



Willetta M Brantley

September 10, 1958 - November 5, 2024

Willetta Marie Brantley passed away on November 5, 2024, after battling Multiple Sclerosis along with many other health issues that she fought every day with dignity and grace. Willetta never complained or even talked much about her lifelong health struggles, but was always more concerned with her friends and what was going on in their lives. Her smile, sense of humor and empathy made everyone drawn to her. Willetta is Loved and missed by her devoted husband, Robert W. Brantley, Jr., and her son, Robert W. Brantley III and his new bride Allison Brantley, sister, Marcia Skupeika and brother, Drew Shimkus along with nephews, Eric Skupeika and Mark Skupeika, Bruce Shimkus, several uncles, aunts, cousins and many friends who became family.

Willetta was born in Chicago Illinois, September 10, 1958. Her family moved to Pompano Beach, Florida when she was around 18 months old. She graduated from Cardinal Gibbons High School. After that, she worked at the Southeast Bank of Deerfield. We first met at a Ft. Lauderdale "Discotheque" named ART STOCK'S PLAYPEN in 1978. After 3 years of dating, we married. Soon after we wed. Willetta started working for the Pompano Beach Police Department, Community Relations Division. We were blessed with the birth of our son, Robert Wilson Brantley III, in 1983. After taking a short time off, she became a Western Union Agent, and we opened BUBBA'S WESTERN UNION. A few years later, she started working for the City of Pompano Beach

Water Department.

In 1987, Willetta was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis after having a debilitating event requiring a prolonged stay at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Little did we know that it was the beginning of a lifelong battle. With therapy and determination, she returned to her normal routine. For the rest of her life this routine became more frequent, each time doing a little more damage. Willetta was a fighter. A strong and determined woman. Never complaining of the Herculean effort, it took her to get through each exacerbation of MS. She strived to keep her independence whenever possible and live a normal life. All of her friends, old and new. Helped her through this journey. I will never be able to express how much these acts of love and kindness meant.

One goal that helped keep her going was to be at our son Robbie's wedding. This was stolen from her by doctors in the Broward Health Medical System by refusing to do two routine cultures. This I will never forgive or forget.

Willetta's positivity, kindness, determination, and love of life will be remembered by anyone lucky enough to have known her. She made a positive impact on everyone she interacted with. Our family would like to thank all who have been part of her life. She is at peace now and not in pain. Willetta, I never said it enough, I love you. You will be missed sorely by Robbie and me.

Previous Events

Inurnment

DEC 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Pompano Beach Cemetery
400 SE 23rd Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33062

Tribute Wall



“ *L.C. Poitier Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Willetta M Brantley*



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - November 25, 2024 at 12:30 PM

LT

How can I view the video

Lisa Tubridy - November 30, 2024 at 01:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willetta M Brantley.*



November 27, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willetta M Brantley.*

November 27, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Willetta M Brantley.*



November 27, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willetta M Brantley.

November 27, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *The Dane Skuda family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Willetta M Brantley.*



The Dane Skuda family - November 19, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ *The Dane Skuda family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willetta M Brantley.*

The Dane Skuda family - November 19, 2024 at 10:11 AM

GM

“ *Rob and Little Rob ,*

*Though Life may seem difficult at this time
please remember that God is always with You
!*

*Gwynnth (Gwen) McWhorter Quince
Class of 74 , Pompano Beach High School*

Gwynnth McWorter-Quince - November 12, 2024 at 10:01 PM



JT

“ *Robert and Family,*

*Wishing you comfort and peace in the coming
days ahead !*

*Jacqueline Kay (Thomas) Dennis
Class of 74 Pompano Beach High School
Trophy Club , Texas*

Jacqueline Thomas-Dennis - November 11, 2024 at 11:00 PM



PA

“ *1 file added to the album Willetta*



Pat - November 10, 2024 at 04:14 PM

LH

My honor to bring Willetta to events around Pompano. Wish I could have done more!

Iorri HALL - November 13, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willetta M Brantley.*



November 09, 2024 at 09:03 AM



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DS

“ *Dear Sister, I can't imagine a world without you in it. I love you. My Beautiful sister. When I think of you, I think of the most beautiful girl I've ever known. I love you sis. Rest in peace, dear sister until we see each other again.*

Drew shimkus - November 07, 2024 at 11:00 AM