



**BRENDA TRAVIS**  
**March 16, 1945 – May 17, 2026**

We, SNCC veterans, are greatly saddened by the passing of our sister, Brenda Travis. Brenda, raised in McComb, Mississippi was part of a generation of activists and organizers whose political consciousness was heightened by the murder of Emmitt Till.

At the age of 15, she joined other young Mississippians, Hollis Watkins and Curtis Hayes, in direct-action campaigns to desegregate public facilities in McComb. In 1961, she was arrested for sitting in at the Greyhound Bus station. As a result of her actions against white supremacy, Brenda was expelled from the Burglund High School.

Brenda Travis continued to demonstrate against segregation in Mississippi and was yanked off the McComb City Hall steps and sent to jail without any judicial process. After being released from jail, Ms. Travis, with the assistance of Ella Baker, travelled to Chicago to finish her education.

Brenda's book "Mississippi Exiled Daughter" published in 2018 provides a first-hand account of her determination to use every fiber of her being to play a leadership role in the struggle for human and civil rights.

The SNCC Legacy Project was honored to include Brenda Travis' biographical materials in its SNCC Digital Gateway. The information can be accessed by going to <https://snccdigital.org/people/brenda-travis/>.