



Brenda Harshbarger

September 6, 1960 - September 6, 2019

Brenda Harshbarger, 59, of Zeeland, passed away on Friday, September 6, 2019, at her home. Brenda was born August 22, 1960, in Monterey, California, to Roland and Elfriede (Weber) Allen. Brenda was raised in Frankfort, Indiana, and graduated from Frankfort Senior High. She later graduated from the Grand Rapids Community College Nursing Program. Brenda married Brian Harshbarger in 1981, and they raised their two children together. The Harshbargers moved to West Michigan in the mid 1990's. Brenda loved being "Up North" in Michigan, especially hiking in the U.P. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Brian, daughter Jessica Long, son Chad Harshbarger, grandsons: Colby Long and Hayden Long; sisters: Emily Neher, Kathleen Allen, Caroline Hood; mother-in-law Lou Ann DeLong, sisters-in-law: Rhonda Reagan, Risa Noeske, Kim Lind, Melody Soucy, and many extended family and friends. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, September 14, 2019, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland 49464. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland.

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Brenda Harshbarger*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - September 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Brenda Harshbarger*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Brian, I'm so sorry to hear about Brenda. She was a wonderful person. My prayers are with you and your family."*

Jamie Hardesty - September 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I am sincerely sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. She was the first person to make me feel welcome in my new school when I moved to Frankfort. I enjoyed our friendship very much and I have sure missed it with the distance between us. Her laugh was contagious and her fun loving spirit brought some belly laughs and fun times. I am praying for peace and comfort to you all during this devastating time."*

Anita Hodge - September 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CS

“*Brian, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. You have our deepest sympathy. Scott and Cindy Sharp*”

Cindy Sharo - September 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MC

“*We are so sorry. Brenda was such a kind and caring person. Praying for peace and comfort for Brian and the family. We were all blessed to have known Brenda.*”

Mike Crews - September 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AP

“*Brenda was very special. She was always so much fun.*”

Annette Patchett - September 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

FC

“*Brian, Chad, and Jess, the circumstances that brought me into your family were tragic, but being able to find a haven, in the midst of personal turmoil, was akin to finding a second family. I will never forget the kindness you all had shown me, especially Brenda. Words cannot convey how truly sorry I am to hear of Brenda's passing, but I know she is in a better place. She was a loving, kind, and giving person, especially of herself. I have no doubts that Heaven rejoiced at her Homecoming. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. God bless and keep you!*”

Frances Cottrell - September 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SR

“So very sorry to hear of your loss. I agree with many others that say Brenda was an Awesome woman with a GREAT laugh and Beautiful smile. It was extremely difficult to be in a bad mood around her. Jess, I will continue to hold you and the boys in my heart while you remember and grieve for your mom! She was a ONE OF A KIND. LOVE YOU Sarah, Brad and Avery”

Sarah Ruch - September 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Brian and family our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. We have some great memories of her from work and other times when we got together. John and Deb Kryger”

A friend - September 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“I am deeply sorry your loss. Brenda was a wonderful person. I worked with her at Freedom Village.”

Diane Springer - September 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KV

“We are going to miss her at work. Prayers go out to the family”

Kathy VerHulst - September 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CB

“Brian, my heart was broken this morning when they learned of Brenda's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. You and your family have my sincere condolences.”

Carol Burr - September 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RP

“*Brian and Family, Brenda was one special Lady and I will never forget her. Every time I moved to any place I always took a picture that I had of Brenda and Brian with me and set it on the frig... I remember all the help you both gave me when I was going through hard times. You both lifted my spirit every time and made sure to always keep in touch. Brenda will always be a part of me no matter what happens she is in my heart and in my memories. Robin Patton Lannon Wisconsin*”

Robin Patton - September 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JH

“*Brian sorry for your loss,I will all ways remember Brendas chocolate chip cookies,I will say prayers for you and your family.*”

Jeffrey Hoekenga - September 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KA

“*I am so saddened hearing the news of Brenda's passing. I enjoyed working with her at Mallory. She was so funny, full of laughter, and a hard worker. I pray for her and her family for peace and comfort.*”

Kat - September 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MB

“*So sorry for your loss Brian. Mike and I enjoyed working with your both many years ago at Prince. Brenda was a sweet, fun and sassy lady she will be missed.*”

Michelle Bender - September 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AC

“*Brian I am so sorry for your loss!! Had a lot of fun working with Brenda at Donaldson in Frankfort*”

Annette Carney - September 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Liz meyering, Holland mi”

A friend - September 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“Brenda was one of the most beautiful, compassionate, thoughtful, loving, gifted and fun people I've ever known. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. She will be truly missed.”

Deb Schultz - September 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EH

“Brian, When eddie and I moved here from New York and worked at Mallory we met you and Brenda you made us fell so welcome. Brenda will always be rembered for her smile, laughter , and kindness. You both have always had a place in our hearts. Prayer for you.”

Ed Brenda Harrington - September 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JS

“Caroline and Brad. So very sorry for your loss. And will pray for peace and comfort for you in your upcoming months.”

Judy Smith - September 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BG

“Brenda was a coworker of my husband and I at Mallory in the late 80's/ early 90's. She was a sweet, helpful lady. She worked hard, and laughed hard. We will never forget this woman. Sending our heartfelt condolences to Brian and the family ❤️”

Brenda and Rick Grice - September 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AB

“*Brian, I am so sorry for your loss Brenda was a very inspiring nurse and women to know! She was such a ray of Sunshine and always good for a laugh We worked together at Freedom village. You should have seen the way she lit up the faces of our residents! And, the encouragement she gave her coworkers was just the breath of fresh air we needed.*”

Afton Busscher - September 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MB

“*My prayers and thoughts are with you, Brian and your whole family. I was so shocked to this on Facebook.*”

Mary Lou Bundy - September 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KZ

“*My sincere condolences...this is unbelievable. Brenda was a true gem. I worked with her when I worked at The Inn at Freedom Village. I am truly sorry...my heart breaks for her family.*”

Kym Zumbrink - September 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RZ

“*I felt my Heart sink when i heard of her passing... I had great respect for her as a person and as a nurse. She was amazing in everyway. My most sincere condolences for you all. My heart and prayers are with you!*”

Ruby Zamorano - September 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CB

“I was lucky to have had Brenda as a neighbor for a few years. We enjoyed our time by laughing alot. I'm so sorry her life was cut short. Missed her when she moved to Michigan and even though we didnt see each other much after that I still feel a great loss in my life now. To Brian, Jess and Chad and grandkids, I am so so sorry.”

Chris Barnett - September 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JH

“So sorry for your loss!! I worked with Brenda at Freedom Village. She was a wonderful caring woman. I am so sorry for your families loss!”

Jean Hoekstra - September 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM