



Brenda Lou Farris

September 28, 1947 - November 29, 2022

Brenda Lou (Gulley) Farris, age 75 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday evening, November 29, 2022, at 9:14 PM at her home. Brenda was born September 28, 1947 in Anna, Illinois. She was the daughter of Louis I. "Pete" Gulley and Wanda Fern (Moake) Gulley.

Brenda is survived by: her son – Todd (Sarah) Farris of Mt. Pulaski, Illinois; a daughter-in-law – Dawn Farris of Ava, Illinois; 4 grandchildren – Tanner, Luke, Sydney, and Kendall; 2 brothers – Dean (Nita) Gulley and Terry Gulley all of Vienna; a niece and nephews – Tara, Jon and Jeremy Gulley; as well as a host of other relatives and many friends.

In addition to her parents, Brenda was preceded in death by a son – Matthew Farris.

Brenda was a 1965 graduate of Vienna High School. In her youth, she was employed as an assembler at the Good Luck Glove Factory in Vienna and later by Florsheim Shoe Company in Anna. Brenda was employed for approximately 25 years as a correctional officer at Shawnee Correctional Center, prior to her retirement. She proudly wore Badge # 100.

Brenda was a homemaker and loved spending time with family and friends. She particularly cherished her grandchildren; they were her joy.

Additionally, Brenda was an avid NASCAR fan. Her favorite drivers were Rusty Wallace, Tony Stewart, and Kevin Harvick. Brenda also enjoyed shopping and regular trips to Wal-Mart. She was also a Home Shopping Network fan.

Brenda was a member of the First Christian Church in Vienna.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Brother Les Chamberlain will officiate.

Burial will be in the Johnson Cemetery, east of Vienna.

Visitation will be held Monday, December 5, 2022, from 4 PM - 7 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Johnson Cemetery Fund c/o Russ Farris, 1123 Ketch Lane, Venice, Florida 34285 or to the Vienna First Christian Church, P.O. Box 637, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Cemetery Details

Johnson Cemetery

2855 State Rt. 146 E.
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
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Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Bailey Funeral Home - December 07, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *Brenda Lou Farris*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Earl & Ruby Moore and family.*

Ruby Moore - December 05, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ *Brenda was such a special, strong woman and Rod and I will miss our special neighbor.*

Sylvia Schmidt Davidson - December 04, 2022 at 07:44 PM



“ *Prayers for her loved ones.*

Kaye Harris - December 04, 2022 at 10:13 AM

KM

“ Prayers of strength and faith for family and friends.



Kevin and Holly Mount - December 04, 2022 at 09:47 AM

KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Karen Brumley - December 03, 2022 at 09:31 AM

GT

“ Greg Taylor lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Greg Taylor - December 03, 2022 at 01:50 AM

MH

“ Mary Hynes lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Mary Hynes - December 02, 2022 at 06:09 PM

JM

“ Justin & Jennifer Mount lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Justin & Jennifer Mount - December 02, 2022 at 05:12 PM

JJ

Thinking of you and your family during this time.

Justin and Jennifer - December 02, 2022 at 05:13 PM

MT

“ Mike & Kathy Toohey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Brenda Lou Farris.



Mike & Kathy Toohey - December 02, 2022 at 03:48 PM

LB

“ So sorry to read this, prayers and thoughts sent to the family. We were classmates of VHS, class of 1965.



Linda McCuan Biethman - December 02, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Lou Farris.*



December 02, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ *Tamri Huckelberry lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



tamri huckelberry - December 02, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ *Robert And Lori Taylor lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Robert and Lori Taylor - December 02, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ *Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay - December 01, 2022 at 11:02 PM

SC

“ *Sarena Campbell lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Sarena Campbell - December 01, 2022 at 02:02 PM

LM

“ *Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Linda and Jeff Mathis - December 01, 2022 at 11:05 AM

BG

“ *Bruce Gibbons lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Bruce Gibbons - December 01, 2022 at 09:22 AM

JG

“ *Jane Gaensslen lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Jane Gaensslen - December 01, 2022 at 09:13 AM

DH

“ Dallas And Charlene Harner sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Dallas and Charlene Harner - December 01, 2022 at 08:34 AM

JS

“ John Slack lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris



John Slack - December 01, 2022 at 08:15 AM

LG

“ Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Lora Goddard - December 01, 2022 at 07:32 AM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Teresa Richerson - December 01, 2022 at 07:17 AM

SH

“ Steve & Jeannie Housewright lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Steve & Jeannie Housewright - December 01, 2022 at 04:25 AM

PS

“ Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Paula Sullivan - December 01, 2022 at 01:39 AM

DP

“ Dave And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Dave and Pat Prewitt - December 01, 2022 at 12:13 AM

WB

“ Wm&Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Wm&Nancy Belford - November 30, 2022 at 11:25 PM

BH

“ *Betty Heaton lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Betty Heaton - November 30, 2022 at 10:50 PM



“ *Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Mike Crews - November 30, 2022 at 10:43 PM

BR

“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Bobby Rentfro - November 30, 2022 at 10:25 PM

BS

“ *My heart is so broken,she was like a second grandma to me,I loved all our talks and I could tell her anything and she would give the best advice,I will miss her so very much..love you until we meet again.prayers for her family,she loved those grand babies so very much,she was kept me updated on how they were growing up so fast.😭..*

Brandi short - November 30, 2022 at 10:14 PM

DT

So sorry to hear this. My Dad worked for years for the Farris's. I brought my first car from Joe. She was so sweet and will be missed. My condolences to her family.

Donna Travelstead - November 30, 2022 at 10:27 PM

JP

So sad to hear of the passing of my longtime friend. Such a kind lady. I loved our long talks when I was her neighbor. She will be missed by many who lived her so. RIP "bluffer" ❤️ ☐

joyce Drew Phillips - November 30, 2022 at 10:47 PM

DM

“ I was so sorry to read of Brenda's passing. She was always so much fun to talk to, and we've kept in touch through Christmas cards for the past 25 years. I know she will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Doug Mathis - November 30, 2022 at 09:31 PM

MM

“ She had the gift of humor—wherever she was you could hear laughter among her friends. VHS Class of 65 . Condolences to her family.



Margaret Mathis - November 30, 2022 at 08:56 PM

SJ

“ Steve And Darla Jones lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Steve and Darla Jones - November 30, 2022 at 08:54 PM

NC

“ *Nancy Cross lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Nancy Cross - November 30, 2022 at 08:49 PM

NC

“ *Hugs and prayers for all of Brenda's family.. Good friend of mine.. Nancy Cross*

Nancy Cross - November 30, 2022 at 08:45 PM

EH

“ *Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Ernie Henshaw - November 30, 2022 at 08:35 PM

LT

“ *Lee And Mary Turner lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Lee and Mary Turner - November 30, 2022 at 08:26 PM

VE

“ Vicki Eastwood lit a candle in memory of
Brenda Lou Farris



Vicki Eastwood - November 30, 2022 at 08:14 PM

BC

“ Bob And Kim Collins lit a candle in memory of
Brenda Lou Farris



Bob and Kim Collins - November 30, 2022 at 08:12 PM

JN

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Lou Farris



Judy Nutty - November 30, 2022 at 07:48 PM

DR

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Diane Rainbolt - November 30, 2022 at 07:41 PM

SE

“ Sabrina Ethridge lit a candle in memory of
Brenda Lou Farris



Sabrina Ethridge - November 30, 2022 at 07:30 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of
Brenda Lou Farris



Cheryl Harris - November 30, 2022 at 07:29 PM

BE

“ Beth And Mark Elliott sent a virtual gift in
memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Beth and Mark Elliott - November 30, 2022 at 06:50 PM

SN

“ Sam Riley And Deb Newton lit a candle in
memory of Brenda Lou Farris



Sam Riley and Deb Newton - November 30, 2022 at 06:49 PM

FW

“ *Fay Wenzel lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Fay Wenzel - November 30, 2022 at 06:43 PM

FW

R.I.P. my dear friend. Sure will miss our yearly lunch meetings. Love you ❤️😭

Fay Wenzel - November 30, 2022 at 06:44 PM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Linda Koehler - November 30, 2022 at 06:42 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris*



Bill and Barb Warmack - November 30, 2022 at 06:35 PM



“ *Michael Favors lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris* ”



Michael Favors - November 30, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lou Farris* ”



Jeannie McCall - November 30, 2022 at 06:33 PM