



Brenda Pruitt

January 2, 1942 - November 15, 2022

Brenda Joyce Wood Pruitt, age 80, from Judsonia peacefully went to live with Jesus on November 15, 2022. She was a beautiful person who spread joy and happiness wherever she went.

Brenda was born January 2, 1942, to Virgil and Norma Wood in Batesville, Arkansas. She leaves behind her husband of 64 years, Buddy Pruitt; two sons, Mark (Kathleen) Pruitt of Beebe and Tim (Claire) Pruitt of Olive Branch, Mississippi; Six Grandchildren: Drew Pruitt, Miriam Pruitt, Allison Pruitt, Hunter Pruitt, Emma Pruitt, and Cody Wood; five great-grandchildren; brother, Mitchell (Marie) Wood of El Dorado, Kansas; and several nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; infant daughter, Lee Michele; sister, Betty Smith; and nephew, Eric Pruitt.

Brenda was a longtime, faithful member of First United Methodist Church in Searcy and a member of the Pairs and Spares Sunday school class.

Brenda attended Searcy Public Schools for 11 years and was a majorette in the marching band. After marrying her high school sweetheart, Buddy Pruitt in 1958, she graduated from Beebe High School in 1959. Together, they built and operated an Insurance and Real Estate business in Judsonia, Arkansas, where she served as Vice-President.

Brenda was a stay-at-home mother until her children were in high school, at which time she attended Harding University. She graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1994 with a degree in political science. After graduation, Brenda entered public service, serving as the late County Judge Waylon Heathscott's administrative assistant for several years until she went to work for the Association of Arkansas Counties. She retired in 2006 as their Executive Director.

Brenda was an avid traveler, and she loved spending time on the lake, reading, cooking, and entertaining her family and friends.

The family extends their gratitude to Arkansas Hospice in Searcy for their excellent care. The family is especially grateful for Heather Cloyes, RN, and Sheila Piety, Brenda's personal care assistant.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Searcy Arkansas on November 21st at 1 P.M. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations can be made to the First United Methodist Church in Searcy.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

NOV **21**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
304 N Main St
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-5896

Tribute Wall

HP

“ *She was the smartest person I've ever known. She never gave up on anything. She would also persevere no matter what. She could answer any question anybody ever had. She loved her travels and knew everything about everything.*

Hunter Pruitt - December 02, 2022 at 03:53 PM

HP

“ *Hunter Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Brenda Pruitt*



Hunter Pruitt - December 02, 2022 at 03:49 PM

HP

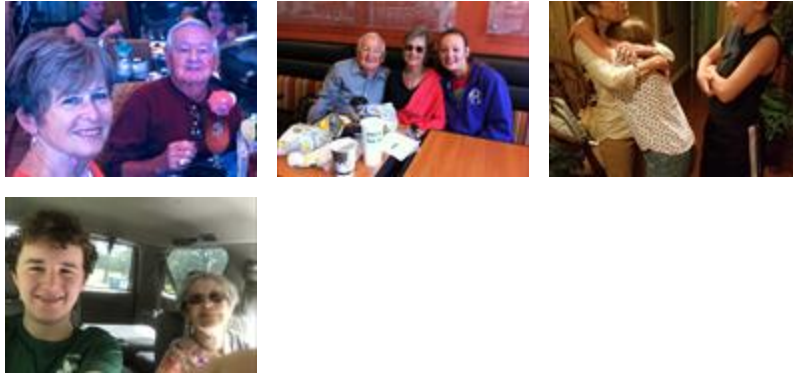
“ *Hunter Pruitt sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Pruitt*



Hunter Pruitt - December 02, 2022 at 03:49 PM

HP

“ 4 files added to the album *The Wonderful Brenda (Grans)*



Hunter Pruitt - December 02, 2022 at 03:48 PM

HP

“ *I loved and still love her so much. She was my beloved grandmother. Like the rest of her grandchildren, to me she was Grans. I love you Grans and I'll see you again one day. Until then forever in my heart shall you be.*

Hunter Pruitt - December 02, 2022 at 03:46 PM

BW

“ *Buddy I am so so sorry to hear about Brenda. I just found out this afternoon. Brenda was so sweet to me and I treasured her friendship. Barbara Dean McEuen White*

Barbara White - November 21, 2022 at 01:21 PM

BU

Thank you Barbara Brenda is the love of my life. She has been gone almost 10 months and I miss her. She loved you also and we treasure your friend ship. Appreciate your friendship

Buddygruitt - August 31, 2023 at 01:12 PM

JM

“ We have been friends with Brenda and Buddy for many years. Our hearts are broken for the family and friends of Brenda. We are praying for Buddy and family at this most difficult time. 🙏🙏❤️

Judy Maddox - November 20, 2022 at 06:32 PM

LJ

“ Lee Jones lit a candle in memory of Brenda Pruitt



Lee Jones - November 20, 2022 at 02:09 PM

SB

“ Sandra Burgess lit a candle in memory of Brenda Pruitt



Sandra Burgess - November 18, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ We shared many memories with Buddy and Brenda. Brenda was physically beautiful, petite, always impeccably dressed. She was very bright, great memory and sharp as a tack! She had many friends because of her lively personality and was successful in anything she attempted. We will miss our friend and send our deepest sympathy to Buddy, her children and family.

Frances Clark - November 18, 2022 at 03:38 PM

FO

“ *Fonda lit a candle in memory of Brenda Pruitt*



Fonda - November 18, 2022 at 10:24 AM

PA

“ *What a gracious lady. Buddy I am so sorry for your loss. Sending comforting prayers*

Paula Allen - November 18, 2022 at 08:46 AM

JH

“ *I have such great memories of Brenda and Buddy from our boating days. She was an amazing, funny, bright lady. Praying for peace and comfort for her family.*

Jackie Huckaby - November 18, 2022 at 12:09 AM

JH

“ *Mr. Buddy and family; so sorry for your loss and want you to know i will be thinking of you, Johnny Hodges*

Johnny Hodges - November 17, 2022 at 09:05 PM

JH

“ *I don't have the flowery words to describe what Brenda meant to me. She always had a kind word and hard work ethic and taught me so much. My heart goes out to Buddy, Mark and Tim and their families. I know what a large void Brenda has left.*



Jeanne Hunt - November 17, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Pruitt.*



November 17, 2022 at 08:51 PM



“ *Lucy Sumpter Fussell lit a candle in memory of Brenda Pruitt*



Lucy Sumpter Fussell - November 17, 2022 at 08:43 PM



“ *Fonda lit a candle in memory of Brenda Pruitt*



Fonda - November 17, 2022 at 08:14 PM