



A Time To Be Born

Brenda Joyce Ford Carmichael was born on December 22, 1952. She was born to the late Burnell Thomasina Ford Lockett and John Bridgett in Lake View, South Carolina. Her grandparents, the late Freeman and Mamie Ford, played a great role in her life as a child. She was called back to heaven on Monday, March 21, 2016 at the McLeod Hospice House in Florence, South Carolina.

A Time To Learn

She graduated from Lake View High School in 1971 where she was an active scholar. She played basketball, was a member of the marching band and was also a school bus operator. **Brenda** enrolled and attended Columbia Commercial College in Columbia, South Carolina earning a degree in Business Data Processing. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina.

A Time To Love

Brenda was married to William H. Carmichael on April 27, 1979. During this union, they reared as their son, Ronald Frederick Bridgett.

A Time To Serve

At an early age, she joined Union African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Lake View, South Carolina, where she served faithfully. **Brenda** was a member of the Board of Trustees, Adult Choir, an Usher, the Laity, the Katie F. Nance Missionary Society, a church school scholar, and served as a Church Delegate for the Northeast South Carolina Annual Conference in 2014.

In 2011, **Brenda** retired from the federal government after serving over 23 years. She returned to Lake View, South Carolina after her retirement and became a substitute teacher for the Dillon District Four School System. This was yet another challenge she enjoyed.

Brenda was a tireless servant of the community. She served on the Board of Electors of Dillon County. She checked on homebound church members and friends. She would often take friends and family to doctor's appointments and to run errands. Anyone could always stop by or call **Brenda** and be warmly welcomed with a smile.

The Personal Side of Life

Her favorite past times were traveling, fashion, crocheting, learning other languages, cooking, singing, spending time with friends and family, and serving as a faithful volunteer in her church/community.

A Time To Mourn

Preceding her in death: Parents, Grandparents, Sister (Phyllis J. Ford Gilchrist). **Brenda** leaves to cherish fond memories: Ronald Frederick Bridgett of Atlanta, Georgia reared as her son; one grandchild: Arianna Ann; two aunts: Hattie Grice of North Carolina and Bessie Flemings of Maryland; three sisters: Joyce (Idris) Rasheed of North Carolina, Eula Jean Paige of Maryland, Evelyn Bridgett of North Carolina; four brothers: Tony (Jean) Bridgett, Michael Bridgett of North Carolina, James (Ann) Bridgett of Colorado, Terry (Lucy) Bridgett; one god-daughter: LaKeisha Reaves-Lighty; special brother and right-hand man: Robert Brigman of Lake View, South Carolina, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Special sister-like relationships were maintained with: Patricia Campbell, Emma Moses, Jenell Hamer, Barbara Burton, Edith (Ann) Winder, Patricia McNeil, Pernell Jenkins, and A. Grace Roscoe.