



Verlene Treadwell

March 3, 1936 - June 15, 2024

Verlene Bagley Treadwell was born in Gastonia, North Carolina, on March 3, 1936, to the late James Bagley and Maggie Heath Bagley. She was the fourth of their five children.

Verlene was educated in the Gastonia Public School System, graduating from Highland High School, and attended North Carolina State College in Durham, North Carolina. After leaving North Carolina in the late 1950s, Verlene moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she started her family. She was blessed with four daughters and two sons.

At her brother's urging, she joined him in New Haven, Connecticut, making New Haven her permanent residence. It was in New Haven in 1967 that she began her career in the field of Early Childhood Education. Her first experience with young children, other than her own, was volunteering in the pre-K program where her twin daughters were students.

Verlene was a home daycare provider for two years before becoming a teacher at Elm Haven Day Care which later became Elm Haven Head Start. Teaching became her life's work. In 1983, she was asked to be a part of a new program that would provide daycare for the children of employees of Yale New Haven Hospital and Yale Medical School. She loved her work and the children she cared for and retired in 2001, after 18 years of esteemed service at Yale.

Verlene accepted Christ at an early age and was a longtime member of Community Baptist Church. Before age and health began to slow her down,

for over fifty years she regularly attended service at Community Baptist church. She shared her love for children and volunteered at Community's Head Start Program. Many church members called her, "the Hat Lady". Verlene was a "fashionista" before the term was coined and always wore beautiful suits with matching hats. A proud moment was when her children gave her an exact replica of the hat Aretha Franklin wore at the Inauguration of Barack Obama.

Verlene (affectionately called Queen V by her children) and Marion Mills, her companion of over 50 years, shared a home that was filled with love. After a lengthy illness, Marion passed away in March of 2023. Their home was the gathering place where family, friends, and extended family were always welcomed. Verlene was an amazing cook, best known for her highly requested macaroni and cheese. She loved to bake, barbeque and share her love for cooking with her family. She loved to entertain. It was always an enjoyable time, especially when her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends would get together at her home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, James Winston, and John Allen (Bill), her sister, Maggie Virginia, and her grandson, Kenneth Bagley.

Our matriarch, Queen V's legacy will live on through her children, Bruce Bagley, New Haven, Connecticut; Bernice (Harold) Clark, Wilmington, Delaware; Bridgette (Bernie) Ford, Hamden, Connecticut; Melisa Coleman and Felisa Treadwell, New Haven, Connecticut; James (Aracely) Treadwell, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; a bonus daughter and son, Shawn Webb, Hamden, Connecticut and Marion Grant Mills, Middletown, Connecticut; nine grandchildren, Bridell (Latisha) Boykin; Mario Boykin; Sonny (Chakenna) Bagley; Emron Treadwell; Jocelyn Johnson; Semaj Treadwell; Jasmine Cornitcher; Kennisa Coleman; and Natalia Ford; eighteen great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; her sister, Edna DeBerry, Portsmouth, VA, her aunt, Cleo Jacobs, Columbia, SC; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins; her two lifelong friends, Brenda Jennings and Martha Dye; and extended

families who grew to love her over her many years in the Newhallville community.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Community Baptist Church
143 Shelton Ave.
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult times.*



Frances Branch Walker - June 26, 2024 at 09:18 AM

LN

“ *Love Andre, Tia and Niecy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verlene Treadwell.*

Love Andre, Tia and Niecy - June 25, 2024 at 12:32 PM

LN

“ *Love Andre, Tia and Niecy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Verlene Treadwell.*



Love Andre, Tia and Niecy - June 25, 2024 at 12:32 PM

LF

“ *Linda Sessions-Adderson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verlene Treadwell.*

Linda Sessions-Adderson and Family - June 25, 2024 at 09:25 AM

LF

“ Linda Sessions-Adderson and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Verlene Treadwell.



Linda Sessions-Adderson and Family - June 25, 2024 at 09:25 AM

SF

“ Sincerely, Keith Hinterli and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verlene Treadwell.

Sincerely, Keith Hinterli and Family - June 23, 2024 at 04:52 PM

SF

“ Sincerely, Keith Hinterli and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Verlene Treadwell.



Sincerely, Keith Hinterli and Family - June 23, 2024 at 04:52 PM

AT

“ Thank you, Mom, for embracing me & accepting me into your loving & caring family. Your gentle, sweet, loving spirit will never be forgotten. “To be absent from the body is to be present with Jesus.” And, I find great comfort in that fact.
~Aracely, your daughter-in-love for life

Aracely Treadwell - June 21, 2024 at 11:16 PM

AM

“ So many beautiful memories of this matriarch. Such a beautiful family. I love you family. Sending my sincerest condolences. May God bless you and keep you.

Audrey Moore - June 21, 2024 at 12:25 AM

CT

“ Sending love ❤️ to my family for the loss of an amazing woman who loved and shared her life with so many. May the many memories in your hearts support you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Cathy Pauling Thomas (Sonny Boy's daughter) 🙏💜🌹

Cathy Pauling Thomas - June 20, 2024 at 12:04 PM

LH

*Sending love to all who has lost such a beautiful woman, friend, mom, grandmother and more.
Her Love will always flow just as a river of water does, never must you forget that!!
My heart goes out to you all*

Lisa Hopkins - June 27, 2024 at 02:00 PM

CT

“ Cathy Pauling Thomas lit a candle in memory of Verlene Treadwell



Cathy Pauling Thomas - June 20, 2024 at 11:55 AM

TB

“ Tondalaya and Laurian Bowles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verlene Treadwell.

Tondalaya and Laurian Bowles - June 20, 2024 at 10:08 AM

TB

“ *Tondalaya and Laurian Bowles purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Verlene Treadwell.*



Tondalaya and Laurian Bowles - June 20, 2024 at 10:08 AM

KL

“ *Sending sincere condolences and prayers to your family Bridgette at this most difficult time. Praying that God comfort and strengthen you. Your Mom was a beautiful lady. God Bless.*

Kenyetta Luck - June 20, 2024 at 07:24 AM