

Sunrise: February 19, 1950 Sunset: January 17, 2011



*Wake Service
for
Brenda Hill Knight*



*Howell-Nelson Funeral Service
615 East Hwy 52 By-Pass
Pilot Mountain, NC*

*6:00 PM ~ 9:00 PM
On Saturday, the 21st of January
In the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Eleven*

Rev. Emmanuel Jessup, Officiating

Obituary

Brenda "Jake or Ernie" Hill Knight of Lothian, MD was born February 19th, 1950 in Winston-Salem, NC. The Lord called her home on Monday, January 17th, 2011 at approximately 5:30pm, at home, after a long bout with cancer. Brenda was small in stature, but she fought a good fight.

Brenda had a beautiful, kind spirit and always reached out to embrace those in need. She was a strong proponent of women, their cause and struggles. She loved spending time with friends and family. Her brother Bobby Hill and Aunt Faye were the source of much of her laughter. She always showed patience, compassion and love to her brother Johnny. She loved reading, gardening and decorating. She was a secret fan of American Idol, with Taylor Hicks being her most favorite.

Brenda spent her early years in Pilot Mountain, NC where she graduated from East Surry High School in 1967, as a part of the first integrated class. She went on to further her education by getting an Associates Degree from Durham Business College in 1969. While at Durham Business College she forged long lasting friendships with Linda DePugh, Rosa Harris and Juanita Broadnax.

Brenda started her professional career as a secretary, for the Internal Revenue Service. Her intelligence was recognized by her manager and she quickly grew to become a Program and Systems Analyst. At the time of her expiration, she was retired from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) after 39 years of service. While at IRS she met Glen Waldis was not just a co-worker, but became a dear friend..

Brenda married George H Knight, Jr July 10th, 1971, in Washington D.C. They have one son, Christopher Gerard Knight who is currently an officer in the United States Army.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, Carlene Hill-Hill Ayers and Gilbert Hill and brother Bobbie Joe Hill.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memory: a loving Husband, George H Knight, Jr; Son, Christopher (Ashely) Knight of Lawton, OK; one brother Johnny Hill of Pilot Mountain, NC; one niece Tanya Hill (Eric) Dash of Eastover, SC; eight aunts, Frances Strickland, Virginia Hill all of Pilot Mountain, NC, Gladys Perry of Dallas, TX, Ora Lee Hill of New York City, NY, Castine Collins of Petersburg, VA; one uncle Paul "Ed" Hill of Winston Salem, NC;; three sisters-in-law, Ruby Smith of Detroit, MI, Ethel 'Peaches' (Ronald) Thomas of Portsmouth, VA, Angela Thorn of Chesapeake, VA, Parthenia Knight of Portsmouth, VA;; three brothers-in-law, Clarence Knight of Virginia Beach, VA, Melvin "Link" (Santina) Knight of Madison Heights, VA and Eugene "Muscles" (Nedra) Knight of Portsmouth, VA; three god-children Adrien DePugh of Upper Marlboro, MD, Niki Ryan of Atlanta, GA, and I, Janelle Ryan in McDounglina, GA, GA host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services:

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Internment :

Locust Grove – Big Sandy Cemetery

Westfield, NC

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Repast:

Family and friends are invited to gather at Locust Grove Primitive Baptist Church, immediately following the internment.

Memorial Gathering:

6:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM

On Monday, the 24th of January

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Hardesty Funeral Home

12 Ridgely Avenue

Annapolis, MD 21401

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity.

- Henry Van Dyke

Acknowledgements

During this time of sorrow, our family is extremely appreciative of the many acts and words of kindness that have been displayed. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your thoughts and prayers.

Words can not express how much this means to us. We thank you for joining us in celebrating Brenda's life.

She is loved and will be missed.

The Knight and Hill Families