



Mrs. Brandy Carol Daniels

March 9, 1958 - June 21, 2024

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:13

Brandy Carol McMurry Daniels was born on March 9, 1958, to Beverly Loleta Rhinehart McMurry and William Charles Teasley. Reared in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she found her faith and love for Christ at an early age at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

After graduating from Washington High School in Milwaukee in 1975, she attended the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, where she majored in early childhood education which allowed her to fulfill her lifetime dream of becoming an educator. During her college student days, she became a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated® Lambda Alpha Chapter under the line name of “Jewels.” Her sorority loyalty spanned over 40 years including her most recent affiliation with the Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc®.

Following college graduation in 1980, Brandy worked at the Milwaukee Inner City Development Project (ICDP), and later at two health care facilities. Her over 30-year teaching career (first grade and kindergarten) included over 14 years Atwater Elementary School in Shorewood, Wisconsin near Milwaukee. During this time Brandy earned a master’s degree from National Louis University in Illinois. She taught 9 years in the gifted and talented program at Villa Heights Elementary in Charlotte, and 11 years at Irwin Academic Center

in Charlotte. In 2008 she was named “Teacher of the Year.”

For Brandy, teaching was a passion—she had a love for learning and looked forward to sharing that with her students. She strove to make her classroom a safe environment and a place for students to flourish and grow academically and socially. She fostered an open communication line with the parents of her students whom she inspiringly referred to as “Can-Do Kids.” She taught every child to know that they were talented and had the capability to excel in the classroom and in life. She believed in “no child left behind” long before it became a political slogan.

Though Brandy was a native of Milwaukee, in her own words, she “loved living in North Carolina”—the native state of her husband, Reuben Daniels. She met Reuben in Milwaukee when, in Reuben’s words, “After our first date, I returned home thinking how wonderful she was and saying to myself, ‘Lord, please don’t let me mess this up.’” The Lord answered that plea when they were married on July 1, 1984, and began their blissful marriage of nearly 40 years during which, Brandy described Reuben as not only her husband but also her “friend” and “king” who made her feel “like a queen.” Their marriage was blessed with three children—Reuben Oliverz Deion Daniels of Fort Valley Georgia, Ryan Charles Daniels who lives in Chicago Illinois; Brittany Olivia L. Daniels Tran who lives in Scotch Plains New Jersey with her husband, Lesly Tran and their daughter Blake Olivia Tran—a precious beautiful granddaughter who filled her grandparent’s lives with boundless joy.

Brandy described her hobbies as “always changing.” She “painted bird houses, decorated T-shirts”—and enjoyed “crocheting, knitting, scrapbooking, card making and SHOPPING.” She loved and decorated for every holiday and most especially Christmas. Her passion for Christmas was evident in every room of the house as she made room for up to a dozen Christmas trees of various sizes and themes with gifts for everyone – even the unexpected guest who just stopped by. Her table was always open during the holidays, and nothing pleased her more than sharing joy and love to everyone. “Barbie” shared her birthday, so she collected vintage Barbies and assorted

memorabilia during her many travels. Her favorite travel was to the beach and Disney World. At one point, she made a passing attempt to teach herself to play the guitar. When it came to sports, Brandy was an avid dual football fan of the Green Bay Packers and Charlotte Panthers—in that order.

Along with her father Charles and stepmother Loretta Teasley, Brandy was predeceased by her sister—Tracy Lavert McMurry and her brother—Orlando “Lonnie” McMurry.

Brandy leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Royal companion and Champion Reuben, Mother Beverly, children - Reuben, Ryan and Brittany, granddaughter Blake Olivia and her “special” daughter and granddaughter—Shelly Renee Wilson and Zakiah Ajoji Wiggins; sisters—Venus McMurry Carroll and Marquita Marie Davis (Eric); brother—Jeffrey McMurry; aunt—Danna Louise Rhinehart, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, “adopted” family members and friends.

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Cemetery Details

Gethsemane Cemetery and Memorial Gardens

1510 West Sugar Creek Road
Charlotte, NC 28262
(704) 596-5417
<http://gethsemanememorial.com>

Previous Events

Graveside

JUN 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EL



Elizabeth - August 16, 2024 at 01:11 PM

KA

“ *I met Mrs. Daniels when I worked at Irwin Academic Center as a TA. She was the sweetest person and her love for children was evident in everything she did. She truly had a given spirit and would always put a smile on your face. Mrs. Daniels touched the lives of many people, including the staff at Irwin. I remember the staff parties we would have at her house and how much fun it was. She will truly be missed. My sincerest condolences to the family of Mrs. Brandy Daniels.* ”

Kirsten Albritton - July 05, 2024 at 12:32 PM

JA

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family.* ”



Jamilah - July 02, 2024 at 07:50 AM

EG

“ Mrs. Daniels was truly in the master class of educators that I’ve known. I am so grateful for her expertise and attention to detail for all of her children. Her black history programs were genius in the impact and knowledge they imparted to young children. She taught all three of my children and continued to help me through their primary and secondary school with advice and guidance. I am so grateful for the gift God bestowed on so many of us through her light and joy for children. Praying for her entire family.

Erika Gantt - June 30, 2024 at 10:08 AM

JN

“ Reuben and I were colleagues for many years. I am so sorry to see this. May she rest in peace and may Reuben remember the wonderful years they shared together.

James Neely - June 29, 2024 at 11:47 PM

SL

“ Spencer L. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mrs. Brandy Carol Daniels.



Spencer L. - June 29, 2024 at 09:10 PM

BL

“ I offer my prayers and condolences to the family of Reuben and Brandy Daniel's.
To a life well lived!
R.I.P Brandy



Bro. Presley Carlyle, True Square Lodge - June 29, 2024 at 08:47 AM

LB

“ Sincere condolences to you and the family for the loss of your wife. May God grant you all the peace, strength, and understanding that you need at this time. (David Kingsberry informed me.) 🙏 □

Leo Bullock - June 28, 2024 at 07:20 PM

NJ

“ I extend my deepest sympathy to Brother Reuben and the entire family of Mrs. Brandy Carol Daniels. I pray that you are comforted by precious memories and knowing that “the joy of The Lord is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10

Nannie Jones, Oxford, NC



Nannie Jones - June 28, 2024 at 12:44 AM

TW

“ I’m beyond words to hear of this news. We had the pleasure of having Mrs. Daniels as my daughter Peyton, who is now going to 7th grade, Kindergarten and 1st grade teacher. They also shared March birthdays so she made the whole month special for them! We loved her! She loved her students. My son even asked her not to retire because he wanted to have her as a teacher. How I wish he could have! So many great memories and pictures that we will cherish. Rest well, Mrs. Daniels. Your legacy lives on in your family and all the students you touched. Praying for the family.

Trish Wray - June 27, 2024 at 08:43 PM

JM

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. D at Irwin. My mom, Beverly McDonald was her TA for years. From the moment I met her she was so kind and loving. She welcomed me into her classroom. I was in school at the time majoring in education. We would talk about school a lot. She would show me different things that she did with her students and gave me online resources to use. I enjoyed watching her teach and interact with her "can do kids." You could see that teaching was not just a job for her, but a passion she excelled in. I admired that about her. Later on I had the pleasure of working at Irwin with her as well. Mrs. Daniels will truly be missed. Sending love and prayers to the Daniels family.

Jocelin McDonald

Jocelin McDonald - June 27, 2024 at 12:41 PM

SA

“ Mrs. Daniel's, my heart hurts to know that we will never be able to chat again about all the good times we had at Villa Heights. It hurts to know that you won't be able to watch me, Ahli, Nathan, and Johanna (your favorite "Caramilla") grow up any further. You were such an amazing 1st grade teacher to me and so many other students at Villa Heights, and your radiance will surely be missed in the world. My love for reading and traveling sprouted from you always entertaining and supporting my imagination, and I can never repay you for all of the great memories you have made with me. I will miss you so dearly 💕💕 Forever your Can-Do-Kid - Samara Archibald



Samara Archibald - June 27, 2024 at 08:39 AM

MG

“ Mrs. Daniels taught my two oldest children. She was Parker’s kindergarten teacher and years later, Hutch’s 1st grade teacher. The latter, during COVID. She is magic. She always put her kids first. Before COVID (for Parker’s class) she and her wonderful husband invited all kindergartners and their parents to their home for a holiday party at Christmas. She created connections and built friendships and was always authentic. We loved her. My kids loved her. We are beyond lucky to have been sprinkled with her knowledge and goodness, and my kids (now 8th and 4th grade) still talk about her with love.

Molly Grantham - June 27, 2024 at 07:19 AM

DK

“ David Kingsberry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brandy Carol Daniels



David Kingsberry - June 27, 2024 at 07:19 AM

JM

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. D as I would call her at Irwin. My mom, Beverly McDonald was her TA. From the moment I met her she was so kind and loving. She welcomed me into her classroom with open arms. I was in school at the time majoring in education. We would talk about school a lot. She would show me different things that she did with her students and gave me online resources to use. I enjoyed watching her teach and interact with her “can do kids.” You could see that teaching was not just a job for her, but a passion she excelled in. I admired that about her. Later on I had the pleasure of working at Irwin with her as well. I enjoyed are chats we would have when she came to visit me in the front office. Mrs. Daniels will truly be missed. Sending love and prayers to the Daniels family.

Jocelin McDonald

Jocelin McDonald - June 26, 2024 at 08:58 PM

CS

“ I worked with Mrs. Daniels for 8 years at Irwin. She was so welcoming from the moment I started there. I'll always remember bonding with other staff members at various parties she hosted at her house. Also, I'll always remember the March birthday celebrations we had. The students at Irwin always loved Mrs. Daniels. She always motivated them to be their best selves! I enjoyed catching up with her in October when we both attended a volleyball game of a former student. Rest easy ☐

Christine Schonour - June 26, 2024 at 08:09 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - June 26, 2024 at 04:49 PM

VA

“ I had the pleasure of working with Brandy at Irwin Academic Center for 9 years. As principal, I had the gift of watching her and her “Can Do Kids” discover and embrace learning together. I admired Brandy’s determination and creativity as she dedicated herself to her students and their families. She was truly a treasure! I’m so glad and proud to have known her.
Dr. Vanessa Ashford

Vanessa Ashford - June 26, 2024 at 04:25 PM

JM

“ Brandy was a very nice and thoughtful person who will be deeply missed. Our prayers go out to the family. Brandy is gone but the great memories of her will live on.

Jeff McClendon - June 26, 2024 at 04:24 PM

BM

“ Brandy Daniels was a caring, loving and generous person. I had the privilege of knowing her 10 years, and was her TA at Irwin Academic Center for 5 years or more. Brandy LOVED her " Can Do Kids", she touched so many children's lives! Keeping you in my prayers Daniels family. Beverly McDonald

Beverly McDonald - June 26, 2024 at 03:21 PM

MD

In Memory of Brandy Carol Daniels

Some people touch so many lives in many kind and loving ways.

Brandy was an amazing person with many gifts and talents.

She was her husband's queen, an awesome parent, a fantastic friend and an early childhood educator who was dedicated to her profession and the young lives charged to her care.

Brandy also defined the gift of hospitality as she and her husband, Reuben, opened their home to friends and treated us as family. Our children, in their developing years, found fun, friendships and nurturing in the Daniel's' home. My younger son, now an adult, recounted the fun he and other children had on the splash pad and other creative activities and appreciates Brandy for the memorable times.

Our prayers to the entire family.

Sincerely,

M. Eleanor "Cookie" Drake-Jones and son, Enoche Jones

M. Eleanor Drake-Jones - June 27, 2024 at 09:58 AM

OR

“ *Wishing you comfort and peace during this heartfelt time. CELEBRATING The Life Legacy of an extraordinary person - Queen Brandy!! I feel so lucky , that she was a part of The Orlando C. and dearly departed fellow Early Childhood Educator Queen Tammy D. Griffin - Rice Family for over 30+ years. Joshua 1:9 BE Strong BE Courageous*



Orlando C. Rice - June 26, 2024 at 10:54 AM

LR

“ I'm a mom of a current 11th-grader who had Ms. Daniels as a kindergarten teacher. She said all of her memories of kindergarten are of Ms. Daniels' classroom, which she loved!

Here's one in particular: one of Ms. Daniels' activities was to tell the kids to go around and try to find someone in the class with the same color of skin as they had and then come to show Ms. Daniels. My daughter dutifully found someone, and they went up to Ms. Daniels to show her. Without looking, Ms. Daniels closed her eyes and said "nope!" My daughter thought she was psychic and didn't even need to look to know that their skin didn't match! What she learned from that was a beautiful, kindergarten-appropriate lesson about how everyone is different and that you can't make judgments based on skin color.

As a parent, I always appreciated Ms. Daniels' experience and expertise in the classroom. Thank you, Ms. Daniels, for starting my daughter out right!!

Lisa Rasmussen - June 26, 2024 at 09:48 AM

NM

“ Brandy, you will be missed! Our deepest Condolences to the family!



Norma Marrow - June 26, 2024 at 09:02 AM

NM

“ My dear Sweet Aunt Brandy was like no other. She was so loving and kind! That is what I will always remember about her. I watched her and learned so much. I tried to decorate my house like hers and bake those delicious desserts

One year at Christmas, I wanted Christmas trees in every room. My oldest son said, Mom, you can't be like Aunt Brandy. Under my breath I said, the devil is a lie! 😭 Brandy made every occasion special. When I get to Heaven, I will be looking for Jesus and My Aunt Brandy! Rest well my Friend!

Norma Marrow - June 26, 2024 at 08:43 AM

BH

“ I worked with Brandy Daniels at Villa Heights Academic Center and Irwin Academic. I was her teacher assistant. She taught me so much. She invited myself and our staff, family, and friends into her home. She was a thoughtful and kind person who was loved by all who encountered her. I will miss sharing our recipes and taste test together.



Biannca N. Harrison-Walker - June 26, 2024 at 07:13 AM

RM

“ I'm so sad to hear about the passing of Brandy. I remember Brandy from college. UW-Whitewater. I remember Brandy and her Washington High School friends as being a fun loving group. They would come to the football games when I was playing and make up their own cheers. Some great memories. Rest in peace, McMurry



Ron Mallory - June 25, 2024 at 07:05 PM

JM

“ One story Brandy always shared was how I (Jason) would play outside on the big wheel she put together (minus the noise maker it came with on the wheel) 😂 and even though I only lived two houses down from Brandy on 25th when I was thirsty and wanted water I'd ring her doorbell and she would say “Go to your own house and get water” until my grandma would tell her to let me in. 😂

Brandy is one of the sweetest people you could ever know! I thank God for blessing her as my aunt and I appreciate everything she's done!

Jason McMurry - June 25, 2024 at 05:57 PM

NW

“ My dear Sister-in-law, your kindness and sweet spirit will forever be in heart. My fondest memory was admiring and taking pictures of her beautiful home decorated for Christmas. Every room and theme was so breathtaking and beautiful. You was a true blessing from God to your family. Love. Nellie

Nellie Walthrust - June 25, 2024 at 05:03 PM

CD

“ Brandy was a wonderful inspiration to all the students she taught. We were so blessed to have her teach our daughter in first grade at Villa Heights Elementary. Your caring compassion will never be forgotten! Rest well, my beautiful sister, Soror, and friend! Eric and Charlene Douglas

Charlene Douglas - June 25, 2024 at 04:46 PM

PF

“ Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brandy Carol Daniels



Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family - June 25, 2024 at 02:40 PM

TM

“ I met Brandy in 2002. I was her Teacher Assistant at Villa Heights Elementary for three years. During that time we quickly developed a special bond.

She was a great Teacher Mentor 🍎 , Soror ▲ and Friend ❤️ . She will truly be missed.

My prayers are with the family during this time of bereavement. 🙏

Tonia McFadden



Tonia McFadden - June 25, 2024 at 01:37 PM

AW

“ Reuben and family, we have so many wonderful memories of Brandy. She always brought the fun activities at the beach, leading craft projects and games. Her desserts and pull apart breads were always a hit. The shopping trips and girl times were extra special. Sending much love to you all. Our deepest condolences and prayers. Anita and Lonnie

Anita Wynn - June 25, 2024 at 12:39 PM

CR

“ I met Brandy at her first day of college with her best friend Renee. She have live thru 13 presidents, the Black power movement, was a Dalta. A God mother, A Educated American, A mother, Wife, Friend all my life. You help me, my family. We love you all our life. We will miss you. You will live with me forever. Charles Rodgers.

Charles Rodgers - June 25, 2024 at 12:25 PM

EG

“ To a beautiful woman who has been a friend of mine for over about sixty years. I thank God for your friendship. R.I.P. my friend 🕊️🕊️🌹

Elton Gillie - June 25, 2024 at 12:10 PM

RR

“ This song says it all for me. From 5th grade to womanhood.
It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday
How do I say goodbye to what we had?
The good times that made us laugh, outweighed the bad.
I thought we'd get to see forever, but forever has blown away.
It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday.
I don't know where this road is gonna lead to.
All I know is where we've been and what we've been through.
If it gets me to tomorrow, I hope it's worth all the pain.
It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday.
And I'll take with me the memories to be my sunshine after the rain.
It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday.

Renee Rodgers

Renee Watts Rodgers - June 25, 2024 at 11:51 AM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continues To Comfort And Strengthen The Family*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - June 25, 2024 at 11:38 AM

KM

“ *Brandy was my god mother I have so many memories of her pouring into my sister and I Praying for the family for strength and comfort*

Kyra Matthews - June 25, 2024 at 11:35 AM

MK

Brandy, had a white car, that had a engine you had to feed carrots, rabbits ran slow, when she found a bag of carrots on the hood, she could not stop laughing, from that day, my sweet sister only bought cars, with horses, drive slow, no speeding, with forever love Mike

Mike Kelley - June 26, 2024 at 11:47 PM