Being the youngest, Brenda was always the driver. There will always be a special place in the memories of my heart for my cousin Brenda.

*I will keep Bunny, Theresa and Gordon in my prayers and thought at this most difficult time in your life. Marvin, Jamaal, Aaron and I are here to support you in any way you may need us.*

*Love, Peace and Blessing,  
Diane*

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**DIANE DIXON-PROCTOR** - March 12, 2021 at 09:35 AM

KW

“ Brenda, I'll never forget the way you sang *Go Down Moses, Way Down in Egypt's Land*. Tell Ole Pharoah to let my people go. Rest in Peace.

*Cousins Theresa, Gordon and Aunt Bunny:, may God & your memories keep you in perfect peace. Having found this poem to be true, I send to you with love and Godspeed.*

*For Grief by John Donahue*

*When you lose someone you love,  
Your life becomes strange,  
The ground beneath you becomes fragile,  
Your thoughts make your eyes unsure;  
And some dead echo drags your voice down  
Where words have no confidence  
Your heart has grown heavy with loss;  
And though this loss has wounded others too,  
No one knows what has been taken from you  
When the silence of absence deepens.*

*Flickers of guilt kindle regret  
For all that was left unsaid or undone.*

*There are days when you wake up happy;  
Again inside the fullness of life,  
Until the moment breaks  
And you are thrown back  
Onto the black tide of loss.  
Days when you have your heart back,  
You are able to function well  
Until in the middle of work or encounter,  
Suddenly with no warning,  
You are ambushed by grief.*

*It becomes hard to trust yourself.*

*All you can depend on now is that  
Sorrow will remain faithful to itself.  
More than you, it knows its way  
And will find the right time  
To pull and pull the rope of grief  
Until that coiled hill of tears  
Has reduced to its last drop.*

*Gradually, you will learn acquaintance  
With the invisible form of your departed;  
And when the work of grief is done,  
The wound of loss will heal  
And you will have learned  
To wean your eyes  
From that gap in the air  
And be able to enter the hearth  
In your soul where your loved one  
Has awaited your return  
All the time.*

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**Kathryn Williams** - March 12, 2021 at 08:06 AM

GW

“ RIP my friend may GOD be with you

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**george whiting** - March 12, 2021 at 05:00 AM

GW

“ Gwen lit a candle in memory of Brenda  
Thompson Farris



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**Gwen** - March 11, 2021 at 03:59 PM

GW

*How do we say goodbye when we haven't had the chance? We don't because there is no goodbye to be said...for we know we will see Brenda again. My deepest and sincere sympathy to the family of my friend Brenda.*

**Gwen** - March 11, 2021 at 04:11 PM

HB

“ *H. Sheila Brown lit a candle in memory of Brenda Thompson Farris*



**H. Sheila Brown** - March 11, 2021 at 01:08 PM

CF

“ *Cousin Yvonne, Hugo, Phillip and Families purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Brenda Thompson Farris.*



**Cousin Yvonne, Hugo, Phillip and Families** - March 11, 2021 at 12:44 PM

AL

“ *To the Family:*

*Our deepest sympathy to the family of Sis. Brenda. May you hearts rejoice knowing that she is with her Maker resting and singing in the Heavenly choir. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. A heart of gold and smile of peace was Brenda at all times.*

**Alfreda Adkins Lewis** - March 11, 2021 at 11:06 AM

CD

*Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Brenda's family. I saw Brenda on almost a daily basis. I will miss her smile and our sometimes funny and sometimes deep conversations. John and Candy Dismond*

**Candy Dismond** - March 12, 2021 at 01:57 PM

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“ *Class Of New Kent High School 1972 lit a candle in memory of Brenda Thompson Farris*

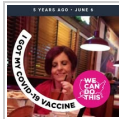


**Class of New Kent High School 1972** - March 10, 2021 at 08:11 AM

C1

*Our deepest confidences to the family. Brenda was a wonderful friend and classmate*

**Class of New Kent High School 1972** - March 10, 2021 at 08:13 AM



*My thoughts and prayers to the Thompson Family. Even though it is 4 months since dear Brenda has passed, I do know that it has been hard on them.*

*I do remember Brenda as a classmate full of passion. Last time I saw her she was surrounded by friends at our 45th class reunion having a wonderful time and yes, "Dressed to the T's".*

*I pray soon the family will have these loving memories to replace numbness and pain of yesterday.*

**Virginia Friedman** - July 10, 2021 at 01:25 PM

TS

“ *The Thompsons: Brenda, Rodney, Tonia, Sierra purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Brenda Thompson Farris.*



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**The Thompsons: Brenda, Rodney, Tonia, Sierra** - March 09, 2021 at 11:51 PM

DD

“ *Deborah Akrie AKA Debo purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brenda Thompson Farris.*



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**Deborah Akrie AKA Debo** - March 09, 2021 at 09:11 PM

WB

“ *Condolences to the family. We pray God grants you strength, peace and comfort during this difficult time.*



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**Warren & JoAnne Bell** - March 09, 2021 at 02:26 PM

FP

“ *Condolences to the family and friends for your loss. May the Lord comfort and sustain you all during this time .*



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**Florence Randall Purnell** - March 09, 2021 at 01:21 PM

SJ

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family of Brenda Farris. When we heard the news, our hearts was heavy, and sad. We have fond memories, during choir rehearsals at Second Liberty Church. Brenda always had a funny way of making us laugh, when learning a song, in rehearsal. We will miss her beautiful voice, when singing harmony. Rest in peace, our dear friend. Spotswood & Audrey Johnson-Richmond, Va*

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**Spotswood & Audrey Johnson** - March 09, 2021 at 11:50 AM

SC

“ *Prayers and sympathy to the Family. May God comfort and bless each of you.*

*Montreats. Abrams Christian -Richmond,VA*



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**Shirley Abrams Christian** - March 09, 2021 at 11:30 AM

RC

“ *Rita Christian-Coles lit a candle in memory of Brenda Thompson Farris*



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**Rita Christian-Coles** - March 09, 2021 at 11:17 AM

RC

*My prayers are with the family during this time of sorrow.*

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**Rita Christian-Coles** - March 09, 2021 at 11:39 AM

ML

*Prayers and sympathy to cousin Bunny and the rest of the family. I must say I will miss that beautiful smile that she wore everywhere she went, it was so warm and inviting. May God comfort you all in the coming days. Cousin Marion*

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**Marion Loftin** - March 10, 2021 at 08:10 AM

SM

“ *"Brendas" (her secret hero name) was a jewel! Quick to laugh, full of life, sang like an angel and loved her family...a sweet friend. Praying ALL immediate, extended family & friends will feel God's peace.*

*Sharon "Toosie" (my super hero name)  
Minor-Randall*

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**Sharon "Tootie" Minor-Randall** - March 09, 2021 at 07:50 AM

MG

“ *My heart is heavy and filled with tears. My God will sustain you with His righteous right hand. Cling to His word and rest in His arms of comfort and healing.*



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**Madeana Graves** - March 08, 2021 at 10:53 PM

DJ

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the family. I pray God give you comfort in the days ahead. Brenda will be missed.*



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**Denise Johnson** - March 08, 2021 at 10:12 PM

WB

“ Wanda Braud lit a candle in memory of Brenda Thompson Farris



Wanda Braud - March 08, 2021 at 10:05 PM

WB

*I've lost a Sister and a Friend. We had just planned a summer vacation. We will carry you in our hearts and celebrate you on that vacation. Love you Girl!!!*

Wanda Braud - March 08, 2021 at 10:07 PM

LH

“ Condolences and prayers to the family during this time. Leila Christian Holmes & Melvin Holmes.



Leila Holmes - March 07, 2021 at 03:07 PM

VH

*My prayers and condolences to all the family. Brenda kept me in stitches with her comedic sense of humor. She had a joyous spirit. I miss running into her about the county here and there.*

Vandra Harris - March 07, 2021 at 11:33 PM

DH

*Our prayers and thoughts are with our family as we prepare to celebrate Brenda's life with us and her new life in heaven. She was indeed a bright light among us that reflected an inner peace and confident assurance that God was with her. Rest in His presence and eternal promise, until we meet again.*

Dr Milton & Sylvia Hathaway - March 09, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 06, 2021 at 09:35 PM