

***In Loving Memory
of
Brenda Louise McCord***

***Sunrise
September 17, 1946***

***Sunset
September 3, 2021***



Friday, October 1, 2021

**Family Hour: 10:00 a.m.
Service: 11:00 a.m.**

***From the Heart Church Ministries®
Annex at 5055 Allentown Road
Suitland, Maryland 20746***

Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

Obituary

Brenda Louise McCord was born on September 17, 1946, at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., to James and Lillian Gross. She was the third of five children (Pat, Lynn, Brenda, James “Lucky,” and Wendy). Brenda transitioned peacefully from this life on September 3, 2021, and is now in the presence of the Lord.

Brenda was educated in the District of Columbia Public Schools and graduated from Cardozo High School. While still in school, she worked different jobs on Capitol Hill and received numerous awards for her contributions. She later worked for the government before going into private industry. During her professional career as a legal secretary, Brenda was sought after by various law firms to include Wilmer Cutler & Pickering, Hogan & Hartson, Covington & Burling LLP, and Swidler & Berlin. The highly competitive woman took the lead in all she set out to do, working relentlessly and tirelessly until everything she wanted to accomplish was done at the highest level. After retiring, Brenda continued to work remotely part-time for Alorica, and a few online companies such as Concentrix.

Brenda was married to the late Edgar McCord for several years; however, that marriage ended in divorce. She was a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, cousin, aunt, and friend. The free-spirited Brenda was multi-talented and creative—always willing to take on a new adventure or task—always on the move with her family and friends. Brenda loved listening to music, dancing, traveling, volunteering, and helping others in any way she could. Additionally, she thoroughly enjoyed sewing, making masks, cooking, and playing the piano.

More importantly, Brenda was a woman of faith. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior in the early 1990s. And in 1995, she joined From the Heart Church Ministries where she was actively involved in the life of the church. She served in the Ministry of Justice, Sports and Fitness Ministry, as well as the Usher Ministry. Moreover, she remained a faithful member of From the Heart until her passing. She will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memory, loving daughters, Camille Tyler and Charnita Tyler; grandchildren: Chaun Tyler, Vaunn Tyler, Marissa Tyler, and Alexa Tyler; great-grandchildren: Nico Tyler, Londyn “Tokyo” Tyler, Dakotah Tyler, Lamont Jackson, André Dicks, Jr., Knight Dicks, Amir Tyler, DeAndré Tyler, James “Ace” Simon, Winter Simon, Aniyah Tyler, Sevyn Tyler, and Logan Tyler; siblings: James Gross (Nadia), Patricia Payne (Charles), Lynn Gross-Butler (Richard), and Wendy Upshur (Will); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Brenda was preceded in death by her father, James Gross; and nephew, Torrence T. Hall, Jr.

Order of Service

Invocation

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament: Deuteronomy 31:6
New Testament: John 14:1-6*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *FTH Psalmist*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

*Mr. Joseph Gross, Nephew
Mr. James Gross, Brother
Ms. Marissa Tyler, Granddaughter*

Poem *Mr. Vaunn Tyler*

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation *FTH Psalmist*

Message of Hope *Minister Dyonne Gleaton*

Call to Christ

Benediction

Recessional

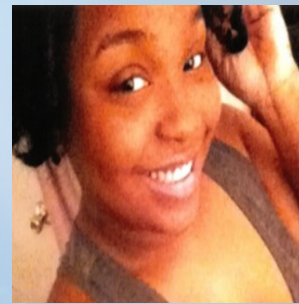
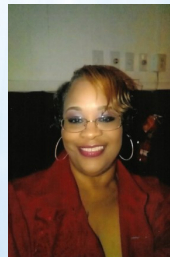
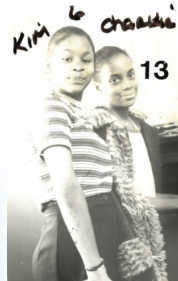
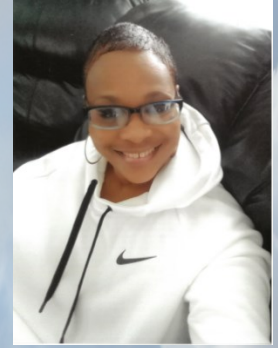
To Our Mother

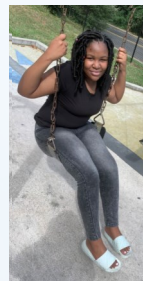
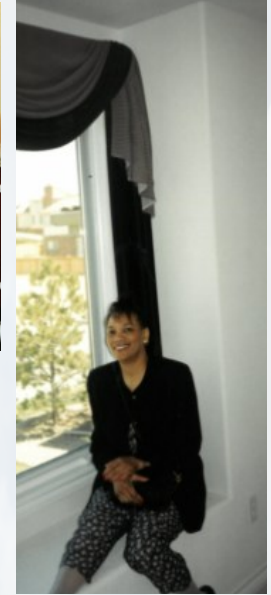
Thank you for choosing to be our mother during your short time here on earth. You singlehandedly raised two independent, smart, and strong women. You showed us as single parents how to be there for our children, just as you were always there for us when we needed you. Not only were you here for us but for your entire family as well. You were kind, giving, thoughtful, highly intelligent, and a go-getter. Whatever you set your mind to do you simply did it. You loved to sew, play the piano, travel, do sign-language and much, much more. You also loved dancing,.

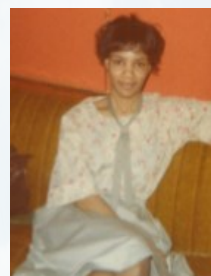
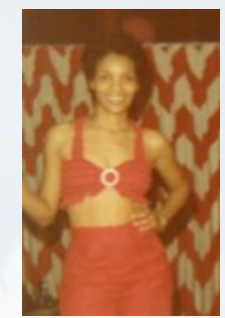
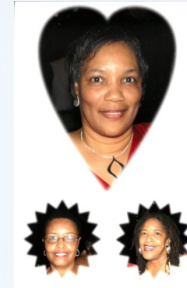
You were a very well-rounded person, and beautiful in side out. We love you and we miss you. We will see you again one day.

Love Eternally, Your Daughters

Sass and Charkie







Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

The entire family sincerely thanks all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support during this difficult time. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace. A special thanks to our From the Heart Church Ministries family.



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