

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Brenda L. Bentley*



Sunrise: April 6, 1960  
Sunset: February 12, 2022

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

**Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church**  
88 Lyons Ave. • Newark, New Jersey

# *Obituary*

Brenda Cooper was born on April 6, 1960 to Willie & Lillie Cooper in Newark, NJ. She was the 3rd child and first girl amongst 5 children. She was educated by the Newark Public School system, attending Thirteenth Avenue for both elementary and middle school. She attended West Side High School from 1974 - 1978.

Brenda married Gregory Bentley Sr. On June 14, 1984. Altogether they had seven children. Fatima, Belinda, Porschea, Trenise, Sade, Gregory Jr., & Muhaymin. Brenda moved into Berkeley Terrace Apartments located in Irvington, in 1981 where she resided for 22 years. She relocated back to Newark with her four younger children Porschea, Trenise, Sade, Gregory Jr, in 2003. Upon her falling ill she resided and were cared for by her 3 oldest daughters, Fatima, Belinda, Porschea, and her oldest granddaughter, Alexis.

Throughout her life Brenda worked for Newark Slip Factory and Brookwell Health Care in Irvington, NJ. For many years Brenda dealt with addiction issues but was finally able to successfully overcome it. Upon being diagnosed with a tumor in 2017 and later chest cancer in 2017, she embarked on her journey to turn her life around. During this time she lost one of her best friends Felicia, brother Jackie, and father Willie Cooper further contributing to her desire to change her life. In the last 3 years Brenda dedicated her life to surviving and better health, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed trips with her mom and brother and daily talks with her granddaughters. Her daily communication and way of telling stories is what will be mostly missed.

Brenda was presided in death by her father Willie Cooper and brother Jackie Cooper. Brenda leaves to cherish her mother Lillie Cooper, husband Gregory Bentley Sr., siblings Dennis, Anthony, & Alisa (Tariq).

Most cherished were her 6 kids, Fatima, Belinda (Gerald), Porschea, Trenise, Sade, & Gregory Jr. In addition her niece, Rasheedah Welch and younger cousin Raheem Fulton both of whom resided with her while growing up. While Brenda was a biological mother to six, she opened her doors to all family and friends at all times.

She also leaves to cherish her 11 grandchildren, Alexis, D'Andre, Abdul-Fatir, Jahide Jr., Paige, Amory, Tyion, Arianna, Madison, Paiden, & Azuri. Mostly cherished were her 2 great-grands, Jay'ceon and Ky'ion. Also, 5 aunts and uncles and a vast array of cousins, family, and close friends that are considered family. She will be eternally missed and remembered.

# Order of Service

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 73:26

New Testament - Matthew 5:4

Prayer

Song

Obituary & Acknowledgements

Reflection

Song

Eulogy

Recessional

**FOREVER BRENDA**



**Grandmother**



**Sister**



**Daughter**

**Friend**



**Aunt**



**Mother**



**Niece**



## INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

## *Forever Mommy*

To the women that gave us birth, Brenda Lee Cooper Bentley ,  
on this day we show you your worth.  
Even when you didn't know it, or the times you felt like you didn't deserve it,  
It was our unconditional love that showed it.

Many questioned how you could raise us to fight?  
It was more than that, you taught us to never take disrespect  
Stand your ground, protect your siblings wrong or right.

Whether they were bigger, harder, or whatever?  
When it comes to your sisters or brothers, always be there to protect each other.

Through the hardest of times, Addiction, Confiction, and all our Differences,  
We all survived and unfortunately your struggles we witnessed.

Sometimes more bad times than we care to remember or "dwell on",  
But they made us Cooper tough,  
We chose overall to hold on to the positive and "carry on".

In 2012, we thought we were hit with our hardest blow when granddaddy passed,  
Only to be hit with this knockout 10 years later, always taught to never question God,  
So we're just thankful you're with granddad.

Thankful for all the beautiful memories and giving our kids a grandmother to miss,  
We forgive you for your shortcomings,  
Know We'll always love our Momma, none of us fall short of sin.

Heard you had the voice of an angel now ironically your our angel,  
Heard you could sing a church to the ground,  
Guess God needed you in his choir of heaven now.

We can never forget the 8x you were on life support & we just had to wait,  
In our eyes you won the fight no more crying, No more pain we gained an angel,  
The last call was made.

You said you weren't ready to leave us, because you felt you cheated us out of so much time.

We will forever cherish your years with us and we're eternally  
grateful for the years that you blessed us with your shine.

We love you forever Mommy,  
From All of us.  
Written by Porschea Cooper

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May  
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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