



## Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett

November 7, 1957 - January 14, 2019

With family by her side, Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett entered fully into the presence of her Lord and Savior on Monday, January 14, 2019. Her unwavering faith in God and the support of a loving family sustained her in her fearless battle with a lengthy illness.

Wanda was born on November 7, 1957 to Mollie and Howard Casterlow. She attended W.S. Creecy High School of Rich Square, North Carolina, where she later began blazing trails as the first female bus driver. On March 4, 1978, Wanda married the love of her life, Rondy Bennett. She went on to graduate from East Carolina University with a degree in Occupational Therapy and later received her Master's Degree in Administrative Rehabilitation.

Upon graduation from ECU, Wanda worked as an Occupational Therapist at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Later, she was promoted to manager of Inpatient Rehabilitation Services. Her passion for this work eventually inspired her to return to her alma mater and teach occupational therapy students.

Prior to retirement, Wanda's hard work and dedicated service led her to attain the position of Administrator of Rehabilitation Services at Vidant Medical Center. She experienced great fulfillment as a member of the CARF Accreditation Team that surveyed rehabilitation facilities worldwide for certification. At one time, Wanda was one of only three Black surveyors in the United States.

Wanda was a member of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church. She possessed numerous spiritual gifts and used them tirelessly in Christian

service. She was the first chairperson of the Women's Task Force (Women's Ministry), the first coordinator of Masterlife, and served on the Board of Evangelism.

Wanda will forever be remembered as a kind, considerate woman of relentless faith. She had grace, dignity and the quiet determination to follow Christ no matter the cost. Totally dedicated to her family in every way, she coached her son's little league basketball team. Wanda was stylish and sophisticated, possessing a classy elegance on the inside and out. She was a friend in whom you could always depend and epitomized the word trustworthy. Wanda had a real zest for life. She loved worshipping, giving God praise and spending time with her two grandsons Dallas and Eason. Wanda was big on family time and building lifelong lasting memories. She loved to travel, whether it be for work or with her family on vacations. Wherever she went she made sure Shug (her husband) was right there with her. She began to enjoy camping, especially after Tory, her youngest son, joined cub scouts. Her hobbies were reading, shopping, fashion, and interior decorating. Wanda generously touched many lives and was loved by all who met her.

Cherished lifetime memories will live on in the hearts of her husband, of forty one years, Rondy Bennett of the home; her mother, Mollie Casterlow of Greenville, NC; her beloved sons, Lamont Bennett his wife, Arthenia of Rocky Mount, NC and Tory Bennett and his significant other Ariel of Virginia Beach, Virginia; two grandsons, Dallas and Eason Bennett; one brother, Howard Dexter Casterlow (Alice) of Suffolk, VA; her father-in-law, Wiley Bennett (Lanell) of Scotland Neck, NC; one brother-in-law, James Bennett (Lilian) of Camden Wyoming, DE; one niece, Alicia; one nephew, Howard; a very devoted friend of many years, Shelia Edwards of Greenville, NC and a host of cousins, other relatives, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations  
3205 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858  
(252) 355-9995  
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com  
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

## Viewing

JAN 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church  
1095 Allen Road  
Greenville, NC

## Service

JAN 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church  
1095 Allen Road  
Greenville, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *It s been 4 years now and I knew Wanda would want me to tell everyone that she has mot been forgotten now would she ever be.I wouldn t get Wanda today but I just wanted for her family to know that I will never forget her. She was always a good friend, a student of mine in her OT fieldwork and her smile would light up a room. I know everyone who ever met her will never forget her. But she is home and I look forword to seeing her again. Her faith was stong as well as her determination. She loved all of you very much and I know she saw her grandchildren before their birth. She was very special to me!  
Love to all!  
Denise Fleming*

Denise F Fleming - January 14, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Rhonda Grant Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett*



Rhonda Grant Jordan - February 11, 2019 at 05:03 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - February 01, 2019 at 11:00 AM

PL

“ I am sorry to read about your loss. May God's words in the Bible at Ps 34:18 provide you comfort. The scriptures tells us “HE” is near to those broken at heart, and those crushed in spirit HE saves.

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**Peggy Land** - January 24, 2019 at 03:17 PM

TW

“ Tammy Bond Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



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**Tammy Bond Wilson** - January 24, 2019 at 09:16 AM

RJ

“ Wanda was a true advocate for patients and their families. She was a role model for those who worked with her. Sending prayers of comfort for her family and all who loved her. Rhonda Joyner

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**Rhonda Joyner** - January 20, 2019 at 10:12 AM

LT

“ You are now able to rest peacefully. May God bless your family. I remember when you would visit with your mother. You always had a positive outlook and a beautiful smile.

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**Lisa Moye Thomas** - January 20, 2019 at 12:16 AM

CB

“ Cathryn D Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



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**Cathryn D Blackmon** - January 19, 2019 at 10:22 AM

SF

“ We will miss that beautiful smile and warm and loving spirit. You were a blessing to our family.

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**Sandra and Paul Taylor & Family** - January 19, 2019 at 08:56 AM

CW

“ Miss Wanda had one of the brightest prettiest smiles I've ever seen. Such a sweet soul. No more pain. God truly has an angel now! Rest sweet lady. Condolences to the family, love you all!



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**Chericka Ward** - January 18, 2019 at 09:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett.



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January 18, 2019 at 08:01 PM



“ *Wanda has been an incredible guiding light to follow in my Occupational Therapy career. She always exuded empathy, passion for our patients and staff, and provided tremendous support and direction for our Vidant Rehabilitation Allied Health Department. Just before her retirement she came to my office and handed over "the torch" - a glass that had been painted with the letters "O.T.", that she had received many years before. She will continue to be an example that I follow in leading future Occupational Therapists. She will live forever in our memories.*



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**Helen Houston** - January 18, 2019 at 05:52 PM



“ *Tarsha Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett*



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**Tarsha Smith** - January 18, 2019 at 04:32 PM

PH

“ *PATRICIA A HUGHES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett*



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**PATRICIA A HUGHES** - January 18, 2019 at 01:15 PM

GH

“ *Ginger Edwards Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett*



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**Ginger Edwards Hodges** - January 18, 2019 at 01:04 PM

PH

“ *We shared great times with Wanda at her parents house as we all grew up. She always had a beautiful smile whenever I saw her. Cousin you will be missed by all who came in contact with you. I just want to remember your smile. To her family, God will comfort you. Patricia Deans Hughes*

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**PATRICIA A HUGHES** - January 18, 2019 at 12:55 PM

RJ

*Rest in Heaven my sweet friend. Wanda always reminded me of quiet strength...Storms would come and go...yet still, you remained standing strong and "smiling"! I pray comfort and peace for the Bennett and Casterlow families. Love you all!*

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**Rona Reid Jacobs** - January 18, 2019 at 02:59 PM

MG

“ *Marion Fleetwood Gatling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett*



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**Marion Fleetwood Gatling** - January 18, 2019 at 12:36 PM

MG

“ *Marion Fleetwood Gatling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett*



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**Marion Fleetwood Gatling** - January 18, 2019 at 11:39 AM

JU

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Juan** - January 18, 2019 at 11:39 AM

SA

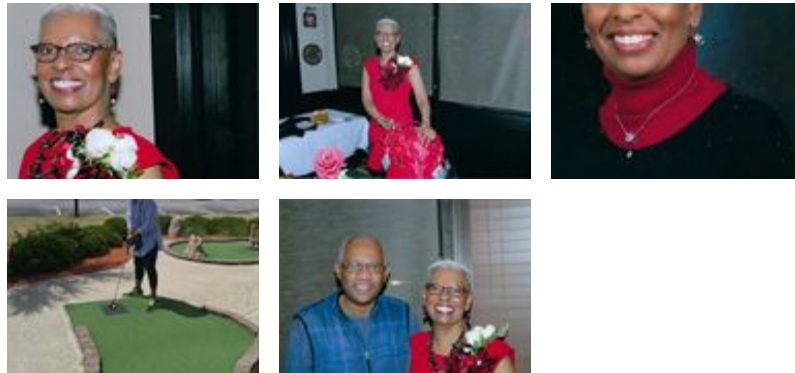
“ *I met Wanda 30 years ago at the hospital. I will always remember a prayer she offered before a meal that we were sharing. "Lord, please put someone in my path today that I can help." That is close to the essence of Wanda. The world is a better place because of this kind, vibrant woman.*

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**Shirley Alpers** - January 18, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - January 18, 2019 at 09:07 AM

CB

“ Wanda was a wonderful lady and friend. My heart goes out to her family. I will always cherish our travel and shopping fun. Rest In Peace my beloved sister.



Cynthia Boswell - January 18, 2019 at 08:36 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett.



January 17, 2019 at 11:41 PM

SG

“ Sharon Grice lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



Sharon Grice - January 17, 2019 at 11:33 PM

BC

“ Barbara Chapman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



Barbara Chapman - January 17, 2019 at 08:34 PM

CL

“ To the Bennett,  
I will miss the beautiful smile of hers. Wanda just exuded JOY every single time I saw her.  
May our Heavenly Father comfort you all In this time of pain and sorrow. May he guide you in the days ahead. Jeff and I could not ask for better neighbors. Sincerely,  
Jeff& Cissy Levensailor

Cissy Levensailor - January 17, 2019 at 07:30 PM

CL

“ Cissy Levensailor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



Cissy Levensailor - January 17, 2019 at 07:27 PM

CL

“ *Rondy and Family,  
I will miss that beautiful smile. Every time I talked to her she just exuded pure JOY.  
Rondy and Wanda have been our next door neighbors for 12 years now. We couldn't ask for better neighbors. I know Wanda was extremely proud of her boys and grandchildren.  
Jeff and I are very sorry for the loss of such a beautiful lady. May our Heavenly Father comfort and guide the Bennett Family through the pain and sorrow, and the days ahead. With Love,  
Jeff and Cissy Levensailor*

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**Cissy Levensailor** - January 17, 2019 at 06:55 PM

JB

*Sending Condolences To Mr. Bennett and His Entire Family...May God Continue To Give You Peace and Strength.. Jackie Bullock  
Vidant Employee Pharmacy*

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**Jackie Bullock** - January 18, 2019 at 09:33 PM

DF

“ *David & Alpharadia Foreman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett*



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**David & Alpharadia Foreman** - January 17, 2019 at 05:37 PM

CL

“ *Wanda's smile was worth a million! She was a sweet cousin. I pray for her family and may all the beautiful memories of her life bring comfort and peace to your hearts.*

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**Catherine Deans Lane** - January 17, 2019 at 04:38 PM

DP

“ Donna Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



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**Donna Pierce** - January 17, 2019 at 04:24 PM

EH

“ Elaine Jacobs Hampton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



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**Elaine Jacobs Hampton** - January 17, 2019 at 03:54 PM

JK

“ To the Bennett Family, when I remember my short time at Cornerstone, I can't help but think of the warmth and friendliness Wanda exuded. She was always smiling which made me feel more than welcome to be in her presence. No doubt, Cornerstone has lost a precious jewel. I am the better from having met this sweet lady. Just know that I am praying for you not just now, but in the days to come. Lean on God at this most difficult hour for He knows just what to do for you and He will give you strength in the midst of this storm.



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**Joyce King** - January 17, 2019 at 03:53 PM

MC

“ *Wanda had a beautiful glorious aura. May her memories be a constant source of support for her family as they celebrate her beautiful life*



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**Martha L Clark** - January 17, 2019 at 03:40 PM

CH

“ *Clarence and Linda Hunter*



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**Clarence Hunter** - January 17, 2019 at 12:55 PM

PH

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Wanda passing. I have so many memories of her walking the halls of the hospital in all kinds of weather and all kinds of weather gear. Some days it would be pouring down raining and she would be walking from outpatient to inpatient, back and forth. She was always on the go and always had so much energy. She was always someone to share a laugh with and a kind word. I know she will be missed. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.*

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**Paul Heath** - January 17, 2019 at 11:00 AM

CB

“ Cheryl Burgess lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



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**Cheryl Burgess** - January 17, 2019 at 09:16 AM

TH

“ It was great to have shared a lovely smile with Mrs. Bennett; what a beautiful person.



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**Thetus Harris** - January 17, 2019 at 08:25 AM

RN

“ Wanda was one of my OT classmates at ECU. She was a shining star then and throughout her career. You will be missed.

*Robbin Newton*

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**Robbin Newton** - January 17, 2019 at 06:21 AM

SP

“ Sylvia Ward Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



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**Sylvia Ward Pearson** - January 16, 2019 at 11:50 PM

JU

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Juan** - January 16, 2019 at 10:24 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Juan** - January 16, 2019 at 10:05 PM

GS

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Wanda for 20 years and we developed a special bond that allowed us to remain friends even after I retired 7 years ago. I thank God for allowing Wanda to touch my life. I always called her one of my hero's because she could always speak words of wisdom to me when I wanted to explode. I will miss my sweet friend but I know that she is now resting in the arms of Jesus. I pray God's strength and peace for the family at this time and I encourage them to hold on to Jesus and to all the precious memories. ❤️❤️ Gladys Smith*

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**Gladys Smith** - January 16, 2019 at 10:03 PM

JB

“ *Juanita Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett*



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**Juanita Brown** - January 16, 2019 at 04:50 PM

DM

“ *Daphne Moseby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett*



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**Daphne Moseby** - January 16, 2019 at 04:37 PM

AE

“ *April Ebron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett*



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**April Ebron** - January 16, 2019 at 04:31 PM

DT

“ *Delores Tyson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett*



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**Delores Tyson** - January 16, 2019 at 04:20 PM

GY

“ Wanda always had a smile on her face, even during times of pain and adversity. Her kindness to others and genuine thoughtfulness let us embrace her as an angel on earth. She was loved and I will miss her as a colleague and friend.

Glyn Young  
Greenville, NC

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**Glyn Young** - January 16, 2019 at 04:09 PM

GJ

*Sending up a prayer for the family and reflecting on the times Wanda visited my younger siblings while I looked out for them. She was a blessing to our family and our world.*

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**Gilbert Casterlow, Jr.** - January 17, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ Wanda was one of my classmates in the OT program at ECU. She was a shining star then and throughout her career as an OT. I admired her dedication to our profession and her service through leadership. You will be missed.

*Robbin Arnold Newton*

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**Robbin Newton** - January 16, 2019 at 03:48 PM

DP

“ Wanda was a wonderful woman. I've known Wanda since she was an OT student at PCMH, many years ago. I saw her grow into a young therapist, wife and mother. She was also a great co-worker, boss, leader and always a friend. Wanda always knew what to say and was always ready to listen. She didn't only ask about you but ask about your family. We shared many stories about her boys Lamont & Tory and later my son was included in those stories. I'm not sure exactly why but she came into work one day and said she had the key board for their computer in her car so the boys couldn't get on the internet when she & Rondy weren't at home. I later used that idea with my son on something else and it worked, great idea. Wanda was a rare & genuine person. The kind of person everyone wants to be when they grow up. I love you Wanda like a member of my family and will miss you this way as well. I am better for knowing you and enjoyed every minute.

*My prayers and love to all of you, Mrs. Casterlow, Rondy, Lamont, Tory and to all of your family.*

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**Daphne Pate** - January 16, 2019 at 03:16 PM

WB

“ Walter B. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett.



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**Walter B.** - January 16, 2019 at 03:05 PM

CL

“ Wanda was a special cousin. A delightful young lady with a million dollar smile. I will be praying for our family.

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**Catherine Deans Lane** - January 16, 2019 at 02:58 PM

CL

“ Catherine Deans Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



Catherine Deans Lane - January 16, 2019 at 02:53 PM

TH

“ Tammy M Hedgepeth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



tammy m hedgepeth - January 16, 2019 at 01:49 PM

DM

“ Denise Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



Denise Moore - January 16, 2019 at 11:54 AM

EO

“ Elizabeth Ortiz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



Elizabeth Ortiz - January 16, 2019 at 10:31 AM

DV

“ Wanda was a blessing to work with. A top notch professional. Always smiling and pleasant. She will be greatly missed.

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**Denise Voncannon** - January 16, 2019 at 09:50 AM

TG

“ I can't say enough good things about my first boss doing Occupational Therapy. Wanda Bennett was one of a kind. She fought hard to advocate for patients as well as her staff. Even in diversity you could see her smiling and always looking for the learning opportunity and what positive things could be gained. Her unwavering friendship and love for many are certainly rarely matched. May her mentoring and all the great things she did continue to live within all who have had the honor of knowing her. RIP ❤️ until we meet again 🙏



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**Tim Garriss** - January 15, 2019 at 10:25 PM

SH

“ I feel like I have known Wanda my whole life as an OT. I have always admired her commitment to excellence, her tenacity, and her grace and kindness when dealing with people no matter who they were. Vidant Medical Center truly benefited from her leadership. I have such admiration for her and all she accomplished but my favorite attributes were her contagious smile, her warmhearted nature and her sense of humor. She was my OT colleague and later boss, but more than that she was a friend and sister in Christ. I am so grateful and honored to have known her and worked with her so many years. I know that she is at peace now in God's arms and I will see her again. My prayers are for God's peace to surround all of you: Rony, Lamont, Tory, and all the family. Love in Christ, Sarah Harrell

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**Sarah Harrell** - January 15, 2019 at 08:34 PM

EO

“ Elizabeth Ortiz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett



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**Elizabeth Ortiz** - January 15, 2019 at 07:10 PM

TR

“ *Wanda was my mentor and a dear friend. I valued her guidance throughout my career in Occupational Therapy and in management at the hospital. She always had a kind word to share and an infectious smile.* ”



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**Tracie Rogers** - January 15, 2019 at 06:18 PM

JB

“ *Juanita P. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Delphine Casterlow Bennett* ”



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**Juanita P. Brown** - January 15, 2019 at 05:36 PM

PS

“ *You fought a good fight. Now you can rest in the arms of Jesus.* ”

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**Pat Grimes Short** - January 15, 2019 at 05:27 PM