



Brenda B Blankestyn

April 12, 1939 - February 14, 2024

Brenda B. Blankestyn, 84, of Bradley, passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at Iroquois Memorial Resident Home in Watseka.

Brenda was born on April 12, 1939, to James H. and Marjorie (Miller) Belden. She married Percy Blankestyn on January 8, 1975, in Kankakee. She retired from assisting others as a patient care sitter at Riverside Medical Center.

Brenda was a parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. In her free time, Brenda enjoyed singing in the church choir, reading, shopping, most of all she enjoyed the time she spent with family and friends.

Brenda is survived by her son, Randall Regnier (Julie Barber); a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Gary Metschuleit; 2 grandchildren, Erik Metschuleit (Jenna Chapman), Morgan Metschuleit (Mark O'Connell); a niece, nephews; a favorite cat, Coco.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Percy Blankestyn; parents; brother, Timothy Belden; sister, Bethany Bayles; sister-in-law, Bobbe Belden; brother-in-law, Lyle Bayles.

Visitation will be held at St. Joseph Church in Bradley on Friday April 12, 2024, at 10am until the service at 10:30am with burial immediately following at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Iroquois Memorial Hospice.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S 3000 E Road
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St Joseph Catholic Church
211 N Center Ave
Bradley, IL 60915

Service

APR 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Burial

APR 12 (CT)

Kankakee Memorial Gardens
15 S 3000 E Road
Kankakee, IL 60901

Immediately following 10:30am service.

Tribute Wall



“ Was thinking of you the other day and the times we got to come up and visit when we were younger wish as a kid I would've taken more time to understand that the little moments in life mean the most when they are gone Love you and we all miss you Aunt Brenda



Kyle Bayles - April 13, 2024 at 04:57 PM

PL

“ A woman with a heart of gold. You truly will be missed.

Paul leach - April 08, 2024 at 09:01 PM

CB

“ Candi Brenneisen lit a candle in memory of Brenda B Blankestyn



Candi Brenneisen - April 08, 2024 at 01:07 PM

KP

“ *Brenda was such a fun lady. I met her maybe 5 years ago. Loved listening to her music at that time...especially the Beegees, Celine Dion, Andrea Bocelli and more. She also liked Jeopardy. But most of all she liked reading her murder mysteries and used to read a number of books every week. She liked salsa in her macaroni and cheese, Worcestershire sauce on her steak, celery and grapes. She was growing her veggie scraps in the kitchen and having fun like it was a little garden and was buying pots of mini roses and hyacinths (especially those) so she could have an indoor flower garden. I know she also missed Percy. She was a passionate, joyful, faithful lady who said the names of all her loved ones every evening in prayer before going to sleep. I will always remember Brenda, Brenda, Brenda! What a personality!!!* ❤️🙏❤️

Kristin Ponnambalam - February 27, 2024 at 04:18 PM

LI

“ *Brenda meant a lot to myself and my family. She will be deeply missed by all of us. My deepest sympathy to Debbie, Morgan and all the family.*



Lindsay - February 26, 2024 at 03:17 PM

MH

“ *My condolences to your whole family. Brenda was a wonderful person and I'm happy to have gotten to know her.*



Magen Hoffner - February 21, 2024 at 01:11 PM

GK

“ I grew up with Brenda on the south side of Kankakee. Have lots of fun memories with her and her brother Tim my sincerest prayers to her family.

Glendal Kilbride - February 17, 2024 at 05:05 PM

PD

“ Polly Davis lit a candle in memory of Brenda B Blankestyn



Polly Davis - February 17, 2024 at 04:14 PM

JB

“ Julie Barber lit a candle in memory of Brenda B Blankestyn



Julie Barber - February 17, 2024 at 03:23 PM