



## Brenda Lee Ward

March 26, 1947 - August 7, 2021

### Brenda's Life...

Brenda Lee Winder Ward was born in Delmar, Maryland on March 26, 1947, the eldest daughter of the late Charles E. Winder and Ernestine E. Hughes. She departed this life at Tidal Health in Salisbury, Maryland on Saturday, August 7, 2021.

She was educated at Seward Park High School in New York, New York. Brenda later attended Delaware State College in Dover, Delaware.

Although born in Delmar, Brenda later moved to Harlem, New York at the age of six and resided there until 2000. She then moved to Salisbury, Maryland to be near her only child, Yvette, as well as her grandchildren and great-grand children.

She worked odd jobs until she was hired at Prentiss Hall in 1977, where she worked until she retired in 2000. She also worked at Holly Center in the Environmental Services department after she relocated to Salisbury.

Brenda was truly a beautiful and one-of a-kind person. She was always fashionable from the top of her head to the soles of her feet. She loved to share her knowledge of TV trivia and could not resist "spilling the tea" about

the superstars with her family and friends. She enjoyed watching old movies and TV shows. She was called “Encyclopedia of The Stars” by her daughter, who often called to ask questions about celebrities, old and young, and of course, Brenda would know.

Loving memories of Brenda’s life will be cherished by: her daughter, Yvette Gattis of Delmar, DE ; grandchildren, John (Dante) Cunningham of Harlem, NY, Taice Cunningham of Delmar, DE and Mya Perry of Fruitland, MD; great grandchildren, TaiRai Johnson, Trai Johnson, Taira Johnson and Malaya McIntosh, all of Salisbury, MD; sisters, Maxine Winder of New York and Lartharee Thompson (Jimmy) of Greenville, SC; her brother, Eric Hughes (Sharon) of Marion, OH; nieces, Crystal Hutt of Salisbury, MD, Iman Winder of Jersey City, NJ, Na’Imah Forney (Carlos) of Murrieta, CA, Chandra Fleming of Harlem, NY and Jacqueline Swinton of Bronx, NY; nephews, Faradan Thompson (Leslie) Grey of TN, Tariq Thompson of Greenville, SC, Dion Winder of Pittsburgh, PA and Micah Hughes of Marion, OH; two close cousins, Charlene Dashiell and Shirley Winder as well as a host of other cousins and friends.

In addition to her parents, preceding her in death were her siblings Sonya Winder, Frederick Winder, Theodore Selby and Edward Selby.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED – THE FAMILY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **14**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Funeral Service

AUG **14**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Salisbury, MD 21801

*Live Stream, Benniesfh Salisbury on Facebook, Saturday, August 14, 2021*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Brenda Lee Ward*



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**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - August 14, 2021 at 04:21 PM

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“ *I love you Auntie Brenda and will miss you! Rest well my beautiful Auntie.*

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**Na'Imah** - August 17, 2021 at 11:42 AM

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“ *I met Brenda in 1990 in Harlem. She was a fashionista then. Her sense of stlye was evident. She was very cultured and she knew it. I was fascinated by her self confidence and the grace with which she spoke.*

*You're in a better place. Goodbye for now.*

*Sharon Hughes*

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**Sharon Hughes** - August 14, 2021 at 03:47 PM

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“ My Eric Hughes Brenda is, was, and still will be my sister prays go out to here daughter grand daughter's and great grand daughter and grand son and great grand son's. I remember growing up she had a shirt that I wanted to wear, my sister knew how to dress I mean dress. The shirt I wanted to wear of hers was so nice I wanted to wear trust a guy could have worn it as well. I didn't let anyone know that it was my big sister's shirt. To her I was hers baby brother. Even of age im her baby brother. Love you always sis I'm going to miss you dearly.



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**Eric Hughes** - August 14, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brenda Lee Ward.



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August 12, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brenda Lee Ward.



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August 11, 2021 at 12:57 PM

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“ *With Love, LaTonya Johnson & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brenda Lee Ward.*



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**With Love, LaTonya Johnson & Family** - August 10, 2021 at  
08:15 PM