



## Brenda Faye Story

December 6, 1950 - June 28, 2009

Heading: Brenda Faye Story

Brenda Story, 58, of Taylors, SC went home to be with the Lord on June 28, 2009 after an extended illness. She was a dedicated English teacher at James F. Byrnes High School in Duncan, SC for the past 34 years. Brenda was a caring individual who thought of her students as her own children. She taught them more than English she also integrated life lessons into her daily curriculum. Her natural and creative ability to teach was considered a God-given talent. She earned her education degrees from York High School, Anderson Junior College, Winthrop University and a Masters degree from Furman University. In addition to her high school instruction she was also a Corporate Trainer for Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, NC. Brenda loved reading, enjoyed music and was an accomplished pianist.

She is survived by her parents, Rev. Horace and Frances Story of Charlotte, NC, sister and brother-in-law, Rebecca and Wayne Hall of Mint Hill, NC, two nephews, Ryan Hall of Albemarle, NC and Stephen Hall of Mint Hill, NC.

The funeral service will be conducted by Dr. Ralph Holt on Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 11:00am at The Wood Mortuary in Greer, SC. The family will receive visitors at the mortuary prior to the service from 10:00am-11:00am. The graveside service will be held at 4:00pm at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Mint Hill, NC.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).



# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL

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# Tribute Wall



“ I am very sorry to hear that Ms. Story has passed. She was one of the best English teachers I had during my high school years. She was one of the people who made me enjoy English. I can remember just having her class first semester of last year. When our class was told that she had been diagnosed with cancer I was devastated. It shocks me that she is now gone. Ms. Story was a wonderful teacher and person and I will never forget what I have learned from her. My prayers are with her family. JFB Class of 2009.##imported-begin##Audrey Earnhardt##imported-end##

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July 03, 2009 at 03:46 PM



“ Ms. Story was my English teacher during my senior year at Byrnes. She was one of the best teachers I've had and it is a great loss to the younger generation at Byrnes that will not get to experience her teaching. My prayers are with the family. Class of 1997 James F. Byrnes High##imported-begin##Myra Wilson De Leonardis##imported-end##

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July 03, 2009 at 01:35 AM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Brenda. I had the privilege of having Miss Story as an English Composition teacher as a senior in 1983. I have benefited for many years from her teaching. I also had the tremendous opportunity to work very closely with her for four years when she was the sponsor of the Miss Byrnes High Pagent. We became friends! I loved her and valued her teaching in all areas of life. In recent years she became my sons teacher. He benefited greatly from her approach to her students, and she quickly became his favorite teacher from Byrnes! We will love and miss you Miss Story! But your legacy will live on through the lives of your students.##imported-begin##Tawana Patterson Scott##imported-end##

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July 02, 2009 at 11:35 PM



“ My wife and I are very sorry for your loss. We were both students of Ms. Story back in the early 90's.##imported-begin##Michael & Nancee Shaffer##imported-end##

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July 02, 2009 at 03:00 PM



“ I am so distraught over the loss of such a phenomenal woman. She was tough, fair, and so witty. We always had our banter (which she always won) and I owe so much of my academic success to her. She believed in and demanded more of me than I did myself. My God bless you and your family, Ms. Story. I shall forever remember your class, your spirit, and your inspiration.

Torre Moore

Class of 1995##imported-begin##Marcus T. Moore##imported-end##

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July 02, 2009 at 02:39 PM



“ My deepest sympathies go out to the Story family. Miss Story was an extraordinary English teacher. Even though it has been 30 years since I graduated, she is one teacher that I have always remembered.

Sheila Odom - Class of 1979##imported-begin##Sheila Odom##imported-end##

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July 02, 2009 at 12:24 PM



“ We're all thinking about you and your family today, Becky. My wishes that you find peace in sharing the sadness and loss. She was surely a lucky sister.

L##imported-begin##Lori Day##imported-end##

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July 02, 2009 at 09:21 AM



“ *Rev. and Mrs. Story and family,*

*As a colleague of Brenda's for five years at Byrnes, I witnessed her devotion to each and every life she touched, whether it was a student or a colleague or a parent. She always showed the utmost in class, grace, charm, calm, and poise. I loved her laugh and her smile. She taught me many things, as well, and I was thankful for her wisdom and her experience. She was a faithful servant of the Lord, and as sad as I am that she has left us here on Earth, I know that she is indeed a beautiful angel in Heaven. Her presence lives on in all the lives she touched, and I am blessed to have been one of those lives.*

*May God surround you with His comfort, peace, and love at this time of grieving Brenda's loss and celebrating her beautiful life.*

*In Christ's Love,  
Glenda Tomaszewski###imported-begin##Glenda Few  
Tomaszewski###imported-end##*

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July 01, 2009 at 11:55 PM



“ *To the Family of Brenda Story, Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. It was my priviledge to care for Brenda. I am unable to attend the service in her memory , but I will pray for her eternal comfort and rest in the hands of God . Sincerely Eileen Rivers###imported-begin##Eileen Rivers###imported-end##*

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July 01, 2009 at 11:20 PM



“ I was very saddened to hear of Miss Story's passing. English was always my favorite subject in school but it wasn't until I had Miss Story as a teacher in my junior and senior years that I truly began to love literature. I am grateful that I was lucky enough to be one of her students and I feel that my life has been more enriched because of the lessons she taught me. She will be greatly missed. Autumn Hudson, class of 1998.##imported-begin##Autumn Hudson##imported-end##

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July 01, 2009 at 10:25 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Story family for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

Chet & Peg Mahan##imported-begin##Chet & Peg Mahan##imported-end##

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July 01, 2009 at 10:18 PM



“ Becky, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. I only met Brenda a few times over the years but have some great memories of her.##imported-begin##Barbara Tehrani##imported-end##

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July 01, 2009 at 12:41 PM



“ Becky, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at the loss of your sister.##imported-begin##Clarine Moore##imported-end##

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July 01, 2009 at 06:39 AM



“ *im very sorry to hear the passing of brenda, she will be so missed. byrnes wont be the same. you will be in my thoughts and prayers. god bless each of you...##imported-begin##sylvia campbell##imported-end##*

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July 01, 2009 at 03:10 AM



“ *I had Ms. Story for English in 1987-88. She was a great teacher and will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers for her family! I never forgot her saying " When you answer the phone, do not ever say...This is her. The correct way is to say..This is she." Ever time I answer the phone and they ask for me, I say "This is she" and think of Ms. Story telling us that! LOL Thanks Ms. Story for being a great teacher!##imported-begin##Andrea Morgan Payne##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2009 at 10:34 PM



“ *Upon hearing the news of Ms. Story's death I was deeply saddened. For years I had meant to send her a short thank you letter updating her on my life. Also to thank her for wisdom she bestowed upon me my senior year of high school. Ms. Story went above and beyond everyday lesson plans to take the time to see the potential in students. When I was teaching I always hoped I too used the same insight as she did.##imported-begin##Ginny Anderson Van Alstine##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2009 at 10:32 PM



“ I pray that you and your family find peace during this time and may fond memories of Ms. Story bring comfort to you. Brenda F. Story was an unforgettable woman. I will NEVER forget her.

Jerry E. Rice, Jr.,  
Seattle, Washington,  
James F. Byrnes High School  
Class of 1995###imported-begin##Jerry E. Rice, Jr.##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 08:54 PM



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Jerry E. Rice, Jr.  
Seattle, Washington  
James F. Byrnes High School  
Class of 1995###imported-begin##Jerry E. Rice, Jr.##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 08:49 PM



“ Ms. Story taught me in High, class of 1981 BHS. She was an awesome teacher, and mentor. REST IN PEACE !###imported-begin##Arthur Mullen##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 07:33 PM



“ To the family of Miss Story, some teachers that a student has, they will always remember. She was one of them. I am sorry for your loss. GOD BLESS. -Rick Howard BHS CLASS of 82.##imported-begin##Rick Howard##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 07:24 PM



“ Becky,  
Your sister has gone from the land of the dying to the land of eternal life.  
May God comfort you and you family now and always.##imported-begin##Lili Johnson##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 07:12 PM



“ Ms. Story will be missed by all her knew her during her time on this Earth, but I know she is rejoicing with her Heavenly Father, now, because she is now Home.

Cassie Fowler  
Class of 91##imported-begin##Cassie Fowler##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 06:51 PM



“ My prayers are with the family. Ms. Story was very special to me, she was my favorite teacher in school. May God be with your family.##imported-begin##Alma Brown West##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 06:32 PM



“ *Brenda and I shared 33 years as friends and colleagues. She loved teaching, her students, and admirably fulfilled God's purpose for her life. I will miss my dear friend.##imported-begin##Judy Parhm##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2009 at 04:38 PM



“ *Ms. Story was my 12th grade English teacher, and one of my favorite teachers ever. She was tough, but an amazing teacher. I felt very prepared going into my freshmen year English class at Winthrop. I always loved going back and seeing her over my college years, and then seeing her around District 5 once I started working. She was a great mentor and friend. She will be missed by all of her former students and the faculty of Byrnes.*

*Corrie Kennette, JFBHS Class of 1997##imported-begin##Corrie Kennette##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2009 at 04:36 PM



“ *Becky,*

*I am so sorry to hear about your sister's passing. Please know that you and your family will be in my prayers and thoughts.*

*We love you and miss you.*

*Beverly##imported-begin##Beverly Dickson##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2009 at 02:40 PM



“ Ms. Brenda Story will truly be missed. She blessed this world with such a beauty and strength that was truly God given. She was an amazing, strong, charismatic woman who blessed the lives of all those she knew. My life was truly changed because of her, and now will be different without her! She pushed for success and for my success I am indeedly grateful to her. I will miss her tremendously! My thoughts and prayers are with all her friends and family. We were all so blessed to know her.##imported-begin##Josephina Connell##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 02:22 PM



“ Ms Story has always been the ONE teacher at Byrnes High who has always been in my thoughts. She taught me to carefully look at everything I write to make sure it was correct and precise...just like her. Everytime I go to correct a spelling on my work or others I always say, "Don't blame me, blame my English teacher"; I say that with genuine fondness for a beautiful lady and the best teacher I every had. God Bless Her##imported-begin##Patti Robison##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 01:17 PM



“ Becky, so sorry to hear about the loss of your sister. I will keep you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Delois Young##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 12:40 PM



“ James F. Byrnes Class of 1989##imported-begin##Freida Lavender Smith##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 12:27 PM



“ I was one of those students Ms. Story wouldn't give up on. I didn't appreciate her efforts until my first day of college English. I was the only student to pass the first assignment. She influenced my life more than anyone will ever know. When I experienced Imajor ife changes last year, I decided to go back to college. I am now enrolled in the Education program at USC Upstate. I want to be an English teacher just like Ms. Story. I want to make a difference in the lives of young people. If I can influence even a fraction of lives that she did, I will consider my life a success. I love you Ms. Story and I will see you again when my time here is through. God Bless you and keep you. And again, thank you so very much for my life.  
Crystal Edmondson - Class of '95##imported-begin##Crystal Edmondson##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 12:00 PM



“ I pray that you and your family will have a peace that surpasses all understanding while celebrating the life and learning to mourn the loss of Ms. Story. She was my senior English teacher and she was a teach who truly took the "road less traveled."  
  
Peace and Blessings,  
Kendra M. Yates##imported-begin##Kendra Yates##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 10:33 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please let me know if you need someone to talk to or help out with anything.##imported-begin##Debra Wells##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 10:25 AM



“ I've always remembered Ms. Story as one of my favorite teachers. She made school fun and I learned a lot from her. I've thought of her often through the years after I graduated. Only good memories! She was a wonderful woman.

Lauren Cantrell Class of '88##imported-begin##Lauren Cantrell##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 10:12 AM



“ Becky: My prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Harriet Johnson##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 09:58 AM



“ To the family and friends... My thoughts and prayers are with you. May precious memories of Brenda comfort you now and always.##imported-begin##Cindy Robinson##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 09:52 AM



“ My deepest sympathies on the loss of your daughter/sister/aunt. As you go through this difficult time I hope you find that the pain eases, the tears don't come as often, and the loving memories shine brighter with each day. You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Teri Tucker##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 09:38 AM



“ *Becky and Wayne,  
My prayer is that God will give you the sweet peace that only His  
love can give. My staff in the CCU at GMH and I send you our  
dearest condolences.##imported-begin##Wanda Foster##imported-  
end##*

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June 30, 2009 at 09:37 AM



“ *Dear Mr. and Mrs. Story and family,  
My thoughts and prayers have been with Brenda and now are  
extended especially to all of you. I was a student of Brenda's and  
counted her as someone to be respected for her ability to will her  
students to learn both the school and life lessons she was teaching.  
I have often thought of her over the years as the grammer of our  
society has diminished. I remember her enthusiasm, her smile, and  
her work ethic. I know she will be missed but now is comforted.  
Charlene Clayton  
BHS Class of 1979##imported-begin##Charlene  
Clayton##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2009 at 09:31 AM



“ *Words cannot begin to express my sorrow for you and your  
family.##imported-begin##Susan Barron##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2009 at 09:15 AM



“ *Rebecca and family,  
I'm so saddened to hear of Brenda's passing. I have been praying for her, and for your family. I know that she has left behind an incredible legacy, especially with her students. I will continue to keep y'all in my prayers. I'm glad that she is not suffering any longer, but now I won't get to run into you at the hospital. Please let me know if there's anything that you need!*

*Love,*

*Amy Fuller, RN*

*5D Oncology GHS##imported-begin##Amy Fuller##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2009 at 09:08 AM



“ *To all of Brenda's family:  
As you cherish happy memories of Brenda, know that she made a difference in the lives of many young people she taught and those with whom she worked. She dedicated her life to helping students learn English and, by example, how to be committed to a higher calling. She showed that hard work leads to achievement, but more importantly to a sense of accomplishment. Brenda accomplished much in her life.##imported-begin##Sallie Pettigrew##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2009 at 08:28 AM



“ *Becky,  
I know you have had a long journey in taking care of Brenda. I know she was so thankful for you and all you did for her. I will continue to pray for you in the weeks ahead as you mourn the loss. I know God is holding you in His arms.##imported-begin##Barbea Tripp##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2009 at 07:59 AM



“ Miss Story was a master teacher. She always demanded so much from her students. I must confess that I benefited immensely from having her as a teacher. I will never forget her, and I will always cherish "The Brenda Story" experience.

Love,

Jamie (Class of 1990)##imported-begin##James L. Moore III##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 07:34 AM



“ Ms. Story was one of the most remarkable women I have ever met. She was so strong and she knew how to make a simple English lesson fun. I will truly miss her - she was one of the BEST English teachers I will ever have.##imported-begin##Carly Hammond##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 02:01 AM



“ Ms. Story was not only a phenomenal teacher, she was a wonderful lady with a big heart. She will really be missed.

She definitely let her students know how much her family meant to her, especially her nephews! She's smiling down on all of you.

God Bless!##imported-begin##Kimberly Martin##imported-end##

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June 30, 2009 at 01:26 AM



“ Ms. Story was a great teacher and I enjoyed her class very much! She was also our cheerleading sponsor and I learned so much from her. She was a classy and tough teacher who had high expectations of all her students and she made you work hard to get the best out of you. I will miss her as will many others.

*Felicia*##imported-begin##*Felicia Richardson*##imported-end##

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June 29, 2009 at 11:08 PM



“ James F. Byrnes  
Class of 1988##imported-begin##*Shana Blalock*##imported-end##

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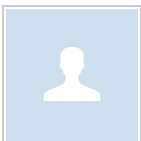
June 29, 2009 at 10:45 PM



“ Dear Rev. and Mrs. Story, Rebecca, Wayne, Ryan and Stephen, My family's thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Brenda was not only a mentor but a true life friend. She was very proud of her family and especially her two sweethearts, Ryan and Stephen. She loved telling her friends about you all. She's never forgotten. Brian Ward (class of 1980)##imported-begin##*Brian Ward*##imported-end##

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June 29, 2009 at 10:08 PM



“ I was sorry to hear of Brenda's death. She was a delightful person to be around and a great teacher who loved her students. I still hold fond memories of being in her class back in 1977. She will be dearly missed. My prayers go out to her family and friends during this time.##imported-begin##*Scott Davis*##imported-end##

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June 29, 2009 at 09:16 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. She was such a wonderful teacher and great person. I was in Brynes High class of 82. She was also one of our most favorite teachers.

May God Bless all of her family!##imported-begin##Rick Satterfield##imported-end##

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June 29, 2009 at 08:18 PM



“ There are few people in my life that have had a greater impact than Ms. Story. I am a junior in college now, and I can honestly attribute my success to her. She was a wonderful teacher, mentor, and friend. She impacted the lives of thousands of students, and she will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Nikki Stillwell##imported-end##

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June 29, 2009 at 03:50 PM



“ Brenda will be missed in the halls of Byrnes High School. The entire family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Rhonda Demumbreum##imported-end##

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June 29, 2009 at 01:51 PM