



## Loretta Jarrett Brinkley

May 5, 1949 - February 9, 2021

### IN REMEMBRANCE AND CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF LORETTA JARRETT BRINKLEY

Mrs. Loretta Jarrett Brinkley, a resident of Stamford and later Norwalk, Connecticut for many years, entered into Eternal Rest on February 9, 2021 at Norwalk Hospital.

Mrs. Brinkley, was born in Opp, Alabama on May 5, 1949. She was the youngest child of the nine children of the late Lonnie and Florence Mullins Jarrett. Loretta completed her elementary and middle school education in the city of Opp. During the era of the 1960's, she relocated to Stamford, Connecticut where she graduated from Rippowam High School. During her adolescent teenage years, Loretta was active in various Stamford youth activities, inclusive of the Miss Americolor Connecticut Pageant in she was deemed the winner of the swimsuit contest.

After graduating from high school, Loretta matriculated at the Claremont School of Business in New York City, where she developed secretarial and business management skills. Mrs. Brinkley was subsequently employed by Olin Corporation, a global manufacturer of chemical products in Stamford, Connecticut. She maintained a professional position at this firm until her retirement.

Loretta's courtship with her beloved husband Charles was initiated in 1968 after a trip to Walden, North Carolina where they attended his youngest brother Ernest's high school graduation. Loretta was the sister-in-law of Charles' brother James. After engaging in a romantic relationship for a period of six years, Loretta and Charles were united in Holy Matrimony on October 26, 1974, during a ceremony performed at Union Baptist Church by the Reverend Dr. Robert W. Perry. To this union of forty-six years was born one son, Chandru Edward.

Throughout her lifetime, Loretta was a devout and committed Christian. During her childhood, she was baptized at the Nazareth Baptist Church in Opp, Alabama. As a youth, she participated in Sunday School Classes and the Baptist Young Peoples' Union activities. Upon her relocation to Stamford, Connecticut, she joined the fellowship of Union Baptist Church where she rendered dedicated service for over fifty years.

After Mrs. Brinkley's retirement from the Olin Corporation, she served for many years as the Church Office Secretary and Office Manager of Union Baptist Church. She also utilized her talents and skills as the Administrative Secretary for Reverend Dr. Robert W. Perry, the Senior Pastor of the church. A faithful participant in all worship services, Loretta was also an active member of the Women's Choir and Greeters' Ministries. She was, additionally, a regular delegate for the Annual Connecticut State Baptist Missionary Convention.

Loretta Brinkley was a cordial and congenial individual who benevolently extended herself to others. She infused joy into the lives of all whom she encountered through her warm, vibrant and effervescent personality. She lovingly embraced others with deep compassion and altruistic beneficence. The lives of others were enriched by her sincerity, infectious sense of humor

and her generosity of spirit.

Loretta was a devoted and loving wife, mother, sibling, aunt and cousin, who maintained a profound and abiding love for her family. She savored the quality time which she was privileged to spend with them. She reveled in the large jubilant family gatherings at which relatives were present. She also enjoyed the memorable class reunions which she and Charles attended in Weldon, North Carolina during Memorial Day weekends. Loretta also relished the memories of the glorious vacations in which she, Charles and other family members engaged in during excursions to San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nassau in the Bahamas, Bermuda, Barbados, Mexico and Niagara Falls, Canada. She also took pleasure in attending numerous family reunions which were held in Atlanta, Georgia, San Diego, California, and Las Vegas, Nevada. She also experienced delightful trips to Port Arthur, Texas, Maryland and Los Angeles, California among other locations.

During her leisure hours, Loretta enjoyed writing about various topics, and typing and preparing documents, essays, letters and projects for others upon request. A culinary artist, she was noted for her creative baking skills and greatly delighted in entertaining family members at lavish dinner parties which she and Charles frequently hosted at their home during the holiday seasons.

In addition to her parents, Loretta J. Brinkley was predeceased by her beloved husband, Charles Brinkley, her sister, Jeanette Jarrett Guilford, and brothers, Onivea Jarrett, Benjamin Jarrett, Milton Jarrett and Edward Jarrett.

She leaves to cherish her treasured memory: one son: Chandru Brinkley of Norwalk, Ct., one stepson: Anthony Williams of San Francisco, California, one sister: Glory Brinkley(James) of Stamford, Ct., two brothers: Wilfred Jarrett (Annie) of Opp, Alabama, and Charles Jarrett (Frances) of Stamford, Ct.

(A.K.A. Hassan Sharif), one brother in law: James Brinkley of Stamford, Ct. ,  
brother and sister- in -law Charles and Mollye Fortt of Fairfield, Ct.,  
Goddaughter: Monique Laurette Guilford of Norwalk, Ct., a niece who was like  
a sister: Yolanda Johnson of Norwalk, Ct. and a host of other nieces,  
nephews, cousins and extended family members.

Memorial contributions in remembrance of. Loretta Jarrett Brinkley may be  
donated to:

Union Baptist Church  
805 Newfield Avenue  
Stamford, Connecticut, 06905

“ But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount  
up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk  
and not faint.”

Isaiah 40:31

# Cemetery Details

## Spring Grove Cemetery

41 Hecker Ave.  
Darien, CT

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Graves Medley Funeral Services  
31 Stillwater Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902  
(203) 323-2666

## Service

FEB 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MH

“ My condolences to Jarrett and Brinkley family Loretta were a beautiful loving woman. I know she will be missed .she is with her husband and her heavenly father. Rest in peace Loretta.

Minnie Henderson - February 12, 2021 at 08:57 PM

GQ

Rest in Peace Loretta.

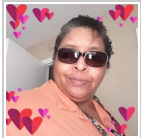
Gwynne Quagliozi - February 13, 2021 at 12:39 AM

VF

“ Sleep in peace Aunt Loretta, praying heavily for you Chandru and the family. May our Lord and Savior comfort the hearts of everyone she touched 🙏❤️



Vilma Fordham - February 12, 2021 at 07:03 PM



“ I like to share a memory I remember the times of family Saturday lunches with her. at our house my mom would cook fish and mac and cheese collard greens so much more. and aunt glory and many more would come cousins. I really enjoyed it. then there were days she would be out buying her lottery tickets and on her way home she would stop by the house pulling up in that blue Volkswagen she was a joy to have around I miss you and love you aunty.



Connie Guilford - February 12, 2021 at 04:22 PM

DM

“ *Darryl Mullins lit a candle in memory of Loretta Jarrett Brinkley*



**Darryl Mullins** - February 12, 2021 at 03:21 PM

JP

“ *To Glory and family I give my confidence to you all Aunt Loretta was such a lovely spiritual woman. She is with our father who art in Heaven may she rest in peace. May God Bless you all. Love Joy Poteau.*

**Joy Poteau** - February 11, 2021 at 10:38 PM

JP

*I give my condolences.*

**Joy Poteau** - February 11, 2021 at 10:40 PM

IW

*I will certainly miss that smile and laughter Loretta. You always remembered my B'Day. May you rest in Peace with your dearly beloved husband Charles.*

**Ina Winn** - February 14, 2021 at 08:21 PM