



## Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson

August 6, 1955 - July 30, 2024

Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson, a revered minister and cherished community leader, peacefully transitioned into eternal life on July 30, 2024. Born on August 6, 1955, in Bluff City, Arkansas to the late Samuel Sr. and Dorothy Jefferson, she was a beacon of faith and love, inspiring many through her unwavering devotion to Christ and her passion for music.

Raised in Peoria, Pastor Brenda attended Peoria Public Schools before furthering her education at Illinois Central College. Her professional journey included 24 years at Sears and Roebuck, where she retired in 1998.

Her spiritual journey gained momentum in 1973 when she dedicated her life to Christ. Developing her gifts at Star of Hope Full Gospel Church under Emeritus Bishop Joseph H. Johnson, Pastor Brenda served faithfully for over 35 years. She held roles including Minister of Music, Choir Director, Sunday School Teacher, and member of the Ministerial Board.

Her music ministry resonated nationwide, profoundly impacting many through her singing. She was the composer of "It's My Desire" and performed and recorded it with "Chosen Generation," a group she founded. Her collaborations included recording with the late Dr. Mattie Moss Clark and the Church of God in Christ National Choir. Pastor Brenda was featured on their UNAC 5 album with the song "Ye Shall Receive Power" which was composed

by her dear friend the late Mr. Kenneth Ward Sr.

In 1999, after relocating to the Atlanta, GA area, Pastor Brenda responded to a divine call to establish New Life Christ Centered Ministries. She was faithful to that mandate and led for over a decade with great excellence and fervor until her return home. Pastor Brenda continued her kingdom service at the Greater City of Refuge Worship Cathedral under the leadership of Bishop Timothy E. Criss.

Pastor Brenda is survived by her sisters, Minister Deloras Lassiter and Carolyn Jefferson; nieces Kimberly (Del Sr.) Benjamin, Karen Nunn, Roshunda Jefferson, Brandi Jefferson-Gay, Tonya Lassiter; nephews Mark and Erin Jefferson; and numerous great-nieces and nephews. She leaves behind a loving extended family and many who considered her a spiritual mother, including Belinda and Brenda Knox. The “Twins,” as they were affectionately known, were instrumental in her care during her crucial recovery period. Her sister-friends Connie Green and Mary Jackson also held special places in her heart.

Preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Samuel Jefferson Jr. and James (Sonny) Jefferson, Pastor Brenda’s legacy of love, faith, and music will continue to inspire and live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday, August 9, 2024, at Church of the Living God of Peoria (2815 W. Lake Ave Peoria, IL 61615) at 11:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one hour prior at 10:00 a.m. Bishop Timothy Criss will present the Eulogy. Arrangements were made especially for the “Jefferson” family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/twparkscolonialchapel>. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Ms. Brenda J. Jefferson please visit our

Sympathy Store.

Brenda will be laid to rest at The Historic Springdale Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Springdale Cemetery

3014 N Prospect Rd  
Peoria, IL 61603-2102  
(309) 681-1400

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of The Living God of Peoria  
2815 West Lake  
Peoria, IL 61614

## Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Church of The Living God of Peoria  
2815 West Lake  
Peoria, IL 61614

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Rozz Bond lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



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**Rozz Bond** - April 29, 2025 at 07:36 PM

RN

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Pastor Brenda Jefferson. The memories I have of her when I was a member of Star Hope she was the choir director. She was a gentle soul. I was connected to her on Facebook. She will always hold a special place in my heart. Brenda now you can rest in God's arms.*

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**Rosie Nowlin** - August 11, 2024 at 02:13 AM

CS

“ *Celise Shockley lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



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**Celise Shockley** - August 11, 2024 at 12:22 AM

PL

“ *There would be no singer named Pip Lilly if there had been no Brenda Jefferson. That's the truth. Your legacy helped to birth mine and I will forever be grateful*

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**Pip Lilly** - August 10, 2024 at 03:16 PM

MS

“ To the Jefferson family sorry for your lost I knew the Jefferson family just shy of my hold life we all went to Lincoln Grade School and I actually just heard about Brenda's death as I am sending my condolences may she now rest in peace

Mamie Moss Smith - August 09, 2024 at 03:01 PM

RO

“ RosettaCottonHardimon lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson



RosettaCottonHardimon - August 09, 2024 at 11:35 AM

EJ

“ Elder Karen Jarrett lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson



Elder Karen Jarrett - August 09, 2024 at 11:13 AM

LJ

“ LEOLA RANDLE JEFFERSON lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson



LEOLA RANDLE JEFFERSON - August 08, 2024 at 11:55 PM

LJ

*RIP MY SISTER-IN- LOVE*

**LEOLA RANDLE JEFFERSON** - August 08, 2024 at 11:58 PM

NP

“ *Nancy Bell, Aurthur Perkin lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



**Nancy Bell, Aurthur Perkin** - August 08, 2024 at 06:40 PM

KB

“ *Kay and Durwin Boone*



**Kay Boone** - August 08, 2024 at 06:04 PM

DG

“ *God Bless you Brenda we were children when we first met on fourth street you are a beautiful memory in my life.*



**David GAWORSKI** - August 08, 2024 at 11:35 AM

PW

“ Patricia Ward lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson



Patricia Ward - August 08, 2024 at 08:50 AM

PW

Prayers of comfort and grace ❤️🙏

Patricia Ward - August 08, 2024 at 08:51 AM

KM

“ Praying for the family, growing up in Star of Hope , Brenda was like a god sister to me amazing anointed and appointed by God. Rest in the arms of Jesus

Kim Moore(O'Connet)

Kimberly Moore - August 07, 2024 at 11:17 PM

CJ

“ Claude Lewis, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson



Claude Lewis, Jr. - August 07, 2024 at 03:25 PM

LK

“ *Lura Kramer lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



**Lura Kramer** - August 07, 2024 at 12:25 PM

VJ

“ *Vi Jowers lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



**Vi Jowers** - August 07, 2024 at 11:35 AM

TW

“ *My prayers are with family she was an artist a leader a friend I enjoy playing under her she touched the world and touch everybody else I'm going to miss you Brenda I know you with God*



**Tyrone Wallace** - August 07, 2024 at 08:56 AM

PJ

“ *Pastor Jefferies lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



**Pastor Jefferies** - August 07, 2024 at 08:51 AM

PJ

*My Condolences and Prayers are with Family Pastor was my like a Big Sister and Mentor to me has come to Atlanta and PREACH us to Life n The Lord for our Revival any times I visit her Church and PREACH for her also when was living n Georgia we had a many times together n The House of the Lord, very Anointed WOG will b missed very much!!!*



**Pastor Jefferies** - August 07, 2024 at 08:58 AM

PJ

“ *Pastor M Jefferies sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



**Pastor M Jefferies** - August 07, 2024 at 08:49 AM

CP

“ *Carolyn Parham lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



**Carolyn Parham** - August 06, 2024 at 11:35 PM

RH

“ *Rena Webster Horton lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



**Rena Webster Horton** - August 06, 2024 at 10:40 PM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson



Karen Ashby - August 06, 2024 at 05:40 PM

ES

“ My heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Jefferson Family. Pastor Brenda is absent from this earthy body, but present with the Lord. RIH/RIP my dear friend, our childhood memories will always be imbedded in my heart. 🕊️🕊️🕊️

Eulander Summerville - August 06, 2024 at 04:26 PM

TL

“ Tonya Lee lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson



Tonya Lee - August 06, 2024 at 04:17 AM

LJ

“ Lavada Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson



Lavada Johnson - August 05, 2024 at 05:10 PM

LJ

*My deepest condolences to the family*

**Lavada Johnson** - August 05, 2024 at 05:11 PM

DD

“ *Darrell D Dennis lit a candle in memory of  
Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



**Darrell D Dennis** - August 05, 2024 at 05:09 PM

TW

“ *Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of  
Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



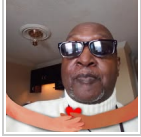
**Theresa Walker** - August 05, 2024 at 04:45 PM

MA

“ *Rest in Heaven Brenda you deserve it. You  
were always a good friend. Mattie*



**Mattie** - August 05, 2024 at 03:23 PM



“ *J Henry Lee lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



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**J Henry Lee** - August 05, 2024 at 10:33 AM

DS

“ *Debra Standley lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



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**Debra Standley** - August 05, 2024 at 06:48 AM

TF

“ *Tracy Fondren-Lusk lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



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**Tracy Fondren-Lusk** - August 04, 2024 at 12:37 PM

RA

“ *Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Pastor Brenda J. Jefferson*



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**Renee Adell** - August 03, 2024 at 02:59 PM