



Brenda Sue Ferrari

July 22, 1950 - February 23, 2025

Brenda Sue Ferrari, 74, of Centralia, passed peacefully into eternal rest on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Brenda was born in Mt. Vernon, IL, on Saturday, July 22, 1950, the daughter of Benjamin Hawkins and Opal (Meador) Hawkins. She married Dennis Ferrari on July 4, 1969 in Texico, IL, and he survives her in Centralia.

A beloved wife, mother, sister, and grandmother, Brenda is survived by her devoted husband Dennis of 56 years; her daughters Lori Stinde and special friend Jerry Hughes of Lake Station, IN, Beth Pantak and husband Steve of Centralia, and Amanda Biagi and husband Matt of Salem. Brenda also leaves behind her sister, Marilyn Albert and husband Jerry of Iuka, and her adored grandchildren, Hayden Biagi, Miah Pantak and fiance JaVon Williams, Adyson Pantak and special friend Brett Page, Phoenix Pantak, and Raven Pantak. She is also fondly remembered by several nieces and nephews.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin and Opal Hawkins, and her two brothers, Carl "Gleason" Hawkins and Douglas "Wayne" Hawkins.

Her career at Ross Flower Shop was emblematic of her creativity and passion. She took immense joy in crafting wedding arrangements and school dance bouquets for her children and grandchildren. Brenda's heart was fullest

when she attended her children's and grandchildren's after-school activities. She was so proud to watch them grow into the wonderful people they are today.

Faith was the cornerstone of Brenda's life. She attended Calumet Street Christian Church in Centralia where her belief in Jesus Christ provided her strength and comfort, knowing that one day she would be healed, and now by God's grace she has been made new. Her service to others extended beyond her family; she was a compassionate volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital since 2009. Brenda also found solace in knitting and reading, pursuits that mirrored her generous spirit and boundless compassion. Brenda was a beacon of love, faith, and kindness to all who knew her.

Friends and family are invited to join in celebrating Brenda's life on Friday, February 28, 2025 at 11:00 am at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Anthony Sweeney officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. A Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia.

In memory of Brenda, memorial donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, ensuring her legacy of kindness endures. They will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore St. in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Ferrari Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and on the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Brenda will be deeply missed, but remains forever in the hearts of those she touched, her spirit renewed by God's grace. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **27**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Brenda Sue Ferrari*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - February 27, 2025 at 04:16 PM

BH

“ *Dennis, (Swampy), we are so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. She was such a sweet person. You and your family are in our prayers.*
Dean & Becky Hill

Becky Hill - March 03, 2025 at 06:08 PM

PD

“ *Very sorry to read about the loss of your sister, Marilyn. Paul and Helen* 🙏🌹💕

Paul and Helen Donsbach - February 28, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brenda Sue Ferrari.*

February 27, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Sue Ferrari.*



February 27, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ *The memories and moments we shared will live on forever. We our forever grateful we got to make them moments with you. You will be missed by many.*



Ms. B Hawkins - February 26, 2025 at 01:06 PM



“ *Our condolences to Brenda’s family. So saddened by this. I worked with her for a few years at Ross Flower Shop. What a sweet and kind person!*
May our Heavenly Father comfort you all!
Vicky and Larry James

Vicky James - February 25, 2025 at 09:29 PM



“ *Love , Mary Ellen Muir purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Brenda Sue Ferrari.*



Love , Mary Ellen Muir - February 25, 2025 at 07:02 PM

HC

“ *Holiday Rent a Car planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Sue Ferrari.*

Holiday Rent a Car - February 25, 2025 at 04:44 PM

HC

“ *Holiday Rent a Car purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brenda Sue Ferrari.*



Holiday Rent a Car - February 25, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Sue Ferrari.*



February 25, 2025 at 03:12 PM



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February 25, 2025 at 02:56 PM

BW

“ Beth, I am so so sorry about your mom. Brenda was a lovely lady, inside & out. When I saw her, I would ask how you were doing. I'm going to miss seeing her. Prayers for you & yours. Barb Wall

Barbara Wall - February 25, 2025 at 02:13 PM

BE

“ I will so miss working with her on holidays at Ross Flower Shop. Our sympathies to her entire family. 🙏🙏🙏

Benita - February 25, 2025 at 11:53 AM

SK

“ Susan Salisbury Kleinedler lit a candle in memory of Brenda Sue Ferrari



Susan Salisbury Kleinedler - February 25, 2025 at 11:43 AM