

## Mrs. Brenda Gainer Highsmith

March 16, 1955 - August 1, 2022

Brenda Gainer Highsmith was born on March 16, 1955 to the late Minnie Beatrice and Boston C. Gainer Sr. of Oak City, NC. She departed this life on August 1, 2022, at ECU Heath Center in Greenville, NC.

Brenda attended the Martin County Schools and graduated from Martin Community College.

Brenda was a loving wife, mother, and sister. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She loved working her flower garden and shopping at the local flea markets. Brenda has a very loving and kind spirit and enjoyed singing in the choir.

Brenda was a dedicated employee at Vidant Hospital in Bertie County for 25 years. She rarely missed any time from work and was always willing to do whatever it took to get the job done and to take care of the patients.

Brenda was preceded in death by two sisters, Ethel Gainer Spruill, and Ophelia Gainer and one brother, Richard Gainer Sr.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memories, her husband of 48 years, Clarence Highsmith Jr. of the home; two daughters, Levonne Highsmith Batey (John) of Raleigh, NC, Tameka Wooten (Demetrius) of Greenville, NC; one son, Douglas Highsmith (Erica) of Virginia; one sister, Minnie Ebron of Hamilton,

NC; one brother, Boston C. Gainer (Eva) of Rocky Mount, NC; three sisters-in-law, Sarah Harvey of Greenville, NC, Gloria Evans (Casper) of Greenville, NC, Reva Gainer of Washington, NC; two brothers-in-law, Ernest Highsmith of Midfield, AL, Elbert Highsmith (Daylene) of Williamston, NC; eight grandchildren, Ja'quorie Highsmith, Sunterea Highsmith, John Bennett Jr., Jason Batey, Sa'Mya Pettaway, Ciara Wooten, Keke Highsmith, Dereon Brown, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## **Gainer Family Cemetery**

Williamston, NC

# Previous Events

## **Viewing**

AUG 6. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations Chapel  
304 West Liberty Street  
Williamston, NC 27892

## **Celebration of Life Service**

AUG 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Smithwick Chapel Church of Christ Disciples  
5710 Fire Department Rd  
Williamston, NC 27892

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - August 08, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ *Mrs. Brenda Gainer Highsmith*

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October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Earl, I am so very sorry to read of your loss.  
The Brenda I remember was always quiet,  
loving and sweet. May God be your healer and strength.*

*Brenda Gray (Bunny)*

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**Brenda(Bunny) Gray** - August 08, 2022 at 01:20 AM



“ *Prayers and condolences to Brenda family. Brenda always had a  
smile on her face along with a pleasant attitude. Always was a  
pleasure to work with.*

*Your former co-worker Jennifer*

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**Jennifer** - August 07, 2022 at 03:25 PM

CE

“ I learned of Brenda's passing about 2 days ago and my heart broke. I'd been praying for Brenda's healing when I learned of her condition and as I cried when learning of her transition a voice said stop being selfish.....she's now truly healing 💕  
She and my mom were friends from their Vidant days. Brenda was like a daughter to my mom and she talked on and on about what a sweet and caring person she was. I don't know how to share this with mom💔

Cenda - August 07, 2022 at 03:04 PM

JW

“ James R. & Karen Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Gainer Highsmith



James R. & Karen Wallace - August 07, 2022 at 12:59 PM

OK

“ The sweetest woman of God I know. Brenda was very meek and humble. I have never seen her out of character. I am so glad that our paths crossed. She will be greatly missed. Now Brenda, you can sing your song, shout and dance all you want to💙.



Odessa Keel-Pugh - August 06, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Brenda Gainer Highsmith.*



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August 06, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *BeJaie Hudson-Highsmith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Brenda Gainer Highsmith.*



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**BeJaie Hudson-Highsmith** - August 06, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ *Hortense Hyman Swepson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Gainer Highsmith*



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**Hortense Hyman Swepson** - August 06, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *Alton And Linda Powell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Gainer Highsmith*



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**Alton and Linda Powell** - August 05, 2022 at 03:59 PM

LB

“ *Lovenia Butler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Gainer Highsmith*



**Lovenia Butler** - August 05, 2022 at 12:14 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Council lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Gainer Highsmith*



**Barbara Council** - August 04, 2022 at 08:21 PM

ES

“ *Elbert B. Highsmith, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Gainer Highsmith*



**Elbert B. Highsmith, Sr.** - August 04, 2022 at 01:36 PM

EH

“ *Sending Prayers To The Family*



**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - August 04, 2022 at 06:51 AM

AL

“ *Alma Lucas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Gainer Highsmith*



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**Alma Lucas** - August 03, 2022 at 09:48 PM

RF

“ *Rev. Milton & Delores Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Gainer Highsmith*



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**Rev. Milton & Delores Staton Family** - August 03, 2022 at 08:27 PM

LE

“ *Brenda always had a smile for everyone she came in contact with. I worked with her for 25 years and she was always there to help you in anyway that she could. She is now smiling and singing in the “Heaven’s Choir “.*

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**Linda Edwards** - August 03, 2022 at 04:48 PM

BT

“ *I got to know Brenda and to know her you can help but to love her. she is one of the most low key person you would ever meet. Her sweetness make you feel welcome. Love always Blanche*

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**Blanche Tune** - August 03, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ Sending deepest condolences & 🙏 to the Highsmith & Gainor families.

Ramonap Highsmith - August 03, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ Ramonap Highsmith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Gainer Highsmith



Ramonap Highsmith - August 03, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ Sincere condolences to Brenda's family for comfort and strength during this difficult time. Brenda's personality was extraordinary. God Bless!



Alice Garrison - August 03, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ Praying strength for the family Douglas and Erica Highsmith you all are in prayer

Sadie Clark - August 03, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ Mrs. Brenda's was a lovely woman. I am honored to have worked with her for over 6 years. Rest in Peace Mrs. Brenda.

Emily - August 03, 2022 at 08:58 AM

DH

“ You will always be in my heart...love you



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**Douglas Highsmith** - August 03, 2022 at 12:09 AM



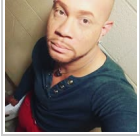
“ Auntie Brenda, You will truly be missed; your laugh would truly brighten up many moments and days when we were having a family gathering. I knew you my whole life and always was loved and have never been treated any way but loved as your nephew. Words can not describe the hurt we all feel from your transition, but we know that God has healed you just like we all prayed. Aunt Brenda, I love you, and Thank you for being a wonderful Auntie.



Love and always in my heart  
Your Nephew  
E. Bernie (BeJaie) Highsmith Jr.

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**BeJaie Hudson-Highsmith** - August 02, 2022 at 10:55 PM



“ To my uncle Clarence E Highsmith Jr, my cousins Levonne, Tameka, and Douglas. Our family is here with you during this transition and continues to pray and be here with you every step of the way. I love you guys.

Your Nephews and Cousins  
Terry and Bernie (BeJaie )



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**BeJaie Hudson-Highsmith** - August 02, 2022 at 10:50 PM

EH

“ I am very shocked to know Brenda has gone home i have enjoyed the time i have sang with her played for her and talk with her but as she song I Coming LORD NOW she is home from Evang.Christopher R Henderson and family



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**EVANG. HENDERSON** - August 02, 2022 at 08:21 PM

GG

“ Brenda was a very special and nice person! Condolences to the Highsmith and Gainor family! RIH Brenda



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**GG** - August 02, 2022 at 02:12 PM