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## Gibbs, Brenda Elyse

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ORLANDO, FL Brenda Elyse Gibbs passed away peacefully on July 4, 2017 in Orlando, Florida at the age of 71. Brenda, the first of six children, was born on September 26, 1946 in Greensboro, North Carolina to her parents, Warmoth T. Gibbs, Jr. and Marie Hill Gibbs. She grew up as a member of Saint Matthews United Methodist Church. She graduated from James B. Dudley High School in 1964, and North Carolina A&T State University (cum laude) in 1969 with a bachelor of science degree in history education. After graduation, Brenda attended the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore, MD, where she received her juris doctor degree. Upon graduation from law school, Brenda worked as an attorney for the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC. Subsequently, Brenda returned to North Carolina to take a position as chief corporate attorney for the North Carolina State Attorney General's office. After many years of working in the legal profession, Brenda retired to Orlando, FL, where she resided for the past 15 years. Throughout those years, Brenda never failed to be available to friends and acquaintances who requested her legal assistance and advice, and would volunteer at the neighborhood legal aid office. An avid reader, Brenda was also passionate about education, history, current events, politics and especially public service. As an undergraduate, she pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Mu chapter. During her membership with the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter, Brenda served as an advisor to Delta's undergraduate chapter at North Carolina State University. Before retirement, Brenda was a member of the National Bar Association and a supporter of the United Negro College Fund. Brenda's favorite things to do was being with family, friends, and taking care of her adorable Labrador retriever, Bonnie. Brenda is survived by five siblings, Dr. Sheila Gibbs Hill (Rick) of Chesapeake, VA, Marece Gibbs Mayo of Cary, NC, Lura Annette Gibbs of Orlando, FL, Warmoth Thomas Gibbs, III of Greensboro, NC, and Wilmote Dorsey Gibbs of Greensboro, NC, She is also survived by four nieces, Amorie Parker (Will), Austin Watzlavick (Brad), Madison Gibbs, and Morgan Gibbs, one great-nephew, Jameson Parker and a host of maternal and paternal family members. A celebration of life service for Brenda will be held Saturday, July 15, 2017, at 11 a.m., at Saint Matthews United Methodist Church, 600 East Florida Street, Greensboro, NC. The Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. will hold an Omega Omega ceremony at 10 a.m. Family visitation will be from 10:30 until 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Warmoth T. Gibbs, Sr. Scholarship Fund, and mailed to St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 600 E. Florida Street, Greensboro, NC 27406. The family would like to thank all of those who have expressed condolences and support during this time.

