

Order of Service

Pastor Robert Jones, Presiding

Processional

Invocation Rev. Bernard Thompson
New Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Folkston, GA

Scripture

Old Testament Bishop Jeanette M. Richo
Greater Fernandina Beach Church of God

New Testament Pastor Dwayne L. Campbell
Elm Street Church of God

Selection Sis. Angela Green

Reflections

(Please Limit to 2 Minutes)

As a Student LaToya Brizele
As a Co-worker/Friend Debbie Milligan-Roland
As a Godchild Breanna Peterson
As a Family member Regina Williams Gilbert

Acknowledgments

Selection Sis. Fa'licia Joseph

Words of Comfort

Bishop Thomas Coleman
Third Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Committal

Recessional

Pallbearers

Vernice Albertie Teddy White.
Tyrone Rhodes Adrian Williams
R. Timothy Taylor Chris Wilson
Melvin Tyler Jeff Wilson

To Those I Love And Those That Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go; I have so many things to see and do; you must not tie yourself to me with tears; be happy that we had so many years; I gave you my love, you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness; I thank you for the love you have shown but now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part, so bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on so if you need me, call and I will come though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near. And if you listen with your heart, you will hear, all my love around you, loud and clear. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you at Heaven's gate with a smile and a "Welcome Home."

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you made a comforting call, or sat quietly in a chair
Perhaps you sent a card or dish of food: if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words any friend could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much
Whatever the part, may God bless you.
- The Walker Family ~

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Homegoing Service for



Mrs. Brenda Aikens-Walker

Sunrise: March 6, 1964

Sunset: May 19, 2020

Graveside Service

11:00 AM, Saturday, May 30, 2020

Bosque Bello Cemetery

1320 N. 14th Street

Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

Bishop Thomas Coleman, Officiating

Obituary

Brenda Arlene Aikens was born in Clovis, New Mexico, on March 6, 1964, the second of three children born to Barbara Williams Aikens and Johnny Aikens, Jr. As a military family, Brenda experienced life in many locations. The family moved to the Royal Air Force in Mildenhall, England, where she began school, then to Andrews AFB in Washington, DC, followed by Patrick AFB in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Upon returning to Fernandina Beach, Brenda spent her remaining elementary and junior high years as a Yulee Hornet. She participated in the band as a clarinet player and enjoyed being a member of the Beta Club and the volleyball team. The move to high school student brought her across the bridge to become a Fernandina Beach High School Pirate. She was an excellent student and active in the Beta Club, before graduating with the Class of 1982.

Brenda attended Florida State University where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Literature in 1986 and was hired by the Nassau County Public School System as a Language Arts and Reading teacher at her alma mater. Much loved and always respected, "Ms. Aikens" was a no-nonsense teacher. She recognized potential in her students and demanded that they live up to it. She was a true educator, not only concerned about the classroom achievements of her students, but the whole person, always striving to prepare them for life outside of and beyond their high school walls. Brenda's support as sponsor was instrumental in the establishment of the Sigma Beta Club on campus. During her career of over 25 years, she was pleased to have the opportunity to teach the children of former students.

She earned a Master's Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She enjoyed her chosen profession and was a diligent and inspiring teacher. Brenda was recognized as the 2001-2002 Teacher of the Year for FBHS and later advanced to the competition for Nassau County Teacher of the Year.

She married the love of her life Clarence Walker III in 1996. Brenda was a dedicated and loving wife and she and Clarence built their life together with respect and admiration. Her dedication to her family and friends was unequivocal. Her nurturing of nephews Jaedynn and Taj was her passion and she relished in their life events as "Nana", and she loved being "Goddy" to her godchildren.



As the extended family clan expanded over the years and outgrew gatherings in any one home, Brenda recognized the continued need and importance for the interaction of all of the generations and family connections together and organized the "everybody brings a dish all-inclusive family and friends Thanksgiving Celebration" in a larger venue.

After her retirement, she and Clarence welcomed her Mother, Barbara, into their home and she became the primary caregiver. Brenda felt blessed to be in the place and space that she could dedicate so much to her Mother in her time of need. As she would later say, "Mommy and I had so much fun together" and "it was my privilege to be able to be with her."

Brenda was a sweet spirit: soft spoken, strong, and always complimentary. She was kind to everyone and her words were carefully chosen to uplift; even when they also needed to correct. She was an avid reader, loved to watch movies and share a good laugh and was always sure to have her clothing, hair and nails "on point."

On May 19, 2020, God called Brenda from labor unto rest. Her mother, Barbara Aikens, preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband of 23 years Clarence Walker III; her father, Johnny Aikens, Jr.; brother, John Aikens III (Gloria) of Aurora, CO; sisters, Jerelynn Natasha Aikens (Brad) of Fernandina Beach, FL and Kimberly Diehl of Brooklyn, NY; mother-in-law, Geraldine (Dolly) Walker; sisters and brother-in-law, Angela Russell, Melissa Walker (Brian), and Damon Walker of Fernandina Beach, FL; aunts, Sandra Palmer (Hosea) and Laura Rhodes of Yulee, FL; Eunice Williams of Daytona Beach, FL, Ellen Green of Nassauville, FL, Clarice Williams of Fernandina Beach, FL, Leila Akins of Jacksonville, FL, Regina Gilbert of Miami, FL; uncle, Bruce Williams (Drena) of Capitol Heights, MD; nieces, Ashley Cookes, Alyson Cookes, Alysha Aikens, Ayshia Russell, Alicia Russell, and Jasmine Walker; nephews, Jaedynn Aikens-Lee, Taj Aikens-Lee, Terrence Stewart (Natasha), and Justin Gilyard; godson, Ryan and his children Juliette, Ryan Jr. and E'Layah; goddaughter, Breanna Peterson and her son Tavarus Jr.; godbrother, Jamaal Benjamin; special friends, Gail Long, Debbie Milligan-Roland, Shirley Gates-Johnson, and Bridgette C. Mention; and a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.