



## Portia Ramsey

May 28, 1951 - August 9, 2008

Portia A. (Bearden) Ramsey, Retired Barkley Teacher Portia Adele (Bearden) Ramsey, 57, wife of Thomas R. Ramsey Jr., of Phoenixville, PA, passed away at her residence, peacefully after a long battle with lung cancer on Saturday morning August 9, 2008.?

Born in Philadelphia, PA, she was the daughter of Christine A. (Benedetto) Bearden?? of Phoenixville, and the late Matthew Bearden Sr.? Mrs. Ramsey graduated from Phoenixville High School in 1969.? She continued her studies at West Chester? College graduating in 1973, and later earned her Masters Degree there as well.? Mrs. Ramsey truly loved her position as ?a second grade elementary teacher at Barkley Elementary School in Phoenixville from which she had just recently retired from after 35 years.? ???

Portia and her husband Tom are members of Bethel Baptist Church of Phoenixville.? Her life was full and complete with her family and her career in education.? Spending many years traveling with her husband and children, which were always family fun, yet educational, she was always a teacher. Reading to her children, swimming, vacationing at the Jersey Shore, the West Coast or more than 20 trips to Disney World from it's opening in 1972 to just recently - her family grew up with Disney! This was just a testament to her love of teaching and children.? She also was a very dedicated daughter to her mom, who was the best friend any daughter could ever ask for.? They were both wonderful and very special support to each other.?

In addition to her husband of 35 years, Mrs. Ramsey is survived by daughter

Stephanie Renee who resides at home, son Thomas R. "Trey" III husband of Danielle M. Ramsey of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. mother Christine Bearden of Phoenixville,? Mother In-Law Sarah V. Mack, wife of the late Thomas Ramsey Sr., six brothers; Mathew Jr. husband of Annette Bearden of CA, ?Mark Bearden, of Phoenixville, Ralph husband of Cynthia Bearden, of Phoenixville,? Edward Sr. husband of Doreen Bearden, of Phoenixville, PA, Paul Sr. husband of Vanessa? Bearden of Landenburg, PA, and Thomas husband of Sharon Bearden of Phoenixville, PA, and her two grand-dogs, Magic and Coby.?

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service at the Bethel Baptist Church,? 412 Fairview St., Phoenixville on Friday, August 15, at 11:00 A.M? Officiating will be the Rev. Nathan Coleman.? Interment will follow in the Morris Cemetery.? Friends may call from 9:00-11:00 A.M. at the Church.? Flowers are welcome or gifts may be made in her memory to the Portia A. Ramsey Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Phoenixville Federal Bank & Trust, 120 Main St. Phoenixville,? PA 19460. Condolences may be offered online at [www.CampbellEnnisKlotzbachfuneralhome.com](http://www.CampbellEnnisKlotzbachfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

GL

“ Please accept my most heartfelt condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Bearden family Love, Grandma, Leslie

Grandma Leslie(Paige's grandma) - I-abbott@msn.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

HS

“ Uncle Tommy, Trey, & Stephanie,

We love you all very much and know that God is always in control. All of us loved Aunt Protia very much but God loved her the most and she is now at peace with him. Look to God for peace and comfort and we are always here for you for anything.

Heather, Shilid, Matthew & Sydney - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

DW

“ To Ramsey & Bearden Family, May GOD comfort you all at the lost of someone so sweet as Portia. She always projected a calming and warm spirit.

Doris (Thomas) Walton - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM



“ Mrs Ramsey was the most kind teacher we ever had. She was always very sweet and took the time to care for each of us.

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JD

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Memories keep our loved ones with us forever..she was a beautiful lady

John & Rosemarie Dettra - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

DD

“ *My heart is grieving. Portia was, and will always be an inspiration and a role model to me. Words cannot express my feelings at this time. I pray that GOD will comfort all of the family and friends whose lives Portia has touched in her special way.*

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**Dory Bearden - Dory.Bearden@gmail.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

J(

“ *Mark you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Janet and Greg (FedEx)** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MB

“ *Our prayers and support to the family for now and in the future.*

*Love,  
Mike, Janet and Girls*

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**Mike and Janet Bell** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

WM

“ *To The Ramsey and Beardan Families:*

*It is our prayer that God will strengthen and comfort you during this time of bereavement. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord"*

*Wesley & LaRhonda Mitchell*

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**Wesley and LaRhonda Mitchell - mitchell.larhonda@yahoo.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SK

“ All of us at Phoenixville Homes wish to express our sympathy for the passing of Portia. We have worked with Tom Ramsey and know that he is an honorable and kind man. Our prayers are with you.

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**Steve Kambic** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SJ

“ To the Ramsey/Bearden Family,

*Our hearts are filled with the deepest sympathy for your loss. Please take solace in the fact that Mrs. Ramsey has left an indelible mark on all the lives she's touched and that she is now in a place where there are no more pains.*

*You have our condolences.*

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**Springfield Family (Reg, Wanda, Jamai)** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MP

“ To the Ramsey Family,

*We are saddened by your loss.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God bless comfort you and keep you in His care.*

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**Melvin and Pat Williams and Family - patricia.williams@abc-usa.org** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

KN

“ Mark, My condolences go out to you and your family. The struggle is difficult. Be strong.

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**Keith Frazier-Las Vegas - nofducks@aol.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

VV

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with your entire family during this time.

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**Vanessa Vardon** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

VV

“ Portia was a kind and caring woman who did a fantastic job as a mother to her children and wife to her husband Tom. Our family has been blessed to have the Ramsey's as neighbors for close to twenty years and Portia was always cheerful and upbeat. Portia will be missed by many, and I pray God would comfort the Ramsey and Bearden families during this time of grieving, and that others would be inspired by the way Portia lived her life. We would like to offer our condolences to the Ramsey-Bearden families.

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**Vern and Cathy Ingham - vingham@cryotran.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

TF

“ Mrs. Ramsey was a beloved teacher (to daughter Hayley) and a wonderful person. May God comfort her family and the rest of the Bearden families at this difficult time. Take care.

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**The Riley Family** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SS

“ To Tom and family,  
I am so very sorry about your loss. I am praying for your peace and comfort during this difficult time. May God bless you.

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**Sharon Jones(Pat Williams and Janet Bells sister** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JJ

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Joanne Ferroni - [jferroni@coe.drexel.edu](mailto:jferroni@coe.drexel.edu) - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM**

CC

“ *Tom you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Charles Anglade - [charlesanglade@bellsouth.net](mailto:charlesanglade@bellsouth.net) - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM**

DD

“ *To Aunt Christine, Tommy, Trey, Stephanie and family,*

*I always admired and was proud of my cousin Portia as she was so beautiful inside and out. I remember when she sang in the West Chester State Gospel Choir and they came to Grimes. It made such an impression on me that I wanted to go college and sing too. She also helped me with some of my wedding details. I used to run into her and Aunt Christine shopping together. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Remember weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in morning...she is rejoicing in Heaven! We are praying and are here for you.*

*Love, Dana, David, Sergio, Starsha, DJ, Dylan and Maya*

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**Dana Bearden Frierson - [divalishis523@aol.com](mailto:divalishis523@aol.com) - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM**

RR

“ Dear Tom:

*I may be living in Georgia, But I go on-line everyday to read "PhoenixvilleNews.com", and was so saddened to read of your wife's passing. Please know that I will be praying for you and your family and will keep you in my thoughts and in my heart. I remember you comforting me and saying a prayer with me on the corner of City Line and Lincoln Ave. only hours after my mother had died. So in turn I'm doing the same for you and sending up a prayer from Georgia. Remember it doesn't matter how far apart we are in miles, as we are always near to each other in the Lord. So please know that all of us love and respect you and your family, and we will continue to be here for you in spirit.*

*With Sincere Sympathy,  
Ruth Anne Shaw*

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**Ruth Anne Shaw - ruthanneshaw@comcast.net** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

ZD

“ To Tommy Ramsey and Family,

*I am so sorry to hear about your lost. Portia lived a good life and made a tremendous contribution to all she touched. Even though she will be missed, you know that she is in a better place.*

*My husband, brother and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

*May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.*

*God Bless You and Keep You and Your Family,  
Zamelia and John Doswell  
Ted Travis-Bey*

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**Zamelia Doswell - doswellzamelia@hotmail.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

B(

“ *Its hard to express the sadness we all feel at Portia's passing, but our loss is heaven's gain. Take comfort in knowing she has won her reward - she is happy and healthy now. To her wonderful family, we extend our love and heartfelt sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Barri, Meg, Keisha and Aydian (Forrest)** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

TB

“ *To the family of Mrs. Ramsey:  
My som Timothy had the honor of Mrs. Ramsey being his 2nd grade teacher. When I ask him who his favorite was, he always says Mrs. Ramsey, Mom, she was so nice. In fact, last week we were scrolling through pictures on our computer and we saw a picture of Timothy and Mrs. Ramsey at the Fall Festival and he said to me "look, there is Mrs. Ramsey, I really liked her." When I told Timothy that Mrs. Ramsey had passed away, he was so sad and had tears in his eyes. She certainly enjoyed her profession and will be missed. We send our deepest sympathy for you loss and will keep you in prayer through the coming weeks. Timothy and Nancy Bateman*

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**Timothy Bateman and his mother, Nancy** - bakernancy@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

TM

“ *Portia was our children's teacher at Barkley, and an inspiration. We send our condolences and will keep the family in our prayers*

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**The Garwood Family** - maggiejane47@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JJ

“ *My condolences to you and your family. I know your going through a hard time, but don't worry, just as a birth can bring together a family so can a loss. You need to be strong for your family and for your mother. I know that God created a beautiful life and we need to know how to use it and live our life in the right way. We love you and care for you and your family!*

*Sincerlly Jorge my son Aaron, and my Mother Anita*

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**Jorge Flores - jorgeflores16@hotmail.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MK

“ *Tom - sending my deepest sympathies and prayers to you and your family. You have always been a spiritual inspiration to me. May all of your deep faith be a comfort to you now and always.*

*With love,*

*Marie*

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**Marie Louise Kier** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

RR

“ *Tom:  
I wanted to let you know that both Barbara and I have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. May the Good Lord provide you with the strength to get through this very difficult time. Portia will be missed by many but memories of her will remain in the hearts and minds of the many children she touched.*

*God Bless,  
Rick and Barbara*

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**Rick &Barbara Shepsko - rshepsko@verison.net** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM



“ *...For this journey we all must take  
and each must go alone...  
It's all part of the Master's plan  
a step on the road to home...*

*We are truly saddened to hear of Portia's death. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless You! Tom, Nancy and Tim Seeberger.*

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“ *To the Ramsey and Beardon Families:*

*Our heartfelt sympathy at the loss of Portia. May your faith, family and friends provide comfort in this difficult time of loss and sorrow.  
Deepest Sympathy,*

*Rodney and Tish*

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**Rodney and Tish Floyd** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM



“ *To the Entire Ramsey and Bearden Family: I am very sorry to hear of your loss, Portia was an exceptionally sweet and wonderful woman. I remember how happy I was when she started teaching at Barkley school, I knew then that Dee had a great teacher. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend her "Home Going" services, but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Judie A. Barr - jbarr@cephalon.net** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

AD

“ *To the Ramsey and Bearden Family,*

*We were truly saddened to hear of the passing of Portia. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God give you comfort and peace as you go through this difficult time. We are sorry that we won't be able to attend the service but we send our prayers.  
God Bless*

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**Alfred and Diane Brown - daelynn@verizon.net** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

LR

“ *To the Bearden and Ramsey families.*

*Time is truly the great healer. For her children the loss of mom is always hard. It can be like a punch in the gut. Believe me I know. But time will give way to fond memories with blue skies. Funny sayings that were mom's are now yours. Laughs, smile, giggles will be yours now. Mom will be with you as you go about your daily lives. So many things learned and you've yet to realize from mom will become a part of you. Mom lives on in both of you. And mom will show up again even in your own children. Celebrate her life and be the best people you can be knowing that's what mom would have wanted. And somewhere out there she will be proud. May God keep all of you in his heart and thoughts.*

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**Landis Rayford - raylandi@pacbell.net** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

TF

“ *To Tom And family*

*We are so sorry for your loss Of Portia. Although death is a part of life and we know that your faith will help to keep you strong, please know that you are in our prayers. God bless you.  
Ken, Sandy, Rachel, and Joel.*

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**The Zimmermann Family** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

BB

“ *Tom and Family*

*Thinking of you with a heart filled with compassion and love. I AM A PROMISE*

*Sing and shout for JOY*

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**Barbara Byrum** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

TF

“ *My family and I were deeply sadden by the loss of Portia Ramsey. Mrs. Ramsey was our daughter Ashley's teacher at Barkley during the '03-'04 school year. She was a wonderful person and a true inspiration to Ashley. Our prayers to both the Ramsey and Bearden families.*

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**The Huybers Family** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CF

“ *Portia was funloving and very thoughtful person. She came from a wonderful family. May God be with them.*

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**Carol Evans Friel** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SY

“ *To the Ramsey family my Heart and prayers go out to you and your famliy at this time. I remember Mrs. Ramsey as a wonderful caring teacher!! always smiling!!! She will be missed dearly!!! God Bless you and your family!!! RIP Mrs. Ramsey!!*

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**Suzanne Beaver - yelsangel@aol.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM