



## Brenda Kaye Perryman

June 9, 1948 - April 5, 2020

Brenda Kaye Perryman died on April 5th, at the age of 71.

She was born to M.C. Louie and Pearlie Louie in Kingstree, South Carolina. She received her Bachelor and Masters degrees in Speech, Dramatic Arts and Education from Eastern Michigan University. During her undergraduate studies, she became a member of a sorority (Alpha Kappa Alpha), where she learned more about commitment, dedication and purpose.

Brenda was a beloved mother, grandmother and distinguished member of the community. She was selfless in dedicating her time to mentoring others and uplifting the city of Detroit. Above all else she loved her family.

Brenda had a passion for teaching and the arts. That passion steered her to a forty-year influential teaching career as a high school English, speech and drama teacher at Highland Park and Southfield High Schools. She also taught speech and drama at the collegiate level.

The scope of Brenda's career was recognized locally, nationally and world-wide. She was a dynamic performer, author, director, acting coach, poet and host of a syndicated television show. Brenda was a true servant in using her life to help others achieve their goals. Her dynamic, vibrant spirit will be missed by countless people.

She is survived by her Mother; Pearlie Louie; three children; Heather (Airrion), Ryan (Laura) and Courtnee. She is also survived by four grandchildren: Airrion jr., Pennie, Roman and Derrick. She is also survived by siblings: Joe Burgess (Liz) and Keith Louie (Joyce)

Memorial contributions may be made to the Detroit Repertory Theater (<https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?donation=drt>) where Brenda served on the board of directors. Contributions can also be mailed to: Detroit Repertory Theater at 13103 Woodrow Wilson Street, Detroit, Michigan 48238  
A larger memorial celebration of Brenda's life will be scheduled at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brenda Kaye Perryman*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Brenda Kaye Perryman*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Kristyna Bradley lit a candle in memory of  
Brenda Kaye Perryman*



**kristyna bradley** - March 01, 2021 at 07:17 AM

“When I heard that my friend Brenda Perryman was hospitalized with the Coronavirus, I was concerned, but not fearful. Brenda was always so spirited and full of life, and I couldn’t imagine the virus would keep her down for long. As soon as I got the news, I pulled out my phone and sent her a text. “Brenda: Michelle told me you’re in the hospital. Are you okay? Wishing you a speedy recovery.” I half expected to get a feisty message back. “David, this thing is no joke, but I’m fighting!”

*There was no message from Brenda, and no recovery. Last night, when my cell phone rang and I saw my friend Michelle’s name, I feared the worst. Michelle confirmed my fears – Brenda was gone.*

*I met Brenda Perryman back in 2012 around the time I was publishing my book, “Proving Ground, A Memoir.” I don’t remember who introduced me to Brenda, but I know she came to my book release party at Talullah in Birmingham, and the next morning she interviewed me on her TV show at WHPR in Highland Park. We hit it off right away, because we both grew up black in postwar, civil-rights era America. I hadn’t done much media for my book, and was kind of nervous to be doing the interview with Brenda, but she immediately put me at ease. In fact, to this day, her interview of me is the best one anyone has done. That’s probably because, in addition to hanging out with Kishna and me at the book party, Brenda actually took the time to read the entire book – all 488 pages! I knew then that our relationship was going to grow beyond interviewer/interviewee, and in fact in the ensuing years we became good friends.*

*As I got to know Brenda, I learned that she had done a lot more than host a local public access TV station talk show. Brenda had retired from a long career teaching speech and drama in the Southfield Michigan Schools. I learned that she had authored several books, had written plays, and was a poet and spoken word artist. Her weekly TV show, “Table Talk with Brenda Perryman,” attracted guests from many segments of the community and dealt*

*with a wide range of issues. In short, Brenda was a phenomenal woman, but she was the opposite of stuffy and officious. Her engaging, playful spirit had a way of putting people at ease and bringing out the best in them.*

*In 2014, two years after meeting Brenda, I started an organization called the Urban Entrepreneurship Initiative. In 2015, we held a symposium in Detroit that was attended by entrepreneurs, educators, community leaders, government officials, and students. I wanted someone to interview many of our guests so we would have a record of their thoughts about elevating the city through entrepreneurship. The first person that came to mind for the job was Brenda. She agreed to do it, and she did such an outstanding job that I had her conduct interviews again in 2016 when we held the symposium in Flint. Now we have a record of Brenda's conversations with these community leaders, and it is a record that we will treasure for years to come. We will pull these interviews together and make them available on the Urban Entrepreneurship Initiative web site in the coming weeks ([urbanei.org](http://urbanei.org)).*

*So in closing, let me say this: I'm an engineer, not a poet, but I think Brenda deserves at least an honest effort at versification. I think she'd appreciate that. So here goes:*

*Brenda –*

*Your spirit, your wisdom, your talent, your grace,  
Your dignity and love,  
Fill our sweet memories of the face,  
That now resides above.*

*Rest in Heaven*

*Your friend always, David*



David Tarver - December 15, 2020 at 11:53 PM

DB

*Brenda was a great lady. I met her once and she signed my book. I treasure her kindness and friendship forever. The world has lost a great lady and I have lost a wonderful friend. With love and respect*  
Doreen Bishop

Doreen Bishop - January 21, 2024 at 12:32 AM

DB

*God bless you Brenda*

Doreen Bishop - January 21, 2024 at 12:34 AM

KH

“*The Hall sisters would like to express their sincere love of Ms. Brenda Perryman; a warrior princess who was a positive force, intense educator, and immense talent. She influenced each of us in countless positive ways. She was always present, eager to support you and lend her talents. We are sure she is receiving a standing ovation from her fellow angels!*”



Karla Hall-Trammell - April 21, 2020 at 04:05 PM

JE

*This is Joyce ESSIEN, first cousin of Brenda Perryman expressing grief and sadness for the loss of my cousin whose love , spirit and life giving energy was generously bestowed on all who knew and benefited from her gift of life and sharing of her generous gifts and contributions to the quality of life for all who were the beneficiaries of her love , generosity, talent and gifts - a job well done and a life well lived. First cousin Joyce ESSIEN & family, Atlanta , GA  
(Joyce Kirkland Essien MD & family)*

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**Joyce Essien** - February 11, 2024 at 04:51 PM

JE

*Thank you Brenda for your love and generosity of spirit !*

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**Joyce Essien** - February 11, 2024 at 04:54 PM

JW

*“ So thoughtful,so giving and so beautiful inside and out. Who brought nothing out but the best in people. You will be forever remembered. My favorite teacher RIP!*

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**jon wilson** - April 17, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ To my Favorite Teacher / Mentor / Class Sponsor I'm glad that GOD saw fit to place you in my life for 30+ years. You were the best Teacher ever. Even after high school I was blessed to have had been a guest on your show, had you as the Guest of Honor at our 25th Class Reunion, even to have had honored you in our Memory book that I created as a souvenir for all classmates. I will truly miss you & never forget you because you were truly a Legend of Highland Park. Rest easy until we meet again...

Love you Always & Forever  
HPCHS Class of 87 President,  
Sunshine



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Sunshine World - April 17, 2020 at 11:27 AM

RB

“ I admired Ms. Perryman, I watched her on WHPR TV, also every Friday. She was a top rate teacher and talk show host. I glad she came my way. My condolences to her Family and God bless...Brenda Perryman was a great lady.



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Renee Beckley - April 17, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ *Ilene Smith lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kaye Perryman*



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**Ilene Smith** - April 16, 2020 at 04:18 AM



“ *A beautiful lady beautiful spirit!! I can't express enough how she impacted so many lives, My life in particular more than she knows. Love you until no end*  
*Jive Joe*

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**Joey Jackson** - April 15, 2020 at 02:24 PM



*A beautiful and talented lady.*

*Tom Emmott*

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**Tom Emmott** - June 04, 2020 at 08:01 AM

KB

“ *Brenda and I were the best of friends! Together, we experienced school from grade 5 to college. As kids, we laughed at everything! We laughed walking to school, walking home from school, when Monsignor kicked us out of school, during class, during church service—we were just plain silly!*



*We experienced milestones together! For some reason, I keep remembering when we got our first pair of “high” heeled shoes. That was a big thing! It was Easter Sunday, and we were maybe 7th or 8th grade. My heels were a mere ½ inch high, but Brenda’s were at least 1½ inches high! We couldn’t wait to walk down the street so that we could hear our heels click against the pavement. We were happy!*

*We went to every Motown Review together. We always stayed for two shows, and the second show was always enjoyed from front seats!*

*She was the only girl I ever shared a room with besides my sisters! Together, we experienced first loves (Luv!), great loves, almost loves, two marriages each, and two bitter divorces. We shared the joys and struggles of raising children. We both survived serious illnesses, and I supported her during her journey and ventures from theatre to radio, which eventually lead to television.*

*Brenda Perryman, my friend, Rest in Peace for you will always be with us!*

*With love,  
Kay*

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**Kay Buckner-Seal** - April 15, 2020 at 01:57 PM

HT

“ Mommy I’m at a lost for words. I’ve lost my left arm. I love you for infinity and will cherish our memories. I know you would want Dooder to be the best. And we are going to strive for that. We love you mommy. Heather Airrion and your Dooder

Heather Tanks - April 15, 2020 at 07:55 AM

JL

“ Brenda was my Soror, book club member and friend. She will be missed.



Jacqueline Jones Love - April 14, 2020 at 10:17 PM



“ As our talent as a part of the Toyota Steeped in History Tour, the phenomenal Brenda Kaye Perryman outdid herself with this wonderful poem about Detroit. Enjoy. She will be missed beyond words. Love as always to the family...



Betsy Hughes - April 14, 2020 at 07:26 PM

KW

“ Kim Walker lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kaye Perryman



Kim Walker - April 14, 2020 at 07:08 PM

LB

“ Lisa M Barr lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kaye Perryman



Lisa M Barr - April 14, 2020 at 05:44 PM

LB

*Because we were cousins and sister greeks, I honor you with my own Omega Omega Crimsom and Cream tribute. Rest well cousin Beyond the Ivy Wall....*

Lisa M Barr - April 14, 2020 at 05:49 PM

LB

“ Lisa M Barr lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kaye Perryman



Lisa M Barr - April 14, 2020 at 05:44 PM

LB

*Out of respect for your love of AKA - Ivy Green*

Lisa M Barr - April 14, 2020 at 05:47 PM

LB

“ Lisa M Barr lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kaye Perryman



Lisa M Barr - April 14, 2020 at 05:43 PM

LB

*Out of respect for your love of AKA - Salmon Pink...*

Lisa M Barr - April 14, 2020 at 05:46 PM

AP

“ *Andre P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



Andre P. - April 14, 2020 at 05:02 PM

AP

“ *I met Brenda Perryman through my Sister. Who was friends with Courtnee and Heather. I always heard about how amazing she was. And that she taught at Southfield High School. Later I moved down the street from her and we became neighbors. I also learned that she wrote wonderful poetry. When I turned 50, Brenda Perryman was the first person. I thought about to be a part of my celebration. I asked her and without hesitation she said yes. She would be happy to perform her Poetry at my party. People talked about how nice my party was for weeks afterwards. Brenda Perryman left a great legacy, that will live on forever.*

Andre' Pickett - April 14, 2020 at 04:46 PM

DJ

“ *Debra Jackson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kaye Perryman*



Debra Jackson - April 14, 2020 at 04:06 PM

CM

“ *Brenda Perryman was a wonderful woman. She was friendly, helpful and True to her word. Brenda's writing talents were incredible. I always had fun being around her. When clients from my agency appeared on her show she treated them with so much respect & they enjoyed the Interviews. She Made her Gift of communication seem easy. She was a real Media pro. A First Class Lady. My friend and Alpha Kappe Alpha Soror. I will greatly miss our fun conversations. R.I.H. 💕💚* ”

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**Charlene Mitchell-Rodgers** - April 14, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.* ”



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April 14, 2020 at 12:17 PM

JC

“ *I will always remember and honor the life of Ms. Perryman. She was such a light and encourager to me. I am grateful that we were able to cross paths and become friends. She gave awesome advice and was always ready to support and encourage me. Rest Well, My Friend.* ”



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**Jervis Canty** - April 14, 2020 at 11:50 AM

SR

“ *Sal and Sandy Rubino purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



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**Sal and Sandy Rubino** - April 14, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



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April 13, 2020 at 11:55 PM

DG

“ *Diedrea Gamble lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kaye Perryman*



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**Diedrea Gamble** - April 13, 2020 at 10:35 PM

DE

“ *Brenda, my Soror and friend you will be truly missed. Your plays were legendary at Southfield High, I would pass out programs, work the box office or whatever I could do, just to be apart of your Broadway standard plays. You gave students the confidence to believe in themselves and their test their abilities. You are the epitome of an Educator. May God continue to bless your family and all who had the privilege of coming in your presence.*

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**Deborah Elliott** - April 13, 2020 at 08:01 PM

AI

“ Alex Jr., Carmen, & Alex III purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.



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Alex Jr., Carmen, & Alex III - April 13, 2020 at 06:58 PM

AJ

“ Mama Perryman, you will be truly missed. You were like a second Mother to so many of us and always treated me like one of your own since I was 5 years old. Thank you so much for being the person you were and leaving an everlasting impression on my heart.

*Although your work here on earth is done, I know you will continue to shine through your children and grandchildren. God Bless you Mama Perryman! Love you!*

*Alex "AI" Rogers, Jr.*

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Alex Rogers, Jr. - April 13, 2020 at 06:48 PM

HH

*I first became aware of Brenda when a friend took me to see the last performance of Dreamgirls by her drama class. I also believe she did a play about Mary McCloud Bethune in Highland Park. I was to meet her years later as a guest on her cable program and at the Detroit Repertory Theatre. I connected with her spirit and was always happy to make contact with her and talk with her. The last time we met was at physical therapy just by chance. I have an image of her walking away. I will always remember her with respect and love. She always treated me like I was special. ❤️🙏💔😎*

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Harold Hogan - July 21, 2020 at 03:21 PM

YM

“ Yvonne W. Mayfield lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kaye Perryman



Yvonne W. Mayfield - April 13, 2020 at 02:34 PM

YM

*I enjoyed sisterhood and friendship with Brenda. We attended EMU together and were colleagues in the Highland Park Public School District. She pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority just before I did. There are many fond memories throughout the years. My sincere condolences!*

Yvonne W. Mayfield - April 13, 2020 at 02:37 PM

HG

“ Brenda was my second wife as I always referred to her. I had the honor of teaching and coaching her children at Oak Park. Our relationship lasted long after her kids left Oak Park Schools. She entrusted to me her children and there is no greater honor a teacher could have as she received thousands of other people's children too. A master educator, talented in so many areas. She belonged to all of us as we looked to her for her guidance and wisdom. Our society, community and world was a better place because Brenda was in it.

Howard Golding - April 13, 2020 at 02:32 PM

NH

“ You will be dearly missed! Sending my heartfelt condolences to your children and loved ones. ~Nannette Howard~

Nannette Howard - April 13, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



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April 13, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ *The best friend and mom that a girl could ask for ... I will miss you more than words can say! You are my guardian angel ma! I love you forever and ever love your other half your baby, courtnee*

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**courtnee perryman** - April 13, 2020 at 12:24 PM



*Dear Courtnee,  
Your mother was a true jewel! She talked about her children all the time and was so proud of each of you!!! You have your mom's beautiful smile! :- ) I'm praying for your family and want you to know that just as your mom held a special place in my heart, you do too. Julea*

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**Julea** - April 13, 2020 at 12:31 PM



*Hi julea!!! Thanks so much I will keep this smile for my mother and she loved her coworkers as well... she was a jewel one of a kind and I miss her dearly !!*

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**courtnee perryman** - April 21, 2020 at 10:50 PM

SB

“ *Brenda my heart is broken I'm so glad I stopped by your house with my Granddaughter who was reading for Disney you sat lovingly, encouraging and being the bright light that you are..Brenda you had a wealth a friends people whose life you touched ..Kisses Ronnie for me I know he was trying to send you back but once there the laughter and reminiscing began...*

*Sandy & Ron Banks / The Dramatics Family will miss you*❤️

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**Sandra Banks** - April 13, 2020 at 12:05 PM

SS

“ *The last time I saw you, we were at our family reunion . The next time I'll see you, we'll be reunited in heaven. You've always had a place in my mind-and most definitely my heart; and always will! You were such a powerful spirit and amazing person! I'll never forget the times we had, rest up Queen* 🙏



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**Stephen Sills** - April 12, 2020 at 10:16 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



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April 12, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



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April 12, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ *I met Brenda when I worked on her play Dr. Sweet's Tinderbox, a wonderful play that she hoped to showcase again. Brenda was an intelligent, passionate, kind, generous and vivacious woman. Her resiliency and determination was inspiring. RIP beautiful Brenda. I will miss you. Thank you for letting me be even a tiny piece of your amazing life.*

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**Melissa O'Brien** - April 12, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of Brenda Perryman. My husband and I are keeping the family in our continued prayers ~Bill & Ann Amis*

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**Ann Amis** - April 11, 2020 at 11:14 PM



“ *This Beautiful example of a phenomenal woman was my drama teacher 35 yrs ago only to turn around and become my daughters drama Teacher some 10 yrs ago. How blessed we are to have had the honor and privilege to have been in her presences graced by her wisdom and touched by her unconditional love!!. We miss you*

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**Terry Wheeler** - April 11, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ *Ms. Perryman was legendary at Southfield High School. You loved your students. You pulled out talent and made people confident in themselves. You were empowering. RIP. Loria W*

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**Loria Walker** - April 11, 2020 at 10:02 AM

PR

*To The Family of Brenda Perryman, please accept my deepest and most sincere condolences. Mrs. Perryman taught all 3 of my children at Southfield high school and the educational experience was over and beyond expectations.*

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**Phyllis Rogers** - April 12, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



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April 10, 2020 at 08:46 PM

MJ

“ *May the Peace of Christ be with the family during the lost of Brenda Perryman*



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**Mable Jones** - April 10, 2020 at 06:51 PM

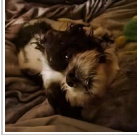
ME

“ *Monica Emerson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



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**Monica Emerson** - April 10, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ *I loved this woman.*

*I admit, when I was first introduced to her, I was a little frightened of her, because she intimidated the hell out of me. She was so strong, she was Hera strong.*

*I don't know when it happened, it was only 4 years ago we met, but it was fast, when she actually became one of my favorite people on the Detroit Rep Board and part of my Theatre family.*

*I am terrified of public speaking and interviews, but I would be really excited about going on her show, despite the fact that it was always at the crack of dawn, and always told my actors they were going to have a good time talking to her too.*

*At board meetings I made a rule that I was not allowed to sit near her, because she would get me in trouble whispering hilarious comments continuously (yes I just got her in trouble too.)*

*We both loved Jesus Christ Superstar. We began singing it together from the beginning once in the theatre. I wish we could finish the whole soundtrack.*

*I am so sorry for Brenda's family and friends.*

*Brenda, we miss you already.*



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**Leah Smith** - April 10, 2020 at 03:08 PM



*A very genuine person who loved her students loves her family and wish the best for others she was dynamite*

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**Daniel Herman** - April 10, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



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April 10, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ *It is with profound sadness to hear of Brenda's passing. May you find comfort, courage and peace in this hour of sorrow. She will sorely be missed by all of us at Detroit Repertory Theatre.*

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**Shirley Dismuke** - April 10, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ *Southfield High School Class of 1995 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



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**Southfield High School Class of 1995** - April 10, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ *Joyce L Suber purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



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**Joyce L Suber** - April 10, 2020 at 11:42 AM

OR

“ *Brenda Perryman showed love from the first day we met. I have learned so much from her. She was just a phenomenal woman from the inside out. When someone says they have your back and they actually DO, that’s LOVE! We had each other’s and I will never forget that. She will be sorely missed but never forgotten. Love to the Perryman family and her friends.*

*One Single* 🌹



**One Single Rose** - April 10, 2020 at 09:23 AM

AG

“ *Adriene Grijalva lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kaye Perryman*



**Adriene Grijalva** - April 09, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ *Betsy Hughes lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kaye Perryman*



**Betsy Hughes** - April 09, 2020 at 10:25 AM

CM

“ *Brenda never met a stranger and always greeted you with a smile. Her passion for people and life resonated in her outgoing personality. She was encouraging, unselfish and giving. We will miss her tremendously. Go on Brenda  
Take your rest!  
We all loved you  
But God love you best  
See you on the other side* 💕💕💕💕



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**Connie Mac** - April 09, 2020 at 09:14 AM

BH

“ Our sweet, precious, talented Brenda. Oh how you will be missed my Gemini Sister. Thankful we have known each other for so long, always being in each other’s corner. You are a gem in so many people’s lives. Our birthstone is a pearl, and your pearl’s of wisdom dropped so easily from your lips. Thank you for the love, for the lessons and for the time you made to be a part of our family’s joy...from performing a poem at our wedding to writing Sophia a poem when she was born in 2007 that she has embodied to the bone. Thank you for always saying yes when I needed an extraordinary talent for a client activation. But most of all, thank you for loving me in a special way...like a sister, like an aunt like a peer, and most of all, thank you for being such a great friend over the years. Your love will live with me forever. Courtnee, Heather, Ryan and the rest of the family...I know the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree...you were her labor of love...keep her legacy alive. My love and support is here for you however you need it. Love, Betsy



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**Betsy Helgager Hughes** - April 08, 2020 at 10:58 PM

TC

“ *Ms Perryman meant so much to me. She always believed in my artistic ability. She moderated my documentary back in October and she was a class act. I love her and will miss her so much. To her children, I'm praying for you, your children and rest of the family. Brenda was a class act and I know her legacy lives inside of all of you and every person who had a privilege of knowing her!!!*

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**Tameka Citchen-Spruce** - April 08, 2020 at 06:16 PM

KG

“ My Dad, Mr. Charles Gordon (now deceased, June 2019 - And, former Principal at HPHS) and I (Kellie Gordon - Former Student “82” to “86”) genuinely loved & sincerely appreciated Ms. Brenda Perryman so very much. 🙏🌸🦋  
🌿☀️🌺



*Ms. Perryman was my Drama Teacher and I loved every minute of the class with her leading the way!! The plays were the best due to her expertise and fun loving personality.*

*There was always so much learning and laughter along the way. Her smile and energy was infectious and we all gravitated toward her line moths to a flame because she was filled with so much experience and so many stories of her life’s journey.*

*Always willing to help any of us who needed her, Ms. Perryman will always be dearly loved and so warmly & fondly remembered for her big heart, her generosity with her time and teaching, her ability to lift your mood in an instant and for creating opportunities for those of us who were ready/prepared and interested in achieving more with everything she taught us.*

*Blessings On Blessings to all of her Students, Co-Workers, her dear Family & Friends who will continue to love, honor, appreciate & well-remember Ms. Brenda Perryman and our time spent with her.*

*We will continue to spread the genuine, sincere & positive love & light, which Ms. Perryman shared with us so selflessly & so generously through the tears.*

*Ms. Perryman’s legacy is indeed well-known, well-established & securely cemented, cherished and forever respected.*

*Ms. Brenda Perryman’s loving & nurturing spirit will indeed journey onward and live on through everyone she has touched and loved for*

*all time, without a doubt and without any limit. 🙏💕*

*Much Love to the Family. Thank you for sharing her with us for so very long. 🙏💕🙏🌹🌿💕🌟*

**Kellie Gordon** - April 08, 2020 at 03:08 PM

DS

“ *My Condolences to the Perryman Family. Your Mom will always be in my heart as a Beautiful Person, Teacher and Friend to me and my family. Daniel Stewart*

**Daniel Stewart** - April 08, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



April 08, 2020 at 03:02 PM

TC

“ *Beautiful, classy, elegant, and a Detroit Gem. Rest well Ms. Perryman; your legacy will forever live on.*



**Tiffany Criswell** - April 08, 2020 at 02:21 PM

KM

“ Kathryn Scovel and the HMH State Adoption Managers purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.



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**Kathryn Scovel and the HMH State Adoption Managers** - April 08, 2020 at 02:11 PM

CC

“ Prayers from Charles “Mr. Luck” Caine



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**charles caine** - April 08, 2020 at 01:49 PM

MB

“ Mary And Robert Barnes lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kaye Perryman



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**Mary and Robert Barnes** - April 08, 2020 at 01:00 PM

MB

*Brenda was such a dear friend and neighbor for 40 years. We will sorely miss her presence and that beautiful smile that always made you feel welcome*

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**Mary and Robert Barnes** - April 08, 2020 at 01:04 PM

AC

“ *My Other Mother. My MUSE. A million words could never express the amount of respect, admiration and gratitude that I acquire for you. To reside in your presence was both an honor, and a privilege. Thank You for saving my life. You brought out the best in me. I will always cherish the many laughs, and memories that we shared. My heart is broken, and this wound can never be repaired. 💔 ... I love you dearly.*



*(Walks up and smacks casket): "Wake Up Brenda.. Wake Up!"*

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**Audrey Cotton** - April 08, 2020 at 12:01 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Braceful lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kaye Perryman*



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**Brenda Braceful** - April 08, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



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April 08, 2020 at 11:37 AM

SW

“ Years ago, I contacted Brenda, because of an article she had written. A complete stranger, she treated me with so much love and concern and connected me with a mentor for my son. God bless her

Sheila Wade - April 08, 2020 at 10:50 AM

EJ

“ Brenda saw potential in me in high school and helped me to believe in myself. she became a dear friend and I will cherish all my memories of her. She meant so much to so many 🙏

Elliott Branch Jr - April 08, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.



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“ Such a beautiful soul and a blessing to us all. You were a close friend and a second mother. If only I could live up to the way you viewed me and motivated me to be better. I love you and will do my best to honor your memory! Orna



Orna Spencer - April 08, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



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April 08, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Perryman.*



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“ *I remember her being very classy, always smiling and never strict. One of the highlights in my time at SHS. She seemed to be loved by all and she will be missed. Safe journey ma'am.*



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**Robert Duckett** - April 08, 2020 at 06:17 AM

CP

*I have so many memories. I've known Ms. Brenda over 42 years. She's had me on her show a couple of times. We were at a lot of the same events. She was my neighbor, mentor and friend. One memory is I had decided to honor people I know for Black History Month in 2019. Ms. Brenda was so moved that she called me and left me the BEST voice message. I still have that message saved in my phone. To hear the Joy in her voice was AMAZING! She was ecstatic, grateful, honored and humbled. She had tears of Joy. It was a memory that I'll always cherish and hold near and dear to my heart.*

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**Crystal P.** - April 08, 2020 at 06:57 AM

KJ

*I remembered the day she walked into the halls of Navy Blue and White, the home of the Highland Park High School Polar Bears. If my memory serves me correctly, it was the second semester of school year 1970-71 (January or March). Mrs. Brenda Perryman was introduced to a diverse class of high school students, by a fellow colleague from the English Department, I believe it during the PM schedule. That experience was a breath of scented flesh air, that has weld a lifelong connection of mentorship . Mrs. Perryman taught myself and my four adult children, all graduates of Southfield High School. When she received word that I was in ministry, she candidly said to me, "I gotta come and see you get down ! " LOL. I shall be eternally greatfull for how Mrs. Perryman took my youngest son under her wings of mentorship , after the loss of his mother and my wife, to guide him throughout the high school years to adulthood. Thank you Mrs. Brenda Kaye Perryman ...a job well done. Kenneth J. Jenkins*

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**kenneth jenkins** - April 14, 2020 at 10:28 AM