



God called your name so softly,
That only you could hear.
And no one heard the footsteps
Of angels drawing near.

You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.

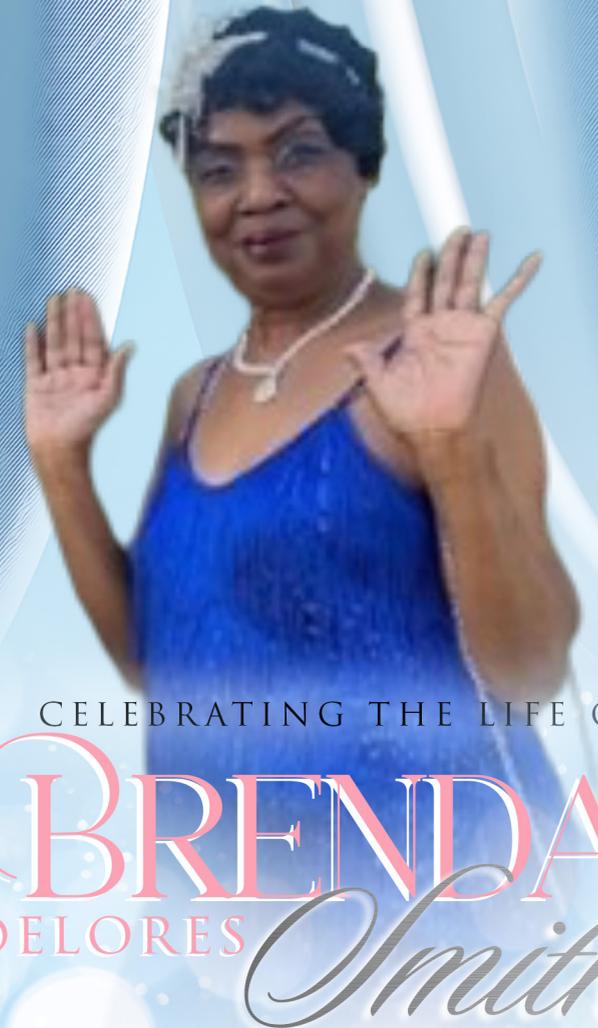
“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” John 14:1-3 KJV

Pallbearers
Horace Carpenter
Bernard Crumeby
Nathaniel, Jr.
Torrence
Timothy Stafford
Kenneth Wade

Flower Attendants
Friends of the family

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Acknowledgements
Every time someone needs a laugh, you're right there. When tears fall, you're right there too, without hesitation. Doctor appointments, late-night calls, moments big and small, you never missed a beat. No matter when we call, you always answer and that means more than words can ever explain. Your love, support, patience and selflessness hold this family together in ways you probably don't even realize. We see you. We feel you. We appreciate you deeply. Thank you, Ramonia Williams, for loving us the way you do, for always showing up and for being our constant. We are truly blessed to have you and we love you, endlessly.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
BRENDA
DELORES *Smith*

SUNRISE | January 2, 1960 SUNSET | December 19, 2025

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Saturday, January 3, 2026 - 11:00AM
Grace Baptist Church

1553 E. 21st Street | Jacksonville, Florida 32206
Rev. John J. Devoe, Jr., Pastor | Rev. Kennetta C. Carter, Officiating

Life Story

Brenda Smith was born in Jacksonville, Florida, on January 2, 1960, to the late Ella Mae Richardson-Smith and Melvin Smith. From the very beginning, Brenda carried a light within her that would go on to bless everyone she encountered. She was a proud graduate of Andrew Jackson High School, Class of 1978, and later continued her education at Jones Business College, always striving to better herself.

Brenda was a woman defined by her strength, work ethic, and unwavering heart. She faithfully served Duval County Public Schools for ten years before dedicating more than twenty years to United Parcel Service (UPS). No matter what the task was, Brenda showed up with pride, determination, and a commitment to excellence that never wavered. While Brenda loved shopping and proudly claimed her title as a true shopaholic, her greatest joy came from giving. Her generosity knew no limits. She never hesitated to help others and consistently went above and beyond to make sure no one felt forgotten or alone. Brenda's love for her community was evident in everything she did. Each year, she organized bookbag and school supply drives so children could walk into the school year feeling prepared, confident, and loved.

Her home was a place of joy and celebration. On Halloween, it was famously known as the house with the most candy, overflowing with laughter and excitement. At Christmas, Brenda's giving spirit shined even brighter. She believed in showing appreciation to everyone and made sure even the mailman and trash collectors were remembered with gifts, because to her, kindness was meant to be shared freely. To her family, she was simply "Aunty Brenda," the one you called when you needed anything, no questions asked. She took great pride in making holidays special, especially Christmas. She lovingly bought matching pajamas and thoughtful gifts for her great-nieces and nephews, creating traditions and memories that will live on in their hearts forever.

Brenda Smith lived a life rooted in service, generosity, and unconditional love. Her presence made people feel seen, cared for, and valued. Though she may no longer walk beside us, the warmth of her spirit and the impact of her kindness will forever remain in the countless lives she touched. On December 19, 2025, Brenda's beautiful journey of service, generosity, and thoughtfulness came to a peaceful close when the Lord gently whispered, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

She was preceded in death by her mother: Ella Mae Smith; father: Melvin Smith; sister: Linda Sykes (Johnny Sykes); brother: John Richardson; and her precious children: James and Keliyah Smith. Left to cherish her legacy are her devoted grandchildren: Nakerria Lloyd, Antonio Garrett, Nathaniel Lloyd, Kemari Rhodes, Keniya Brown, Kenaya Brown and Ja'Meriah Jackson; great-grandchildren: Ariana Maxell and Jordan Nyaire; siblings: Beverly Smith, Emma Johnson and David Winters; aunts: Rose Smith, Dorothy Williams and Creasie Hardy; uncles: Curtis Richardson (Beatrice) and Lester Richardson; nieces and nephews: Kenya Carpenter (Horace), Terri Richardson-Stewart, Aaron Horne, John Calvin Richardson, Jr., Kiyuan Mitchell (Guga), Kiquan Carpenter, Kiquana Carpenter and Terrance Holloway; best friends: Arlene Frank, Harold Whitehead and Teresa McCary; godsisters: Queenell Henderson and Joan Lagair and a host of other relatives and dear friends.



Order of Service

Pastor Kennetta C. Carter, Officiating
Greater Payne AME, Pastor

The Processional	Minister Synetta Drayton "How Great Is Our God"
Crowning Presentation	Kiwon and Arthur
The Hymn of Praise	The Congregation "Time Is Filled With Swift Transition"
The Invocation	The Reverend Gary DeSue
The Scriptures	
Old Testament: Psalm 121	
New Testament: John 14:1-7	
The Solo	Miss Suete Williams
The Reflections (Two Minutes Please)	
As a Church Member	Steward Catina Lewis
As a Co-Worker	Mr. Harold Whitehead
As a Cousin	Mrs. Ramonia Williams
As a Niece	Miss Kenya Carpenter
The Resolution and Acknowledgements	Steward Kiara Edwards Warren
The Selection	Greater Payne Choir
The Words of Comfort	Pastor Kennetta C. Carter
The Recessional	"Go'in Up Yonder" The Choir and Congregation