



## Mrs. Brenda McGowan Jefferson

July 11, 1948 - February 9, 2024

Brenda Kay McGowan Jefferson, 75 years of age, transitioned to be with her Savior on Friday, February 9, 2024. Brenda was born on July 11, 1948, in Tylertown, MS, to the late Jesse and Vivian Magee McGowan. She was one of three children born to her parents. She was educated in the Walthall County School system in MS where she met her high school sweetheart, Mathew Jefferson. She later moved to New Orleans and attended Delgado Community College. In 1975, she began working at United Parcel Service where she began as a delivery driver and worked her way up to Regional District Manager before retiring in 1992.

She married Mathew Jefferson on October 17, 1976, and they share five children together, Isaac Holmes, Jr. of Nashville, TN, Shefroney T. Mondy of Dallas, GA, Kimberly Gholar (Robert Gholar) of Oakvale, MS, Keith Maye (Arlene Maye) of Byram, MS and LaKeisha N. Jefferson of New Orleans, LA. She is the grandmother of Robert Gholar, Jr., Maryetta Randolph (Kenric Randolph), Dorian J. Wisdom, Elijah K. Maye (Myiesha Maye), Isaiah B. Holmes and Ah'tyana Kennedy and is the great-grandmother of Khaiden Gholar. She is the sister of Gylendia R. McGowan and Lachele McGowan Lee.

Brenda gave her life to Christ at an early age and loved volunteering her time in church. She was an ordained minister at the Upperroom Bible Church and

dedicated her life to spreading the gospel. She was a faithful member of Abundant Life Church pastored by Leroy and Lisa Theard. Brenda was a fun-loving and caring person who loved to read her Bible, loved to pray with and for others and always encouraged others with a positive word. She was a light wherever she went and always put others first. She loved spending time with her family and was a devoted wife, loving mother and friend – to know her was to love her.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memory her husband, her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchild, her sisters and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her grandparents, and her granddaughter, Asia Maye.

A visitation for Mrs. Jefferson will be Saturday, February 24, 2024, at Brandon Bay UM Church in Tylertown, MS, from 10am until 11am with the Funeral Service following at 11am.

Pastor Leroy Thread will officiate the funeral service with interment to follow in the Brandon Bay Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Brandon Bay Church

24 Brandon Bay Church Road  
Tylertown, MS 39667  
(601) 876-5130

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Brandon Bay United Methodist Church  
24 Brandon Bay Church Road  
Tylertown, MS 39667  
(601) 876-5130

## Service

FEB 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Our most heartfelt condolences to the Jerfferson family. You are in our prayers.* ”

**Rashard Spiller** - February 26, 2024 at 10:23 PM

KH

“ *My heart is so full of love for Ms. B.J, because of her mothering spirit, and her presence made me know everything would be ok. She will be sorely missed, and I pray you all stay strengthened and know, she was so important to so many , and a special in our hearts will only be for her, miss you until we meet again.* ”

**Kim Hamilton** - February 24, 2024 at 09:44 PM

CW

“ *This lady right here was my sanity through a lot of storms. She always encouraged you through whatever you was going through. Minister BJ affectionately known to all her love children at church and after church if you needed her. I for one will truly miss our talks, meetups and laughter. BJ you was God sent for so many. I love you and will see you later.* ”

**Cassandra Woods-Andrews** - February 24, 2024 at 12:43 PM

CR

“ *Miss Brenda welcomed me with a big beautiful smile whenever I saw her at Upperroom. The first time I met her I knew she was a child of God. Rest with our Savior.* ”

**Christopher Russell** - February 23, 2024 at 06:31 PM

CW

“ My sincere condolences to the Jefferson and McGowan families. Brenda and I were classmates from JJ Gullledge HS class of 1966  
Carrie (Montgomery) Washington  
Ft Worth, TX

Carrie Washington - February 23, 2024 at 06:06 PM

YC

“ I knew Brenda as. Wonderful friend. I lovingly called her BJ. We ran errands for UBC together making sure everything was in place especially when we had New Members dinners. She Wii be missed. I send peace and condolences to her family with Love 🙏

Yolanda Curd - February 23, 2024 at 05:29 PM

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“ Tyra Wells -Donald purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Brenda McGowan Jefferson.



Tyra Wells -Donald - February 23, 2024 at 05:25 PM

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“ To my beautiful loving cousin & family. My heart is heavy as I received the shocking news of ur demise. U were so gracious in reaching out to the Singleton/ Stewart Family of our Bro/ Uncle Jim Singleton 's demise. U shared such love n comfort to our family. God bless u for that. Rest on cuz to be with our Heavenly Father. U will never be forgotten! Blessings to ur family! Love to u All & may God bless All continously. U were that beautiful spiritual ual person.bless & comfort u continously. Glenda Morgan & Family

Glenda 3 - February 23, 2024 at 02:58 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Brenda McGowan Jefferson.



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February 23, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ Tammy Jefferson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Brenda McGowan Jefferson.



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**Tammy Jefferson** - February 23, 2024 at 12:12 PM



“ Michelle Gorum purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mrs. Brenda McGowan Jefferson.



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**Michelle Gorum** - February 23, 2024 at 09:04 AM



“ Michelle Gorum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Brenda McGowan Jefferson.

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**Michelle Gorum** - February 23, 2024 at 09:04 AM

TH

“ My condolences to Jefferson family. Aunt Brenda was such a beautiful person with a beautiful spirit and soul. I was blessed to have known you in my life through Mark. Thank you for welcoming me into the family. I'm so thankful for our many cherished conversations. She was always encouraging, supporting, and uplifting me. I was so excited and looking forward to spending time with you as a neighbor. Auntie, you will always hold a special place in my heart. I'll never forget what you did for me. Love you and until we meet again. Keep resting, my love.



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**Tiffany Holmes** - February 22, 2024 at 09:58 PM

LB

“ Extending my heartfelt sympathy to the Jefferson and McGowan Families in the loss of their beloved. I remember Brenda as being a very beautiful and smart student! "Our GOD is still good!"  
Ledora Bridges  
1966 Classmate  
J J Gullede High School

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**Ledora Bridges** - February 21, 2024 at 08:03 PM



“ Our staff will continue to keep your family in our prayers. We thank you for allowing us to serve your family.

*Craft Dillon Funeral Services*

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**Crystal Renee Hollins** - February 19, 2024 at 03:15 PM

HM

“ *My deepest sympathy is extended to Brenda's family. She and I were classmates and basketball team mates at J J Gullledge High School, being part of the class of 1966. Brenda was smart, friendly, and caring. My heart is saddened to hear of her passing. My prayer is for the family's comfort during this time of bereavement.*

*Helen Wilson Meeks, Lincoln NE*

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**Helen Meeks** - February 16, 2024 at 09:52 PM