



Brenda Louise Joseph

April 27, 2025

Brenda Louise Joseph, 54, was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 27, 2025. She passed away at home with her mother by her side. Brenda Louise was born to Brenda and Edward Eugene Joseph in Portsmouth, Virginia. She was an honors graduate of Cradock High School, class of 1989. She received her master's degree in education from Old Dominion University. After she received her master's degree, she served for 25 years at Cradock Middle School, primarily teaching mathematics. Brenda Louise was the 2021 Portsmouth Public Schools Middle School Teacher of the Year. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, serving as a teacher in Sunday school, AWANA, and Vacation Bible School. She was also a member of Beverly Wyatt's "My Girl" Sunday school class at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church.

Brenda Louise loved her family. She is survived by her mother, Brenda Woodward Joseph; her brother, William Avery Joseph Sr.; her stepbrother, Michael E. Joseph; her uncle, James E. Woodward, and his two sons and their children; and her aunt, Barbara Brown. Extended family members include: a niece, Patricia Ramsey and her family; a step-great cousin, Christopher and Brenda Willis and their family; a step-niece, Stephanie Delos Reys; two nephews, Michael Joseph and William Joseph; her cousins, Ericka Ward Madrey and her family, and Bianca Ward Kuye, and her family; her niece, Melody Dupree; and Ernest L. Woodward, Jr. and his family; and her family members in Pensacola, Florida. Brenda Louise held a special bond with Christopher J. Willis, Neveah, Harmonii, Michael Williams, and her fur baby, Midnight.

Brenda Louise was predeceased by her father, Edward Eugene Joseph; her cousin, Sandra Woodward Godfrey; her stepbrother, James Joseph; an uncle, Ernest Woodward, Sr., and her cousin, Virginia Lee Woodward Ward Caldeyro.

A Visitation will be held on Friday, May 2, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM in Loving Funeral Home. Reverend Todd Holt will conduct a funeral service on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 1:00 PM in Calvary Baptist Church, followed by a graveside service at Olive Branch Cemetery.

The Joseph Family wished to offer heartfelt thanks to Brenda Louise's Sentara Hospice nurse, Lisa B., and a special note of gratitude to Virginia Oncology for supporting Brenda Louise's pancreatic cancer journey. They also wish to thank to the staff at Loving Funeral Home for their kindness during this difficult time.

Cemetery Details

Graveside - Olive Branch Cemetery

Clifford St. & City Park Ave.2 CPL James
Williams Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Funeral Service

MAY 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
2117 London Blvd.
Portsmouth, VA 23704

Committal Service

MAY 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Graveside - Olive Branch Cemetery
Clifford St. & City Park Ave.2 CPL James Williams Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23701

Tribute Wall

BU

“ I taught at Cradock Middle with Brenda a number of years ago and remember her sense of humor and dedication to her students in a school that struggled to raise SOL scores. She gave her students her all, and was a shining star at Cradock. My condolences on your loss. Brenda Uyak

Brenda Uyak - May 07, 2025 at 07:23 PM

CC

“ Ms Louise was a sweetheart Not only was she compassionate about teaching at school she also taught Michael,Hamonii and Nevaeh at home May her legacy,smiles and witty ways remain in the hearts of those she taught and loved her



Christine Crotts - May 06, 2025 at 12:48 AM

DB

“ So glad we had the chance to talk. You shared your journey with me. You were just that person. It was a pleasure learning from Ms. Joseph during my first years of teaching. She definitely will be missed. Love how she was about really helping the kids.



Dana Bassett - May 04, 2025 at 07:24 PM

E.

“ E.LorettaMiller lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Joseph



E.LorettaMiller - May 04, 2025 at 01:06 AM

E.

A SPECIAL PERSON, WHO HELPED "SHAPE" SOOOOO MANY PRECIOUS LITTLE LIVES..MAY YOU REST IN PEACE!!!

E.LorettaMiller - May 04, 2025 at 01:09 AM

E.

A Special PERSON,who helped "Shape"Soooo Many PRECIOUS LITTLE LIVES.. May your Soul Rest in PEACE!!!

E.LorettaMiller - May 04, 2025 at 01:12 AM

HS

“ The last thing I got to say to her was "Hey Ms Joseph," I didn't know she was leaving, I thought she had come back to teach, I wish I had gotten to say my final goodbyes..



Her student - May 03, 2025 at 10:32 PM

KK

“ Ms.Joseph will be deeply missed. I will miss her funny songs she played in class from the 1900's. I will miss her saying "if you're under the lights you're not on the right." I will miss Ms.Joseph's personality and her loving spirit. I admire Ms.Joseph very much, although she was in pain she still came to school to teach us (her students) I appreciate Ms.Joseph so much for that. I love Ms.Joseph dearly!



Sincerely, Kendall K.

Kendall Kidd - May 03, 2025 at 08:43 AM

LA

“ Ms. Joseph was my honor math teacher last year at Cradock. She was an excellent teacher and I am honored to have been in her classroom last year. Ms, Joseph took the time to explain to us what was going with her and that made me care even more for her. I leaned a lot from her class and will carry this with as I journey to high school and beyond next year. We all loved you and will miss you Ms. Joseph. Again I'm so sorry for your lost. Prayers to Ms. Joseph family



Alana

Lartrice - May 02, 2025 at 11:03 PM

SL

“ Shawn L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Louise Joseph.

Shawn L. - May 02, 2025 at 09:27 PM

BR

“ i was one of her students last year and she was the best teacher at craddock ms.joesph family i'm sorry for your lost we are keeping yall in our prays we hope yall feel better but we know it is hard to lose a family member we are so sorry

brat - May 02, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ I was one of her students last year and she was one of the best teachers at Craddock middle school and to Ms.Joseph's family we all loved her and I am sorry for your loss but a memory we had was when we all played a game together and we got to know each other and she loved telling us about her dog we love you Ms.Joseph -Natalie Gamble ❤️



Lynn Gamble - May 02, 2025 at 03:45 PM

NI

“ Nicholas lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Joseph



nicholas - May 02, 2025 at 03:36 PM

KB

“ Kira Bray lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Joseph



Kira Bray - May 02, 2025 at 02:24 PM

AF

“ Hello, I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to the family as Ms. Joseph's student I admired her strength and perseverance to continue to teach us until the end. She was always willing to help a student in need, she was a kind, compassionate and funny individual. I always enjoyed that she would always walk with us to lunch and enjoyed her lunch with us spending all the time she could with her students. Thank you for sharing her amazing spirit with us.



Audriana Flowers - May 02, 2025 at 01:56 PM

RE

“ Hi, I would like to send my condolences to Ms. Joseph's family. She was always the one who would make you smile, even if you were sad. I have so many funny memories of Ms. Joseph. I remember at the beginning of the year she said there were no TikTok videos inside the classroom, so she said to play TikTok music, and she did a funny TikTok dance. She was always the one who could make you smile. Her legacy will shine through all of us who have loved her so much.



Reagan.Woody - May 02, 2025 at 01:09 PM

RE

“ Hi, I would like to give my condolences to the Joseph family. Ms. Joseph was the person who would tell it like it is. I will always remember when at the beginning of the year she said we would not be doing TikTok in the classroom, so she told us to play a TikTok song, and she did a funny dance. I have a lot of funny memories of Ms. Joseph. Ms. Joseph was always the one who would make your day perfect whenever you were around Ms. Joseph, and she is always the one who would make you smile. She will always be left in the spirit, and we love her so much; her legacy will shine through all of us who have loved her so much. She would always make you smile.

Reagan.Woody - May 02, 2025 at 12:56 PM

SS

“ Hello to all, I would like to give my condolences to the Joseph family. Ms. Joseph was just that person who would brighten your day when you were around her, she was a light who has and will continue to shine bright throughout the ages. I formally sign off with the note that, Ms. Joseph changed my life personally by teaching me great things, her legacy will continue through those who loved her so dearly.

Sadory Silburn - May 02, 2025 at 12:35 PM

NP

“ I remember one time Ms. Joseph introduced me to the movie Ring 1998 edition and it was a really good horror movie and I will always remember that moment because it made me remember how much I love horror movies and it made me really happy that she likes horror movies like I do. And she was really funny when she wasn't out of it and sick. I really miss her.

Nyla Patterson - May 02, 2025 at 12:30 PM

WI

“ fly high ms. joseph she was my algebra teacher she was nice, kind and funny i had to see her struggle through her cancer r.i.p



william.koettel - May 02, 2025 at 11:38 AM

MI

“ Michael sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Louise Joseph



michael - May 02, 2025 at 10:40 AM

DA

“ Darioyn Artis lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Joseph



darioyn artis - May 02, 2025 at 10:39 AM

HR

“ I just wanted to take a moment to say how much Mrs. Brenda Joseph meant to us as a teacher. She cared about her students and went above and beyond to help everyone grow. She didn't just hope for success she was always there encouraging us and offering support. Her dedication made a huge difference in my life. Thanks for sharing such an amazing person with us; she'll always be remembered for her impact

Harmony Reeves - May 02, 2025 at 10:38 AM

GH

“ Dear Ms. Joseph's Family,

I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Ms. Joseph touched the lives of so many students and people she worked with. With her passion and dedication. Her positive influence will be felt for years to come. Please know that my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Ger'Ziah Hayes

Ger'Ziah Hayes - May 02, 2025 at 10:28 AM

SE

“ *I'm sorry to hear about your passing. You meant a lot to me and so many others. I truly appreciate all the support and guidance you gave us. Your lessons will always stick with me. I wish I could have said goodbye properly.*

Rest in peace, and thank you for everything.

Sincerely, Serenity

Serenity - May 02, 2025 at 10:21 AM

JA

“ *Jaden sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Louise Joseph*



Jaden - May 02, 2025 at 10:21 AM

DC

“ *I remeber when me and my 3 friends were yelling out peanut and she went along and said butter and at the time we were all laughing xoxo-Diontre*

Diontre cochrane - May 02, 2025 at 10:20 AM

KA

“ *Kalliope lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Joseph*



kalliope - May 02, 2025 at 10:19 AM

OC

“ *Occasio(student) sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Louise Joseph*



Occasio(student) - May 02, 2025 at 10:18 AM

LA

“ *I remember when she was funny and really cool. There was this one time she stood up, grinning, and sang a funny song about boogers and peanut butter. Her goofy dance moves had everyone cracking up, and we couldn't help but laugh. It was one of those moments that perfectly captured the joy of how carefree and fun she was.*



Laylanie - May 02, 2025 at 10:18 AM

DA

“ *Dashawn lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Joseph*



Dashawn - May 02, 2025 at 10:17 AM

JO

“ *Josiah sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Louise Joseph*



Josiah - May 02, 2025 at 10:17 AM

JO

“ *Josiah lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Joseph*



Josiah - May 02, 2025 at 10:16 AM

JS

“ *I remember on the first day of school we did a skit and i was the teacher and she was doing tiktok in the back of the class.*



Jaden (mrs. Josephs student.) - May 02, 2025 at 10:14 AM

OG

“ *Occasio Gee lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Joseph*



Occasio Gee - May 02, 2025 at 10:13 AM