



Brenda Pennington

May 16, 1962 - May 9, 2025

Brenda Pennington passed away on Friday, May 9, 2025, in Centralia, Illinois, just a week shy of her 63rd birthday. Born on May 16, 1962, in Centralia, Brenda is the daughter of John Bierman and Delores (Walton) Bierman.

Brenda married Mike Pennington in 1986 and he survives in Centralia. She is also survived by her sister, Teddy Diedrich, and brother-in-law Bruce of Nashville; her brother, Brad Bierman, and sister-in-law Cindi of Kell; her cherished daughters, Jona Meier and husband Dustin of Centralia, and Nicole Atchison and husband Eddie of Centralia. She was a proud grandmother to Gracie, Logan, Lexi, Devin, Cylas, and Lukas, and will also be fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Brenda was preceded in death by her father, John Bierman, and her mother, Delores Bierman, who undoubtedly welcomed her with open arms.

Brenda was known for her warmth and unwavering dedication to her family and friends. She spent over 40 years working in various retail businesses but her passions extended beyond her work. Brenda really enjoyed camping and traveling. At home, she found solace in her she-shed, where she spent countless hours creating crafts that reflected her vibrant spirit. Brenda loved watching the Centralia Orphans Basketball team, seldom missing a game and was a devoted NASCAR fan. Each Wednesday night, she would have dinner

with her friends, which she looked forward to every week.

A Celebration of Life to honor and Brenda will be held from 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. on Thursday May 15th at Cornerstone Church . In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks for donations to be made to Six Lemons and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Pennington Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Tribute Wall



JT

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I met Brenda at Macon Speedway several years ago. She was one of the kindest and funnest women I have known. I will cherish those memories forever. Sending hugs, thoughts, and prayers to all of her family and friends.



Jean Toothman - May 16, 2025 at 11:35 AM

TB

“ I have known and been friends with Brenda since grade school. She was a kind and generous, selfless soul. I will miss our long talks. Brenda fought the hard fight to the end. She remained funny and kept us laughing until we cried. May her new journey be uncomplicated, painless and magical. May her circle be unbroken . May peace be with her and her family .

Trima Shores Burge - May 15, 2025 at 08:45 AM

CC

“ What a wonderful person! We always spoke while I was out shopping, sorry for the loss of it's shining light.



Catherine “Cuz” Cortelloni - May 14, 2025 at 09:15 AM

HM

“ Bless her sweet soul. I have known Brenda and Mike for many years Brenda was always kind and sweet. My heart truly aches learning of her passing. I am sorry for her family's great loss. Rip my friend.



Helen Maddox - May 13, 2025 at 11:55 PM

DW

“ The family is in my thoughts & prayers. So sorry for your loss. 💕🙏💕🙏
With sympathy & condolences,
Donna (Roper- Queen) Wooters



Donna Wooters - May 13, 2025 at 05:37 PM

BC

“ This is kind of a long story, but several years ago my dad Jim Adams and I were at Terry Reynolds and dad was eating salsa. He said I don't know who made this but I would marry him. So that year for his birthday Brenda made him a large dish of salsa. It is now called dad's birthday salsa and we make it every time our family gets together. Loved Brenda she was a sweet kind person and I too will miss seeing her at Terry's for the holiday celebrations. So sorry for your loss bunny Christian

Bunny Christian - May 13, 2025 at 03:19 PM

BW

“ She was a special lady. I have many 'bargains' from Walmart when she worked the toy department. Loved her. She will be missed.

Brenda White - May 13, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *Growing up with cousins is special! May have been far apart for years but the love lives on forever. Rest in peace my dear cousin you will be missed but never forgotten. Vickie Guichard (Bierman)*

Vickie Guichard - May 12, 2025 at 08:59 PM