



## Brenda Jean Abari

July 20, 1946 - January 15, 2022

At her residence, Brenda Jean (Maxie) Abari of Minneapolis, Minnesota, died on Saturday, January 15, 2022. She was 75. On July 20, 1946, she was born in Port Arthur, Texas. She attended Lincoln High School and received her undergrad at Prairieview.

A & M University in Port Arthur, Texas and her Masters in Special Education from Mankato State University in 1989. In 1985 Brenda married the love of her life Dola Abari, and they parented three beautiful children, Ashanti (Samuels), Anthony Abari and Saidat (Vandenberg). Brenda worked as a teacher for the Minneapolis Public School System for over 38 years and worked as a skilled seamstress. Her passion for sewing began at Dayton's Department Store, which turned into her own sewing business for many years.

She served as a member of the Nigerwives Club and the Teachers Association Club. She was a cherished member of the Zion Baptist Church for over 40 years. A unique soul, Brenda had a sense of humour known to her family and close friends. She especially enjoyed travelling, fashion and making delicious meals for the people she loved the most. She will be greatly missed. Brenda is survived by her husband Dola Abari, her children Ashanti, Anthony, and Saidat, her grandchildren Rashad Samuels, Destiny and Isaiah Vandenberg, DaeVeon Brown, Kalileascia Abari. Brenda loved her many grandchildren, cousins and family in Texas very much. Her parents, Trueheart and Samuel Maxie were predeceased, and her brother Vernon Maxie.



# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Cemetery

3600 Hennepin Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church  
621 Elwood Ave. N.  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

## Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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621 Elwood Ave. N.  
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# Tribute Wall

BY

“ I was so saddened to hear about Brenda’s passing. She was such a good person with a such a great sense of humor. Our household also regularly made use of her wonderful skills as a seamstress including everything from making the prom dresses of a couple of our daughters to tailoring a multitude of items over the years too many to name. Brenda will be truly missed. Sincere thoughts and prayers go out to her family. We are so sorry for your loss.  
*Bennice Young*

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**Bennice Young** - January 27, 2022 at 05:03 PM

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“ May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all as you celebrate Brenda’s life and legacy today and always.



*Your cousins - Erma Maxine Ballenger, Agnes Marie and Douglas Parham.*

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**Erma Ballenger** - January 25, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Jean Abari.*



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January 24, 2022 at 11:06 AM

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“ To the family, my condolences and prayers. It was a pleasure to know Brenda. She was a fantastic seamstress and friendly person. She will be missed in our neighborhood and by many others.

Loretta Batsell - January 23, 2022 at 08:36 PM

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I meet Miss Brenda through Orelando Richardson she was very kind and a hard worker down to earth keep it straight she has been there for me and my family from making my daughters prom dress to helping with Last minute occasionShe would come from work to do work and work even later on clothing for me she was great at her job and I will truly miss her love you Brenda Sherie Richardson

Natasha Richardson - January 25, 2022 at 11:55 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences to the family!  
Brenda was a friend and sister for nearly 25 years. We shared many fun times together. She will be missed. May she rest in eternal peace!

Karen and Joseph Ariwoola

Karen Kelley-Ariwoola - January 19, 2022 at 01:31 PM

