



Ms. Brenda Beverly Byrd

July 15, 1934 - March 21, 2013

Brenda Beverly Byrd, born July 15, 1934, affectionately known as “Byrd” to the many students and athletes with whom she worked, passed from this life on March 21, 2013. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 24, 2013 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. The Rev. Larry Brown will officiate. The family will receive friends Saturday from 4-6 p.m. at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. There will also be a celebration of Byrd’s life following the service Sunday at the residence of Roseanne Wilson Boyce, 115 N. Spring St., Darlington, SC.

Byrd graduated from Hartsville High School in 1952 and Columbia College in 1956. She received her Masters Degree in Education from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She served as an educator for over 30 years in the Darlington County Public School System. During her career she served as a coach with the Darlington Public Schools, the Darlington and Hartsville Recreation Departments, the AAU, and James F. Byrnes Academy. Byrd, a Hartsville South Carolina native, touched the lives of many youngsters who had the privilege to play for her on all levels in various sports including Special Olympics, softball, track and field, and basketball. Byrd’s ability to recognize and develop talent afforded each athlete the confidence to compete successfully.

In 2007, Byrd was awarded the Jostens-Berenson Lifetime Achievement Award by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association in recognition of her lifelong commitment of service to the game of women’s basketball. With this

award she joined a distinguished group of recipients including Pat Summit, legendary basketball coach at the University of Tennessee.

Byrd's impressive resume includes four AAU National Basketball Championships and many State and Local Championships in basketball, track and field and softball on high school and recreation levels.

Brenda Byrd was preceded in death by her parents, Gary Evans Byrd, Sr. and Mary Louise Heustess Byrd and her brother, Gary Evans Byrd, Jr. She is survived by her niece, Winnie Byrd King (Freddie); sister-in-law, Elsie Allen Byrd; four nephews, Evans Braddock, Myles Braddock (Jovanna), Logan Braddock and Landon King; one great-niece, Gabrielle Braddock McJunkin (Zack); one great-great-niece, Audrey Braddock, two great-great nephews, Colin Braddock and Noah McJunkin; cousin, Lucille Gray; and many devoted friends.

Memorials may be made to Epworth Children's Home, 2900 Millwood Ave., Columbia, SC 29205; SC Commission for the Blind, Box 2467, Columbia, SC 29202; Bethlehem United Methodist Church Building Fund, 2236 Bethlehem Rd., Hartsville, SC 29550; the Darlington County Recreation Department, 300 Sanders St., Darlington, SC 29532.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery

2240 Bethlehem Road
Hartsville, SC 29550

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-6531
info@bpafuneralhome.com
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

Service

MAR **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Methodist Church
2240 Bethlehem Road
Hartsville, SC 29550

Visitation

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the home of Roseanne Wilson Boyce
115 N. Spring St.
Darlington, SC 29532

Tribute Wall



“ Tammy Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Brenda Beverly Byrd



Tammy Jones - November 27, 2013 at 09:18 AM



“ I was one of her s she t me many w things about life she said to me on 8-25 -1986 . that I should never give up on my goals in life. she said that to every one she talk to. she was a talker. ha love you Ms. Byrd Mark Kelly see you in H love always

mark kelly - November 27, 2013 at 09:04 AM



“ Mark Kelly lit a candle in memory of Ms. Brenda Beverly Byrd



mark kelly - November 27, 2013 at 08:45 AM



“ Jennie Lib Griggs Sellers lit a candle in memory of Ms. Brenda Beverly Byrd



Jennie Lib Griggs Sellers - March 27, 2013 at 10:26 PM

SH

“ Stephanie B. Howle lit a candle in memory of Ms. Brenda Beverly Byrd



Stephanie B. Howle - March 25, 2013 at 08:18 AM

FC

“ Fran Cauthen lit a candle in memory of Ms. Brenda Beverly Byrd



Fran Cauthen - March 24, 2013 at 11:11 AM

JT

“ June Talbert lit a candle in memory of Ms. Brenda Beverly Byrd



June Talbert - March 24, 2013 at 10:10 AM

JB

“ I remember when Brenda used to sing with the Hartsville Civic Chorale. That was another of her talents. We will miss her!

James Beaumier - March 23, 2013 at 11:55 AM

PH

“ *Brenda was the good shepherd for her students and athletes who had the privilege of being guided by her . She gave unselfishly to other and provide many wonderful moments of team commarderie and fellowship. The memories of her leadership will be sadly missed. She was an icon for the female athletes to look up to and love. Rest sweet lady your legacy will never die.*

Pat Hewitt - March 23, 2013 at 10:50 AM

LP

“ *Linda And Billy Price lit a candle in memory of Ms. Brenda Beverly Byrd*



Linda and Billy Price - March 22, 2013 at 02:19 PM

CC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Charity Cassidy - March 22, 2013 at 06:14 AM

DA

Brenda Byrd was more than just a coach, she was a loving caring person who made you do the best you could for her. She made me a pretty good ball player and I give all the credit to her and Chewning. They were a class act. Please know that all of her family and friends are in my prayers and thoughts not only during the next few days but for ever.

Dorothy Anderson kmadra@aol.com

dorothy anderson - March 23, 2013 at 01:30 PM