

*In Loving Memory  
of*

*Brenda Joyce Jeter  
"Sally"*

**Sunrise**  
June 10, 1954

**Sunset**  
September 8, 2015



# Holding Me Up

After I no longer went on family road trips with my parents, it became a rare occasion to visit my grandparents who lived hundreds of miles away from us. So one year, I decided to fly to visit them in the small town of Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin, for a long weekend. As we drove to the airport for my return flight, Grandma, who had never flown, began to express her fears to me: "That was such a small plane you flew on . . . . There's nothing really holding you up there, is there? . . . I would be so afraid to go up that high."

By the time I boarded the small aircraft, I was as fearful as the first time I had flown. *What exactly is holding up this plane, anyway?*

Irrational fears, or even legitimate ones, don't need to terrify us. David lived as a fugitive, afraid of King Saul who relentlessly pursued him because he was jealous of David's popularity with the people. David found true solace and comfort only in his relationship with God. In Psalm 34 he wrote: "I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears" (v. 4).

Our Father in heaven is all-wise and all-loving. When fear starts to overwhelm us, we need to stop and remember that He is our God and He will always hold us up.

*My fears sometimes overwhelm me, Father. Yet I know that You are here with me. May Your perfect love cast out my fear and still my troubled heart!*

*When we believe that God is good, we can learn to release our fears.*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Brenda Joyce (Williams) Jeter** was born June 10, 1954 in Jasper, Florida to the late Dorothy Ann Williams and Ray Williams.

She attended JRE Lee High School in Hamilton County, Florida. She relocated to Paterson, NJ in 1968, where she continued her education at Eastside High School in Paterson, NJ. She attended the Visiting Homemakers School where she received certification as a Home Health Aide. She continued to work at Care One Nursing Home.

She was united in marriage to Paul Jeter in 1999 until God called her home. Brenda was a mother of two daughters by Sammie Reams Tina and Felicia Williams, one son, James Williams, Jr. of Paterson and one step daughter, Tishwan Fulwood of Bethlehem, PA.

Brenda Jeter our loving mom, our everything was always known for her great cooking, beautiful hospitality, wonderful smile and for the love of her family especially her grandchildren, who she loved and adored with all her heart and soul. She was also known for playing a hand or two which she enjoyed.

She was preceded in death by one brother, James L. Williams, one sister, Willie Mae Williams,

mother-in-law, Barbara Godwin and father-in-law, Paul James Jeter, Sr.

Brenda departed this life suddenly on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at her home in Paterson, NJ.

Brenda leaves to cherish wonderful memories: her husband, Paul Jeter; father, Ray Williams; mother-in-law, Jean Godfrey; two daughters, Tina and Felicia Williams; one son, James Williams, Jr. of Paterson; step-daughter, Tishwan Fulwood of Bethlehem, PA; two sons-in-law, Robert Leslie of Paterson and Shaun Patterson of Jersey City; three grandchildren, Marcus Fuller, Zorian Leslie, one and only granddaughter, Zorra Leslie of Paterson; three god-daughters, Belva Lawrence, Sharon Savage and Shanda Green and; one god-son, Harold Foxworth all of Paterson; four sisters, Debbie Williams of Prospect Park, Sharon Williams of Detroit, Michigan, Donna Williams of Haledon, NJ, Pamela and Frank Brown of York, PA and David and George Cherry of VA; five brothers, Johnny, Thomas, Robert Jackson, Carl and Carlton Williams of Jasper, Florida; her best friend, Paula Long of Paterson; her road dog, partner in crime, Sandra Singletary of Paterson; and a host of nieces, nephews, also special family members, Delores Brittney, Shanavia, Jani, David of Paterson.

Mother will be greatly missed and always loved and forever in our hearts your loving children. Till we meet again!

Friday, September 18, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

**SEMINARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

193 Haledon Avenue  
Paterson, New Jersey  
*Rev. Alfred Steele, Pastor*

*Order of Service*

Processional

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort

Acknowledgements

Solo

Reflections of Life

Remarks

Solo

Eulogy  
Rev. Alfred Steele

Selection

Recessional

**Interment**

Cedar Lawn Cemetery  
Paterson, New Jersey

*Immediately following the interment the  
family is receiving family and friends at  
Integrity Masonic Temple  
224 Broadway • Paterson, New Jersey*

## *A Mom of Excellence*

A mom of excellence is what I long to be  
Filled with your Godly wisdom  
So it is part of me.

A mom of integrity no matter what I face  
Standing up for righteousness  
And for you saving grace.

A mom of destiny living out your plan  
Knowing where you'd have me walk  
Being guided by your hand.

A mom of promise standing on your word  
Holding on to all the truths  
While carrying out your work.

A mom of compassion for the ones in the dark  
Those that do not know your love  
And have darkness in their hearts.

A mom that will never compromise the faith  
With what the world may offer.  
But will keep the narrow way.

A mom who loves Jesus and will only follow Him  
Gladly to give up the world so His light can shine within.

Lord this is my earnest prayer.  
As a daughter by your grace grow in me these qualities.  
As I walk with you in faith.

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps they are not stars but rather openings in heaven  
where the love of our lost one pours through and shines  
down upon us to let us know they are happy.

Professional Services Provided By

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOMES, INC.**

*Caring for the Community Since 1937*

256 Rosa Parks Blvd. • Paterson, NJ 07501 • (973) 278-6330

143 Myrtle Avenue • Passaic, NJ 07055 • (973) 779-1892

To send online condolences, visit [www.braggfuneralhome.com](http://www.braggfuneralhome.com)

[www.honoryou.com](http://www.honoryou.com)

