



## Brenda Mary Tervalon

August 24, 2024

Brenda Mary Tervalon, a beloved native of New Orleans, Louisiana, passed away peacefully at home on August 24, 2024. “Chookie” as she was affectionally known, made her earthly debut on May 15, 1942. She is preceded in death by her parents Warren D. Tervalon, Sr., Marjorie Toca Tervalon-Allen, and brother, Warren D. Tervalon, Jr.

Brenda’s primary education began at Corpus Christi Catholic School. She graduated from Joseph S. Clark High School and Southern University at New Orleans, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Her career began at AT&T, formerly Western Electric, in Business Operations, over 20 years. Brenda retired from the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority. Not one to remain idle, Brenda earned her Property Managers license, during retirement. She spent the next several years with Carnival Cruise Line.

Brenda was a loving mother, devoted grandmother, and fiercely independent. She enjoyed traveling, hosting family and friends, working in her garden, Mardi Gras balls, and jazz music festivals. Chookie was a proud member of the Who Dat Nation! She could strike up a conversation with anyone. A long-time Gentilly resident, Brenda’s neighbors lovingly called her “Ms. B.”

Brenda is survived by her daughter Kim Doucette, granddaughter Kailye Porche, sisters Sylvia Tervalon, Sandra Porche, Nancy Tervalon, and brother Edward Allen Jr., along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and beloved friends.

Brenda's spirit lives in everyone impacted by her kindness, grace, beauty, and generosity. She will be greatly missed.

Kim & Kai would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Hospice Specialists of Louisiana for their loving care and support.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her Memorial Mass at Corpus Christi-Epiphany Catholic Church, located at 2022 St. Bernard Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana, on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Visitation at 9:00 am. Arrangements by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi/Epiphany Catholic Church  
2022 St. bernard ave.  
New Orleans, LA

## Memorial Service

SEP 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

ID

“ *Brenda was more than a friend she was a sister, a jazz lover a faithful servant and one of the kindest people I have ever known. I will miss you every day dear friend and I pray that you will continue to rest in the loving arms of our savior love ya ida*

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**Ida DANIEL** - September 22, 2024 at 08:49 AM

JS

“ *We loved Brenda T. She worked with Concord Shore Services part time serving passengers of Carnival Cruise Line for many years after retirement. She was steady as a rock, cool as the other side of the pillow. She was a classy lady, charming and easy to get along with, her smile was infectious and she will be truly missed by everyone who knew her. RIP and God Bless!*

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**Jim Szeszycki** - September 14, 2024 at 10:49 AM

JC

“ *Thanking God for your loved one's life, and thinking of you with sympathy during this difficult time.  
Please know that our hearts are with you. Please know how much we care.  
Jerry L. Coner, Classmate at Joseph S. Clark High School.*

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**Jerry L. Coner** - September 14, 2024 at 12:27 AM

BB

“ *Condolences to the family. I've known Brenda for many years. We graduated from JSC together class of 1960. We will keep you in prayer  
Brenda Morgan Badon*

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**brenda badon** - September 13, 2024 at 10:55 PM

CH

“ *RIP FOREVERMORE Mrs. Tervalon it was nice knowing you condolences to Kim/Kai* ❤️  
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**Cherita Beaulieu Holmes** - September 13, 2024 at 08:28 PM

JH

“ *I want to send my condolences to Mrs. Brenda's Family and Friends. I will miss being with you at the different events and vacations we would take together. You will never be forgotten. I love you and miss you already Auntie Brenda. The nicest, kindest person you could ever meet.*

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**Joy Humbles** - September 12, 2024 at 07:58 PM