



Tanya Bagley

November 27, 1936 - April 11, 2026

Tanya Delorese Bagley-Merritt was born November 27, 1936 in Jamesville, NC to the late James Anthony Bagley and Dorothy Rhodes-Bagley. She had one sibling, the late James Thomas Bagley.

Tanya attended and graduated from E.J. Hayes High School, after high school, she attended Norfolk State University. She later moved to Stamford, CT with the late William Augustus Saunders. They had four children, Gina Smith, Dorothy Saunders, and the late Derek Saunders and Sonya Saunders.

She worked many jobs throughout her life and retired after 26 years of service with the US Postal Service in Stamford, CT, where she met her devoted husband, the late Donald Eugene Merritt. She spent her retirement years loving on her family and enjoying her hobbies: shopping, cooking, sewing and a good crossword puzzle. Tanya was a God-fearing woman and a faithful servant of the Lord. Her long-time church home was the Stamford Church of Christ.

Tanya entered the Gates of Heaven on Saturday April 11, 2026. She will be reunited with her parents, brother, husband, two of her children and her beloved great grandchild, Ms. Kendall Smith and with her honorary sisters, Mamie Williams, Willie Mae Bostick (Pat) & Trudy Wagner. She will be truly missed and survived by her grandchildren, Craig Smith, Tiffany Smith, Kebrae

Brown, Tracina Garner, Tammi Saunders, William Goss, Derek Saunders, Kiara Saunders and Cori Saunders, her great grandchildren, Nasir Garner, Jayel Person, Jayce Person, Cameron Smith, Zi'ani Koroma, Keniyah Brown, Zaymonnie Brown, Marzell Bennett and her dedicated niece, Tanya Collazo, and a whole host of friends and family.

Visitation will be held from 10am to 11am on Monday, April 27th at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT. A prayer service will be held at 11am at the funeral home. Interment will follow at St. John Cemetery, 223 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT.

If you wish to make a remembrance for the family, you may sign the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Cemetery Details

St. John Cemetery (Norwalk)

223 Richards Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06850

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

Prayer Service

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Tribute Wall

GJ

“ *Garner Family And Nana Jayne lit a candle in memory of Tanya Bagley*



Garner Family and Nana Jayne - April 26 at 05:01 PM

DS

“ *Momma T.,
We didn't call her Momma Bagley...nevertheless we honor one of the original Merrell Avenue mothers...most of them have gone on to glory looking down from the balconies of heaven and now Momma T., has joined them..oh How I remember the home cooking that I grew up on that came from the loving hands of Momma T., She could cook and like all the mothers, kept us well fed...Now all that we have are memories and I am so happy glad that I grew up when I did for no matter what, community meant family...Rest in His Arms, Momma T!❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏 Give Brenda, Sonya, Mommy and Daddy a big hug from all of us!
One of your daughters,
Reverend Dr Dawn C Snell and Family*

Dawn Snell - April 25 at 05:44 PM

ML

“ Tangela and I grew up in Williamston (on Broad and Hyman Street) . I used to purchase shoes from her father and we use to frequently visit her mom at EJ Hayes School as she was an administrator. I loved her so very much. She used to call me all the time with holistic health advice and Before ending each conversation she would say to me “I love you Millie”. Blessings to you and the family! Love Millie and Johnnie Lloyd 💜



Mary Lloyd - April 25 at 01:23 PM

EL

“ I met Ms.Tanya in the eighties on Merrill Ave. She always had a smile on her face and willing to listen when I came to her for advice. I haven't seen the family in years but I always thought about her.Gina and Dottie I send my love and condolences to the both of you. She is now resting in the bosom of the Father.

Ella Lee - April 24 at 11:51 PM

TW

“ Ms Tanya was not only my Mom Mamie Williams Honorary Sister, she was like a 2nd Mom to ME. In That old saying it takes a village, well she was part of my village till her last breath . I continued to stay in touch with her, and visit her after losing my m my Mom. She will be truly missed by Me and My Siblings but I take Solace in knowing she will be back with with her Family and my Mom again. My Condolences to Gina, Dortie, and all her Beautiful Grands and Great Grands, and The Merritt Family as well 🙏🙏🦋🌸🎈❤️

Theresa Williams - April 23 at 11:58 PM



Sorry for the misspelling of Dottie name and typos, but I meant well for my Honorary Mother Ms Tanya who will always live on in my heart 🙏



Theresa Williams - April 24 at 07:13 AM