



# Brenda Charlene Smith

JAN 6, 1948 - NOV 20, 2024



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## **Brenda Charlene Smith**

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**M**rs. Brenda Charlene Smith, age 76, passed away at her home on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. She was born in Donaldsonville, Louisiana on January 6, 1948 to Timothy and Odessya (Milton) Battle. Brenda was employed by Goodwill Industries prior to her retirement and was a member of Emmanuel Community Church. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, watching movies with her daughter, Ebony, and cooking for her family and friends. Brenda is survived by her four children, John Robinson, Stephan (Tianna) Robinson, Willie Robinson, and Ebony Watson; 23 grandchildren, including one she affectionately called Jordache and another her Reese's cup; a host of great-grandchildren; three siblings, Jan Wilson, Robert Battle, and Alvin (Susie) Battle; her aunt, Maggie Smith; dear family friend, J.W. Harmon; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Smith; eight siblings, Chester Battle, Timothy Battle, Beatrice Battle, Constance O. Murphy Peters, Joseph Battle, Freddie Battle, Carrol Battle, and Phyllis Harris. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at 12:00 PM Saturday, November 30, 2024 at Emmanuel Community Church, 581 E. White Lake Dr., Twin Lake, MI 49457. Arrangements by the Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442.



# Events


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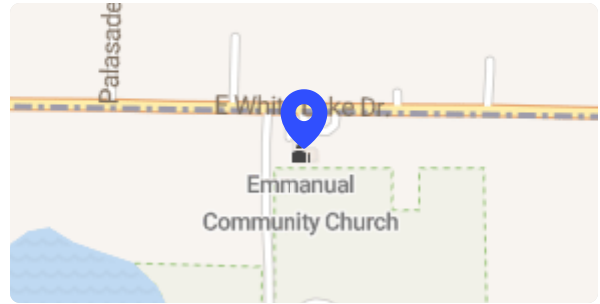
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## Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, November 30, 2024

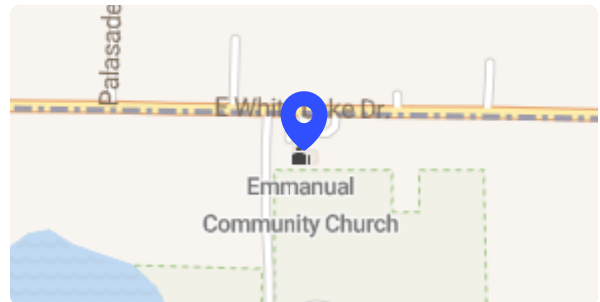
 12:00 PM ET

 **Emmanuel Community Church**  
581 E. White Lake Dr., Twin Lake MI 49457



## Cemetery Details

 **Emmanuel Community Church**  
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# Tribute Wall

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**Jan Wilson** lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

To my wonderful and amazing family, I am extremely saddened that I am not there in person to celebrate the life of my beautiful, caring, sister Brenda. She and I spoke often, so I got to truly know her. My sister had a wonderful unique sense of humor, often times she'd end our conversation with, I've got a joke for you, and she proceeded to tell me a joke or a riddle. Brenda had a relationship with God, she was always concerned about pleasing him. At first, She felt so unworthy, she like so many of us made mistakes and because of those mistakes she didn't feel forgiven, but one day after one of our conversations, she realized that she was forgiven, and the only person who hadn't forgiven her was herself. I reminded her that the only person she should be concerned about was our Lord and Savior's Forgiveness. I think she finally got it. Because of her relationship with God and a desire to serve him, she found a wonderful church home. A church that made her feel like family, a church She loved and a church who loved her. I was overjoyed when the pastor shared with me that she had taken her life experiences and was using it to minister to others. This is truly our mission and purpose, to draw others to Christ through our testimony and she did that. Brenda also loved her family and was always concerned about their well-being. She did not want to be a burden to anyone. I thank God that her family, especially Ebony, did not feel that way. I thank you Ebony from the bottom of my heart for taking care of my sister. I thank you because of your desire to care for her she was able to spend her last days in her home surrounded by love. My last and final thought, is that out of our many many conversations we would often end with "who loved who the most". She would say, "I love you, and I would say, I love you more." Her response was No No No, I love you more and I would say " I loved you first," and that would be the end of "Who loved Who the most," sometimes, I would concede and just let her win. Thank you, God, for giving me Brenda for 76+ years. So, in conclusion I want to make it known to all: Brenda, "I love you more and I will miss you dearly."



November 26 at 4:15 PM



**Kenneth Sanders** lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

November 27 at 12:55 AM



**Ebony Robinson** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I'll never forget this night. We celebrated my mom's birthday Jan 6th then at midnight we started to celebrate my brother Tony's birthday. My aunt Carrol threw the party for them and we partied all night till the sun came up. We had a ball. I will never forget that night. Hanging with my parents and my big brothers. I'll miss you mom and dad and love you always!!



November 26 at 4:15 PM



# Media

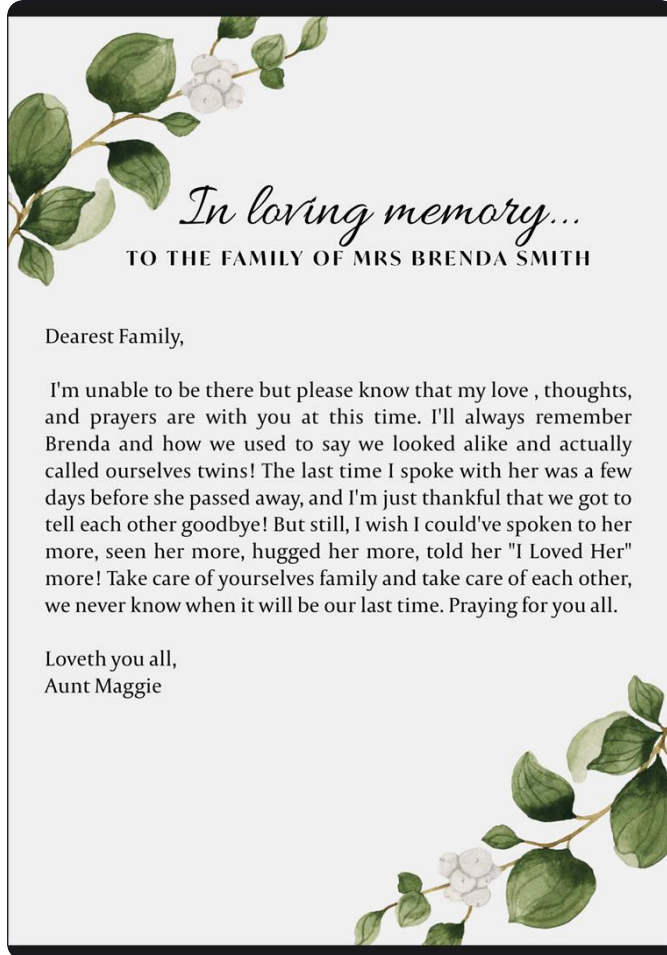
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**Jan Wilson** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

December 2 at 12:55 AM



**Jan Wilson** December 2 at 12:56 AM

This is from aunt Maggie and she wanted to share this with the family



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November 26 at 4:15 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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