



BRENDA FRANCES MASON

August 8, 1942 - May 3, 2025

Brenda Frances Johnson Mason was born to Janie and Edward Johnson on August 8, 1942 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, their only child. She passed away with her family by her side, on May 3, 2025.

Brenda was born at Hahnemann Hospital, raised in West Philadelphia, attended Saint Ignatius Elementary School and graduated from West Catholic High School in 1960, where she actively participated in Athletic, Camera, Aides, and Spanish clubs. She later studied at Burlington County College and began her career at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

From a young age, Brenda had a deep passion for embracing life to the fullest. As an only child, she naturally connected with others, easily making friends and fostering meaningful relationships within her community. Her warmth and genuine curiosity about people made everyone feel special, as if they were her closest friend.

Brenda approached every moment of her life with boundless enthusiasm and unwavering faith. Her remarkable ability to find humor in even the toughest situations empowered her to rise above any challenge or setback, turning adversity into an opportunity for growth and joy. Her strong belief in the goodness of life and the power of hope guided her through each day, inspiring everyone around her to carry on with resilience and optimism.

In 1959, Brenda met Alfred “King Foo Foo” Mason while walking down Fairmont Avenue and Lex Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Brenda spoke to Alfred first, and from that moment, she had the first and last word. They were married April 14, 1962 at St. Ignatius Church and celebrated 26 years of marriage.

From this union they had four amazing children, Chad, Alfred, Jr. aka Mookie, and the twins Mashea and Michele.

As a military wife, Brenda and her family lived in Fort Benning, Georgia, Fort Dix, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and eventually settled in Willingboro, New Jersey. She made every place they lived feel like home, often organizing fun events for her children, Chad and Mookie, and the other military kids. The family had many memorable, fashion-filled adventures, including a special cruise to Bermuda where Brenda won the kids' costume contest by creatively dressing Mookie as a bunny using toilet paper.

As the family settled in Willingboro, Brenda served as a crossing guard and the substitute caller for the Willingboro Public School System. In these roles, she ensured students arrived at school safely each day and that every Willingboro school had a high-quality teacher in front of them. This marked the beginning of her many years of dedicated service and volunteering.

In 1988, Brenda embarked on a new chapter in life, one defined by faith, family, and friends. She began her career at Hampton Hospital before dedicating the next 20 years to healthcare. As a Residential Living Solutions Specialist, Brenda provided support to women who were battered, as well as adults in foster and residential care with disabilities. She was also committed to ensuring her daughters, Mashea and Michele, had the best opportunities, advocating for them to receive full scholarships to William and Mary. Brenda

was always there to help friends and neighbors in need, offering her unwavering support as a reliable and compassionate care provider.

In retirement, Brenda enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She cherished moments with the Platinums and had a love for TikTok, as well as music from Bruno Mars and Pitbull. Brenda loved taking Alfred, Tara, and Dahc out for dinner and movies. One of her favorite memories was traveling to Las Vegas with her daughter Michele to see Bruno Mars and Pitbull in concert. She could often be heard singing 'That's What I Like.' A proud Eagles fan, Brenda was ecstatic to see them win the Super Bowl this year—E-A-G-L-E-S - EAGLES! Always on the go, she was constantly planning the next outing or trip. Brenda lived life to the fullest, always having fun and creating lasting memories.

While we are devastated with the loss our Mom, grandmom, and sister, Brenda will always be in our hearts to the “moon and back.” She began each day with prayer, thanking God for both the big and small blessings. Let us all embrace the gratitude for each day and one another that Brenda so beautifully modeled for us.

Brenda is survived by Alfred Mason, Sr., her children Chad Mason (Robin), Alfred “Mookie” Mason, Jr (Terri), Mashea Mason Ashton (Kendrick), and Michele Mason. Her grandchildren Alfred Mason, III, Tara Mason, Dahc Mason, Dylan Ashton, and Kendrick F. Ashton, III (Duke), Jillian Mason and a host of cousins, and countless friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Janie Riley; her stepfather, Albert Riley; and her father, Edward Johnson.

Live stream link

<https://www.youtube.com/@corpuschristiwillingboro7674/streams>

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Memorial Park

1300 RT- 130 N
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
11 S Sunset Road
Willingboro, NJ 08046

Celebration of Life

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of BRENDA FRANCES MASON.*



May 17, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of BRENDA FRANCES MASON.

May 17, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of BRENDA FRANCES MASON.*



May 17, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of BRENDA FRANCES MASON.*



May 16, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of BRENDA FRANCES MASON.

May 16, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ Love, Dwain and LaToya Harrison purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of BRENDA FRANCES MASON.



Love, Dwain and LaToya Harrison - May 15, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ So many memorable moments with mom Mason. My favorites will be our soccer trips as our mom always shared a room with Mom Mason. One tournament Mama Janie out walked both my mom and Mom Mason. We had the best of times traveling together through soccer!

ADB Turner - May 15, 2025 at 06:28 PM



“ Love The Meelarp Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of BRENDA FRANCES MASON.



Love The Meelarp Family - May 15, 2025 at 03:12 PM

LF

“ Love The Meelarp Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of BRENDA FRANCES MASON.

Love The Meelarp Family - May 15, 2025 at 03:12 PM

BA

“ Belinda Ashton purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of BRENDA FRANCES MASON.



Belinda Ashton - May 15, 2025 at 01:23 PM

WP

“ With love , The Platinums purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of BRENDA FRANCES MASON.



With love , The Platinums - May 14, 2025 at 11:08 AM

MM

“ 5 files added to the album Brenda F. Mason



Michele Mason - May 12, 2025 at 03:48 PM

DL

“ Donna Fortson from LNF purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of BRENDA FRANCES MASON.



Donna Fortson from LNF - May 10, 2025 at 11:08 AM