



## Brenda Joyce Kess

March 25, 1949 - January 3, 2022

MRS. BRENDA JOYCE STRICKLAND KESS, loving daughter of Earnest and Frosty Strickland, was born on March 25, 1949 in Fairbluff, North Carolina. Brenda transitioned from her earthly home to her eternal rest on January 3, 2022 at the nursing and rehabilitation home in Catonsville at 3:00 a.m.

She attended the Public School System in North Carolina and graduated from Columbus High School on June 2, 1967. She later attended North Carolina A & T University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work. She also was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.. She then went on to pursue her graduate studies in Chicago. She attended the University of Chicago and later was awarded a Master of Arts degree from the School of Social Service Administration on June 8, 1973. She then relocated to Baltimore City where she began a career in social work.

She later met her husband Gerald A. Kess Jr. and they were married October 17, 1977 at City Hall. From that union a son was born, Jason Juan Kess. Brenda loved her job as a social worker. She loved working with people and helping them. She received various awards for her efforts. She retired from Baltimore City Social Services

in 1999. She worked for Martin Pollak for several years after retirement, before becoming ill. Brenda was a devoted member of Huber Memorial Church for many years. She loved to read the Bible and was a member of Bible Study class. When she became ill, she watched the pastor on television for as long as she could. She took two generations of Kess's with her to the church as children, her son, and their granddaughter. Brenda loved the church.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Gerald A. Kess Jr.; two grandchildren, Briairra Te'Asia Kess of Baltimore and Jaiden Joseph Kess of Pennsylvania; great-grandson, Jayce Juan Harding of Baltimore; five sisters, Louise Washington, Eleouise Graham, Gladys Young of Fairbluff, North Carolina, Rose Freman and Evon Strickland from East Point, Georgia; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road  
Baltimore, MD 21244

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN **13**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

## Wake

JAN **14**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Huber Memorial Church  
5700 Loch Raven Blvd.  
Baltimore, MD 21239

## Funeral Service

JAN **14**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JW

“ I just recently learned of the passing of my dear line sister Brenda Strickland Kess, Fall 1969, of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. My sincere condolences and prayers are extended to her family and may her life continue to be a blessing to all that loved her. With Love, Jacquelyn Wright Wallace (Sunshine)



Jacquelyn Wright Wallace - March 27, 2023 at 01:47 PM

DE

“ To the Kess and Strickland Family Members, I just recently found out that our Alpha Phi (NCA&TSU) Sister of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority had passed. Sending my sincere condolences and prayers for continued comfort. In Christ, Demetria Tucker



DemetriaTucker - March 27, 2023 at 12:30 PM

LS

“ So saddened to learn of the passing of our dear Soror Brenda Strickland Kess. We both pledged Alpha Phi Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Fall 1969. May her precious and loving memories live on for generations to come. My condolences and love sent to the family and friends of Brenda! Lamar Perry (Effie Stanford Perry)

Lamar Stanford-Perry - March 26, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ Brenda Joyce Kess

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

KA

“ With deepest sympathy, I send condolences to my Uncle Gerald Kess and family. May He wrap His arms around you, lift you up in your darkest hours, and grant you peace and comfort all your days forward.

With love,  
Niece, Kathy Adams and family.

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**Kathy Adams** - January 13, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Joyce Kess.



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January 12, 2022 at 06:04 PM

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“ Louise, Gladys, Kent and families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brenda Joyce Kess.



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**Louise, Gladys, Kent and families** - January 12, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Joyce Kess.



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January 10, 2022 at 04:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Joyce Kess.*



January 06, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Brenda Joyce Kess.*



January 06, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“ *Rose Freeman purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Brenda Joyce Kess.*



**Rose Freeman** - January 06, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear about the passing of sister Kess.*



**Kent Edwin Young- Fair Bluff,NC** - January 06, 2022 at 01:48 PM

EF

“ *Elouise Graham and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brenda Joyce Kess.*



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**Elouise Graham and Family** - January 06, 2022 at 12:57 PM

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“ *Evon Strickland and Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Brenda Joyce Kess.*



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**Evon Strickland and Family** - January 06, 2022 at 12:46 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** - January 06, 2022 at 11:01 AM