



## Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks

March 29, 1942 - April 17, 2024

Brenda Shermona Kasey Peaks was born in Roanoke, Virginia, on March 29, 1942. She was the third of five children born to the late John and Wilhelmina Kasey. She departed this life on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

Brenda was raised in Roanoke, Virginia, where she received her formal education and attended Lucy Addison High School. In 1958, after graduating a year early, she entered her beloved Hampton University where she excelled in her studies. In 1962, she graduated from Hampton University with honors with a degree in Early Childhood Education and started her 40-year career as an educator. During her career, she held the positions of classroom teacher, gifted teacher, assistant principal, building principal, and Title 1 Coordinator.

Brenda continued teaching after relocating to Ohio. She obtained her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. Soon after, was named assistant principal at Franklin Elementary School in Elyria, Ohio. A few years later, she was promoted to building principal at Cascade Elementary School. It was here that she led her school to receive many honors, grants, and awards. After 40 years in education, Brenda retired but continued supporting the school system as a Title 1 Coordinator and later as an Independent Education Management Professional where she put on various professional development classes and workshops.

In retirement, she enjoyed traveling to visit her family and friends. She loved visiting with her children, loving on her grands, chatting with her sister Janice, attending Hampton University activities, and working to give back to the community through Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Brenda worked with her class and alumni affairs at Hampton to build a legacy and embrace the future. She attended many fundraisers to raise money for the school and make an impact in the life of deserving students. She was in yearly attendance at the Legacy Blue Gala and Ladies who Lunch. She was serious about #PiratePride.

She was a proud, active, and financial member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She was inducted by the Delta Lambda Youngstown Chapter in 1971 and a charter member of the Elyria Lorain Alumnae Chapter. The Elyria Lorain Alumnae Chapter is where she spent the majority of her Delta years. She is a Diamond Life Member, served two terms as chapter president, and led many other committees over the years. Her love was Delta Academy and Delta Gems. She enjoyed working with African American young ladies to help develop their academic, social, and career skills.

She was an avid reader and loved visiting bookstores in search for new reading material.

In 2011, Brenda decided to move to Georgia to be closer to family. In her new city, she enjoyed decorating her condo, making new friends, doing activities with her grands, and working as secretary for her HOA.

Brenda absolutely loved her family. Spending time with them and creating memories was very important to her. She enjoyed watching her grandsons play soccer, baseball, and basketball. She loved listening to them play their

musical instruments in the band, and receive awards at school. She loved watching Morgan dance in her recitals. Traveling to Roanoke, Virginia, for Thanksgiving / Family Reunions was an absolute favorite family activity of hers.

She taught us to live the story that brings us immense joy and fulfillment, spend our finite time with the people we love most, have compassion for others, be dedicated to life's journey, and to believe! Our family is forever thankful, grateful, and blessed to have had her with us. She was an amazing mom, Gram / Peaksy, sister, aunt, friend, and Soror.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, John Bernard Kasey, Sr., and Wilhelmina Marie Carter Kasey; siblings Helen Kasey Franklin, Janice Kasey Burks, Lena Kasey Meekins, and John B. (Johnny) Kasey, Jr.; brothers-in-law James W. Burks, Jr. and Charles A. Franklin, Sr. niece Cheryl Franklin; nephews Charles A. Franklin and Dr. C. Robert Chambliss, Jr. Brenda is survived by her children, Mark (Stephanie) Peaks, and Tara (Roderick) Peaks Sanders; Nephews Daryl (Danielle) Burks, Tracy McShepard; Nieces Dana Franklin Chambliss, Stefanie (Ray) McShepard Smith; Grandchildren Warner Peaks, William Peaks, Wade Peaks, Connor Sanders, and Morgan Sanders; Great Nephew Blaine (Alonnia) Franklin, Kimberly Peaks Estelle, and a host of other relatives and special friends.

# Previous Events

## Delta Sigma Theta Inc Ceremony

APR 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Rockdale  
1999 Hwy. 138 SE  
Conyers, GA 30013

## Family Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett - Rockdale Chapel  
1999 Hwy 138 SE  
Conyers , GA 30013

## Burial

APR 27 (ET)

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens  
699 American Legion Rd  
Conyers, Ga 30012

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a <https://vimeo.com/event/4258746> in memory of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks*



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**Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.** - April 25, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks*



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**Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.** - April 25, 2024 at 09:37 AM

DH

“ We take this opportunity to express our deepest heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Brenda Shomona Kasey Peaks our classmate class of 1959 Lucy Addison High School Roanoke Virginia. We trust that she has moved into HEAVEN where Our HEAVENLY FATHER has welcomed her home and made her very comfortable. Brenda is and will always be very special to All of us. GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

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**Donald Harris** - November 21, 2024 at 05:26 PM

DH

“ Shamona and I met in the sixth grade at Harrison School in N.W. Roanoke VA. She was so smart that she was skipped a grade and graduated ahead of us. Our deepest Heartfelt Sympathy to the Family and friends of Shamona, and we Pray that she has been recognized By Our HEAVENLY FATHER AND GIVEN A VERY COMFORTABLE PLACE TO REST IN HEAVEN GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU ABUNDANTLY WITH HIS RICHEST BLESSINGS.FROM THE MEMBERS OF CLASSES 1958 AND 1959 LUCY ADDISON HIGH SCHOOL ROANOKE VA.

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**Donald Lee Harris** - April 29, 2024 at 11:28 AM

BH

“ Betty and Tracie Hunter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks.

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**Betty and Tracie Hunter** - April 26, 2024 at 02:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks.*



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April 26, 2024 at 02:59 PM



“ *Soror & Friend Betty Jones purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks.*



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**Soror & Friend Betty Jones** - April 26, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ *Lorain County Alumnae Chapter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks.*

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**Lorain County Alumnae Chapter** - April 26, 2024 at 11:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks.*



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April 26, 2024 at 11:36 AM

PR

“ I worked with Brenda in the Elyria City School District for decades. I thought of her as a friend and a colleague. I respected concern for her students and her leadership in both curriculum and as the Principal of Cascade Elementary School. I especially loved her dry sense of humor and her no nonsense approach to leadership. I was so sorry to hear of her passing

Paul Rigda - April 24, 2024 at 02:03 PM

LL

“ I was so sorry to receive the news of your passing, Soror. My fellow LCAC Charter Member, “Delta Dear,” and friend. Sending prayers and my deepest condolences to Tara, Mark, the grandchildren, and the rest of your family. See you in the morning.

Laurel Love - April 24, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks.



April 24, 2024 at 08:37 AM

MB

“ Marieta Berar purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks.



Marieta Berar - April 23, 2024 at 04:19 PM

MB

“ *Ms. Brenda will be missed. She was in our facility the last few months of her life. She was sweet, kind, and very soft spoken. We send the family our deepest condolences.*

*With Love  
Senior Home Mission Owner*

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**marieta berar** - April 23, 2024 at 03:26 PM

SH

“ *I went to Cascade school in the 90's and she was my principal. I remember her as a very sweet lady. I am sad to hear of her passing.*

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**Sharna** - April 23, 2024 at 02:30 PM

MB

“ *Mike and Tory Bolander planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks.*

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**Mike and Tory Bolander** - April 23, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks.*



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April 23, 2024 at 01:54 PM

GB

“ Gregory B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks.

Gregory B. - April 22, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ Red Rose Sanctuary Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks.



April 22, 2024 at 01:03 PM

CF

“ CMC Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks.

CMC Family - April 22, 2024 at 10:08 AM

CF

“ CMC Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ms. Brenda Shermona Peaks.



CMC Family - April 22, 2024 at 10:08 AM