



Venecia Benefield Butler

May 19, 1964 - April 23, 2015

Venecia Benefield Butler born to Charles and Sandra Benefield May 19, 1964 - April 23, 2015 found her healing in God's loving arms. She was married to Curtis Butler as a loving and understanding wife. She was a mother who loved unconditionally to Nathan her son and Chelsea her daughter. They were her most prized possessions of pride and joy. She was the sister to Randa Carroll (Bobby Joe Carroll) who she adored as her "Boss" and "PA" with each passing day. Venecia cherished each day given with a positive attitude, thanking God with a smile, her wit, and gentle spirit of giving. She left her job in 2012 to listen to what God's purpose was for her, to become the author of the book " I Have To Get Some Things Off My Chest" also, to use her fight with cancer and her relationship with God to become a motivational speaker. During this journey she was made a member of Jacksonville States women's softball team with complete access to a locker with her name, along with becoming a sister to the Zeta's. She beamed with pride, " I know the secret handshake." She took much pride in the Venecia's Foundation she started in order to bring comfort to those sitting in chemo chairs...bags packed with things she knew could bring comfort and a bright spot to a gloomy day. She just had that special gentleness to bring a smile to your face with the very essence of her presence. We know these words she would leave us... " Be strong in the Lord and never give up hope. God's got his hand on you, so don't live life in fear. Forgive and forget but don't forget why you are here... find your purpose. Take your time and pray. Although I felt pain I kept praying.

Peace will find you I know cause I'm already there. From one simple life to another find peace in the Father and thank Him for each day. His love will guide you along the way. Be still and listen. These are the words I would say. We will gather in celebration of Venecia's going home with a positive that we will see her again... What a beautiful angel awaits us. Looking down with that contagious smile and two thumbs up knowing her pallbearers will be Keith Reedy, Mike Langston, Michael Johnson, Mark Harper, Mikey Carroll and Scooter Franklin with honorary pallbearers Piedmont High School Class of 1982, Jacksonville State women's softball team and the Zeta's of Jacksonville State. Services will be held April 26, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. at Hill Crest Baptist Church in Anniston, Alabama. Honoring her life will be speakers, Rev. Jerry Graham, Rev. Michael Ingram and Charlotte Epperson. Viewing will be Sunday from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery in Piedmont, Alabama. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Venecia's Foundation, P.O.Box 572, Piedmont, AL 36272. Be sure to honor her request and wear your Crap shirt... Crap I wish I could have brought you all to Heaven with me... It's great !!!

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I am so very sorry to read this. What a wonderful person she was. I am the receiver of one of her Chemo bags and ran into several times at the Docs office. I hope your family finds peace and know we all will miss her. God Bless you all.

Deborah Holt - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

TY

“ To all the family I pray for God to give you peace in knowing that Venecia is in his loving arms! Take comfort in knowing that you will see her again one day! Each and everyone of you are in my thoughts and prayers and will continue to be in the days ahead of you! The empty place in your hearts can be filled with all the good memories each of you shared with her and the love she gave to you! Love and prayers, Tammy

Tammy Young - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

KL

“ She will be forever our fearless leader. Love you Venecia! I will miss you on earth but I will see you in heaven!

Kelly Little - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

ML

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Venecias passing. She was a beautiful lady who inspired so many with her life! Her family will continue to be in our prayers. We know that although she lost her battle with cancer, she won her earthly battle & is walking joyously with the lord!

Mike & Theresa Ledbetter - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

SW

“ Heaven has gained a precious angel. Special prayers for the Benefield & Butler families.

Sharon Anderson Walker - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

TM

“ Hard to say "Sorry for your loss" when Heaven truly gained an angel. May God give this family peace and comfort!

Teresa McMurtrey - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

TW

“ Earth hath no sorrow that Heaven can not heal.

Tawana Willis - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

LY

“ Even though I didn't really know her personally, I followed her in all of the wonderful, inspirational endeavors that she did so gracefully even though I know God gave her the strength. What an inspiration! She will be greatly missed! God bless everyone that was blessed to have her in your life. With my deepest condolences, Linda York

Linda York - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

CB

“ V was a special person. She knew what she wanted and she got it. Her foundation meant so much to so many. The look of surprise when the ladies and guys who received her bags! God has a special angel! I hope He has lots of chocolate! Love you. Praying for your family!

Christine Brightbill - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

DM

“ Fly high Sweet Angel 3

Dana Maxwell - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

KM

“ I am sorry to hear of Venecias`passing but I know that she is singing in the heavenly choir. She was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Karen McCullough - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

TM

“ FLY HIGH BEAUTIFUL LADY. YOU HAVE INSPIRED SO MANY WHO WILL MISS YOU DEARLY.. MAY GOD BE WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

TERESA MORGAN - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

CH

“ My HERO, inspiration, voice of courage and hope, good laugh, & true understanding! I'm going to miss you terribly!! Hugs, love, & prayers sweet friends!

Courtney Hubbard - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

JS

“ May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

Joyce Sutton - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

KW

“ Many thoughts and prayers for Venecia's family and friends! Though I only had the pleasure of speaking with her a couple of times she had the ability to make you feel like a life long friend. Those two times we spoke her first words were "How's your Dad?" My Daddy is in Heaven now with Venecia. I'm sure they have become fast friends! Rest In Peace Venecia. Please hug my Mama, my Daddy and our precious Hanah who also fought that ugly demon we all call Cancer. Like you she won that race and is now walking those amazing streets of gold! Love ya girl!

Karen Warmack - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

TS

“ Blessings and healing thoughts to the Benefield/Butler families..Take comfort in the inspiration Venecia gave to so many. I know it will continue on forever and a day..and yes, Heaven just got the best gift!

Teena Stewart - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

DG

“ Praying for u all

Debra Goss - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

KP

“ God Bless the Family and friends

Kathy Potts - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

BL

“ Your family will continue to be in our prayers. Everyone loved V so much. She will be missed tremendously.

Betty Lusk - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

TP

“ How can I write anything that will even begin to honor and respect this beautiful person. Just getting to know Venecia and watch her contagious enthusiasm and love for life, family, friends, and others has changed me and so many thousands of other people. Our journey at RockRun Baptist Church was just dust in the big picture of what she did. It was our honor to have her things in our place of worship, and to have her own key made so she could come and go when she and the family wanted. I am so proud our small church was the name on her glow in the dark shirt last fall. We are small but as always we got a great big LOVE out of her. I as well as everyone else have watched her work, talk and love through the sickness when you know she needed to rest but rest or stop wasn't in her vocabulary----I've heard of giving it your all well that statement was never truer spoken of any person than "V", CRAP girl we ALL LOVE YOU, KEEP US A SEAT, WE WILL SEE YOU IN A SHORT WHILE, GOD IS STILL GOOD!!!

Tonya Tierce Pike - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

TS

“ God bless you all. She was a beautiful person inside and out.

Terry Surrett - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM



“ Charles and Sandra, I am praying for you and know God will heal your hearts as he has mine. I lost my 40 year old April 22 2013. In Christ, Doug Matthews

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TF

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Tom Frey - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM



JL

“ I'm so sorry for your loss brother. I wish I would have known earlier. Just what we talked about...I'm praying for strength and understanding for you and your family. We know God has a purpose for everything, and that it's all for good and those left behind are the only ones in pain or in sorrow. Be strong brother Curtis!

Jon Lauterbach - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM



“ To the family:May you find peace from the God of all comfort and that comfort that surpasses all understanding give you peace and strength to cope at this.

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April 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM