

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of **Brenda Harris-Walters**, who transitioned from labor to rest on **January 26, 2025**. Affectionately known as "**Tootsie Roll**," Brenda was a devoted, hardworking woman of many talents, whose warmth and kindness touched the lives of many.

Born in **Sumter County, Georgia**, to the late **Mrs. Emma Louise Prince Harris** and **Mr. Jimmy L. Harris, Sr.**, Brenda lived a life filled with love, resilience, and dedication. She was the beloved wife of the late **James Walters**, with whom she shared **23 wonderful years** of marriage.

A Life of Passion and Dedication

Brenda had an adventurous spirit and a passion for working on cars in her younger years. She also found great joy in **softball and fishing**, activities that brought her immense happiness. Above all, she loved cooking, especially preparing delicious desserts for her family, which became a cherished tradition.

A **proud graduate of Union High School, Class of 1978**, Brenda embarked on a long and fulfilling career. She dedicated **over 29 years** of service to **Metalux**, later known as **Cooper Lighting**. After retiring from Cooper Lighting, she continued her professional journey at **Sumter County Correctional Institute**, where her strong work ethic and commitment to excellence remained unwavering.

Cherished Family and Loved Ones

Brenda's legacy of love and kindness will forever be cherished by her **loving children**:

- **Sons:** Ronnie Jermaine King, Sr. (Melaine), Gregory Jerome Harris, Alphonso Howard (April), Reginald Walters (Hollie), Moses Walters, and James Walters
- **Daughters:** D'Atrah "Pumkin" Mann and Valerie Denise Walters

She also leaves behind her **brothers**:

- George Harris (Darlene), Jimmy L. Harris, Jr., Alvin Harris (Elizabeth), and Willie J. Harris, all of Americus, GA

her **sisters**:

- Mildren Harris-French and Debra Harris-Myers, both of Americus, GA

She is lovingly remembered by her **uncles**:

- Ben Prince of Milford, DE and Franklin Prince of Jacksonville, FL

her **aunts**:

- Bert Fisher Durham of North Carolina, Lucille Clayton of Jacksonville, FL; Mary Prince of Plains, GA; Frances Harris, Thelma Harris of Detroit, MI and Kitty Harris of Germany

Brenda adored her **grandchildren**, whom she loved with all her heart:

- Dy'Mond (Braxton) McGee, Destiney (Jerrell) Harris, Bryson Dent (Vivian), Ronnie Jermaine King, Jr., Aynessa King, Taylor Bridges, Victory Williams, all of Atlanta, GA; A'Lexis Howard, Arianna Howard, Alphonse Howard Jr., Dominique Warren and Shakira Walters, all of Americus, GA

She was also blessed with **six great-grandchildren**:

- Khloe Jordan, Anthony Jordan, Toni Grace Harris, Chansen Sanders, Kendrick Berry, and Mallorie Johnson

Additionally, she leaves behind a **host of nieces and nephews**, including two great-nephews **Ke'von Myers** and **De'Marqui Myers**, whom she lovingly raised as her own.

Brenda never met a stranger and embraced everyone with love and kindness. She leaves to mourn her passing a **special friend, Jerry Roberts** and a **loyal co-workers, Ms. Willie Reliford, Ernestine Dixon and Evelyn Carter** along with **many cherished cousins, other relatives, and dear friends**.

A Life Well Lived

Brenda's presence radiated joy, love, and laughter. Her unwavering strength, generosity, and deep love for her family will remain in our hearts forever. She has left behind a legacy of resilience and kindness that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

May she rest in eternal peace.