



## BRENDA BARNES-CHUKWU

May 27, 1957 - October 12, 2015

Brenda Barnes-Chukwu, 58, of Kankakee, IL, died Monday, October 12, 2015 at Presence St. Mary's Hospital. Visitation will be Friday October 16, 2015 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Lax Mortuary. Visitation on Saturday, October 17, 2015 will be from 10:00 A.M. until time of Funeral Services at 11:00 A.M. at Shabach Global Ministries, 920 N. Kennedy Drive, Kankakee, IL. Pastor Yolanda M. Hunt will officiate and Pastor Gloria Cummings will deliver the eulogy. Burial will be in Momence Cemetery.

Brenda Barnes-Chukwu was the first of four children born to Julius Barnes and Corean Akerson on May 27, 1957 in Chicago, IL. She was baptized in 2002 by Minister Jewell Gaskin and was a member of Shabach Global Ministries.

Brenda was a 1975 graduate of Hirsch High School. She was united in holy matrimony to Festus Chukwu. She also was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, since 1983.

She was employed by Wilkins Jewelers and retired after 25 years of service. Brenda's hobbies and interests were cooking and being a "social butterfly."

She leaves to cherish her memory, two brothers, Michael Barnes of Atlanta,

GA and Westry Meekins of Chicago, IL; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Jewell Gaskin of Kankakee, IL and Venis and Isaac Green of Columbia Heights, MN; one aunt, Beverly Akerson of Chicago Ridge, IL; nieces, Julia Gaskin, Kamryn Green and Courtney Green; one nephew, Tyler Gaskin; special friends, Paulette Jones and Lena Bailey, both of Hopkins Park, IL and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Corean Akerson, an aunt, Annie Stinson and an uncle, Willie Akerson.

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ I am sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort strengthen you and your family for the days ahead.  
"I have been sleepless from grief. Strengthen me according to your word."-Psalm 119:28; jw.org

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**Jimmy F** - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry for the loss of Brenda, you all are in our prayers. Praying strength and endurance for you all. God bless, Love to you all!!!!

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**Tracy Woodley and Bre'Anna Lenton** - October 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Jewell, and to the entire Barnes-Chukwu family, so sorry for your loss. Praying for you.

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**Barbara J. McClain** - October 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Such a sad day but God needed her more. I met Brenda through Circle K and she and I hit it off she was always a blessing to see . When I transferred stores she gave me a ring of hers so I wouldn't forget her. How could I ever forget my lady. You will

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**Laura Dickson** - October 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Praying that the peace of GOD would cover you and your entire family during this time.  
I love you Jewell. Barbara J. McClain

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**Barbara J. McClain** - October 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Brenda brought so much joy to my life, I looked forward to seeing her every visit but God decided it was time for her to go home. Will miss her dearly, love her like my own family. Praying for peace for you all.*

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**Karmen** - October 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM