



A Celebration of Life for
Eugenia Jeanette Strange



Sunrise:
December 2, 1963

Sunset:
February 12, 2024

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Family Visitation: 10:30 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

Christ Kingdom Church

6809 District Heights Parkway | District Heights, Maryland 20747

Bishop David T. P. Perrin, Senior Pastor



Obituary

Eugenia Jeanette Butler Strange, a loving mother, little sister, beloved aunt, and wonderful friend, went home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ in the early morning of February 12, 2024.

Jeanette “Jenny B.” as she was lovingly known, was born to James Butler and Virginia Estelle Fenwick (née Hill) on December 2, 1963, in Newport News, Virginia.

Jeanette grew up in Hampton and Newport News, Virginia and graduated from Bethel High School in 1982, where she participated in the Key Club and Pom Pom Squad. She was a part of a circle of friends called the “BGs” (short for “Baby Girls”) who have remained friends since high school. Jeanette was, and will always be, BG #3.

After high school, Jeanette attended Virginia Union University and Norfolk State University. Jeanette later relocated to the Washington metropolitan area and began her professional career with Government Employee Insurance Company (GEICO). A bonus to her time at GEICO was meeting Bryant Strange Sr. The two became a couple and married in August 1991. Their lives were richly blessed with the births of their sons, Jesse Leonard and Bryant, Jr.

Jeanette continued her professional career at The Washington Post as an advertising coordinator where she was recognized throughout several years for her stellar customer service and contributions to international advertising accounts. Applying her passion to assist others, she also used her skills by fulfilling a position as Human Resources/Administrative Assistant for Home Instead Senior Care.

While working full-time, Jeanette went back to school and earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration (2005) and a masters degree in business administration, with a minor in human resources (2009). Both undergraduate and graduate degrees were obtained from Strayer University.



Jenny B especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends; having recently spent a memorable fellowship on Thanksgiving Day right before her illness. Prior to the Thanksgiving gathering, she had also taken a well-deserved vacation in October with friends to Myrtle Beach. Even though her health challenges slightly slowed her pace, she was deliberate about spending weekly time out at the senior center participating in chair yoga, arts and crafts, and musical activities. Jeanette especially loved music and would often be found reminiscing about “ole skool” tunes.

Jeanette was a beautiful, funny, smart, godly woman who fought hard and loved even harder. She found spiritual fulfillment in listening to sermonic messages at First Baptist Church of Glenarden, where she was most recently a member. The Strange family also spent years as members of From the Church Heart Ministries®.

Jeanette had many titles and nicknames but the greatest to her was mom to Jesse and Bryant, Jr. They were the greatest loves of her life. She did so much with the life given and tackled the many challenges she faced.

Eugenia Jeanette is survived by her sons, Jesse and Bryant, Jr.; father, James Butler; mother, Virginia Estelle Fenwick; sister, Joyce Hill; former husband, Bryant Strange, Sr.; sister-in-law, Garcella Campbell; as well as countless other family and friends who all grieve her loss.

We celebrate her today and may her life be a blessing to all who knew and loved her. To God be the glory for His new angel, Eugenia Jeanette Butler Strange!



Order of Service

Officiant *Elder James Lewis*

Opening Prayer *Elder James Lewis*

Musical Selection *Going Up Yonder*

Musical Selection *Elder James Middleton*
“My Soul Has Been Anchored in the Lord”

Old Testament Scripture Reading *Gloria Thomas*

New Testament Scripture Reading *Danielle Johnson-Matheny*

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection *Mr. Jesse Strange*
“If This World Were Mine”

Poem *Ms. Tamika Ford*

Acknowledgements and Obituaries *Mr. Bryant Strange*

Life Reflections and Expressions (2 minutes maximum)

Sermonic Selection *Ms. Lisa Gilliam*
“It Is Well with My Soul”

Eulogy *Bishop Dennis Smith*

Invitation to Life *Bishop Dennis Smith*

Recessional





Let Go And Let God

(Dedicated to my aunt who just recently passed away)

You have suffered auntie long enough, You were brave strong and tough.
The battle you fought was long and hard, But it's okay auntie let go and let God.

It has hurt all of us when you left that day, It left me broken hearted with nothing to say.
I don't want to be selfish say please don't leave, Because I did not want to hurt or grieve.

I know in my heart you are in a better place, But I swear I'm going to miss your beautiful face.
I am going to miss the talks we would have, And the stories I would tell that would make you laugh.

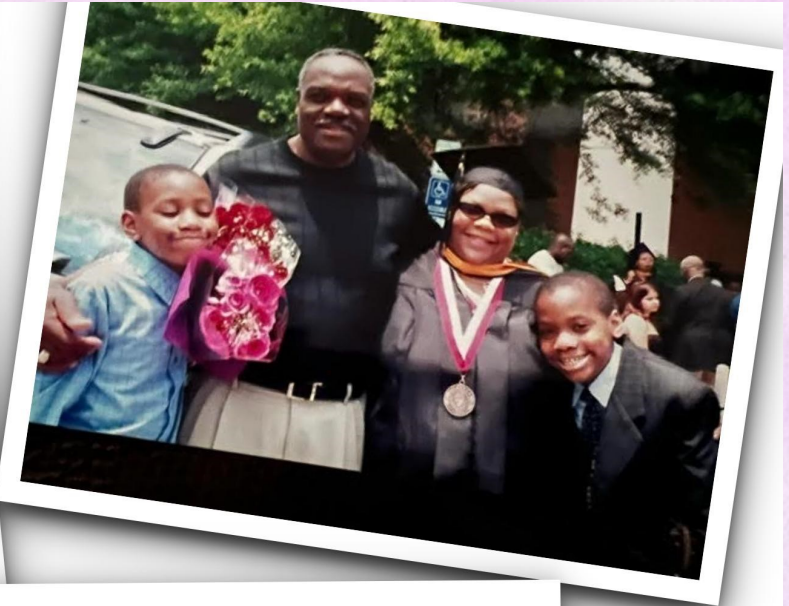
God just needed you to come home, Yes we know it has made your family sore.
You will always be remembered every single day, From the smile on your face to the things you would say.

You have taken your space in heaven right where you belong.
Right up there with Charles, Grandma, Diane, and my mom.
Yes we all know that we need to be strong.
But through our family your memory will live on.

You don't need to fight anymore just let go and let God, While you were here on earth you did your job.
You did your part to keep family together, That's why you will remain in our hearts always and forever.









Acknowledgment

We thank you so much for all the kindness you have shown. For friendship's healing touch, with gratitude our hearts are full, though words cannot convey the tender thoughts and thankfulness we hold for you today.

Love, the family

Special thank you to Eugenia's good friends the BGs; the Campbell, Williams, Thomas, and Matheny families; and Lee and Hayat from the Ritz-Carlton.

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

*"How do I say goodbye to what we had?
The good times that made us laugh, outweighed the bad.
I thought we'd get to see forever, it's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday."*

