



Brenda Ann Keaton

April 26, 1951 - May 7, 2020

Brenda Ann Darnell Keaton, age 69, passed away on Friday, May 7, 2020 at her home in Manassas, VA. She was born on April 26, 1951 in The Plains, VA to Rosie Wines and James A. Darnell. Brenda loved her friends and family dearly. She also loved a fresh snowfall, playing bingo, and helping others. She had such a colorful, exciting personality. She could brighten any room with just her presence. To anyone who knew Brenda well, they knew that she was always the life of the party and always spoke her mind. Brenda may be gone but her memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved her forever. She was fortunate enough to have a lot of dear friends and co-workers. A few friends that the family would like to recognize are Gloria Bryant, Chris Balbius, and Lorraine Wright.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Rosie Wines Darnell and is survived by her beloved husband, Dennard "Dennis" Keaton; her son Derick Keaton (fiancé Lori Morris); granddaughter, Kierstin Morris; stepson, Eric Keaton (Maria); and grandchildren Evan and Emma. She is also survived by her siblings: Ronnie Darnell of Leon, VA; James Darnell, Jr. of Marshall, VA; Sandra Darnell of Front Royal, VA; and David Darnell of Marshall, VA. Additionally, she is survived by her nieces: April, Penny, Stephanie, Missy, Christy, and Tiffany; as well as two great nieces and thirteen great nephews.

Tribute Wall

JM

“*Brenda was very special to her D36 family. I have worked with Brenda the past 15 years. She was not only a coworker, but a friend. She was very genuine and thoughtful. She always thought of others and celebrated them during their birthdays or any other time that deemed a celebration. She would always ask about my son and always popped her head in my office when she knew I was having "off" days. My last conversation with her was very special as we sent messages on instant messenger to communicate during COVID. She will be deeply missed by many. To Brenda's family, please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers. It still doesn't seem real that she is no longer with us. When we "open" back up and return to the office more frequently, it will never be the same not to see her first thing in the morning or hearing the noise of her filling up the M&M bowl. We will always have an angel watching over us here in D36. Rest easy, Brenda. We love you.*

Jennifer Male

Jennifer Male - June 03, 2020 at 03:02 PM

JM

“*Jennifer Male lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ann Keaton*



Jennifer Male - June 03, 2020 at 02:57 PM

RG

“ To Keaton and Darnell Families,
I am so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing, she
was a sweet lady that had always made me
smile i am smiling now as i stare at her
picture, as a kid 1 thing i remember is being
fascinated with her gun chewing skills (lol) and her devotion to the
people she cared for. I know her passing will leave behind
wonderful memories full of love but also a broken heart until you see
each other again. Hugs and kisses with deep felt Love and
Sympathy for you all.
Sincerely,
Roberta Herrell Gray



Roberta Gray - May 22, 2020 at 06:38 AM

LH

“ Lakesha Hairston lit a candle in memory of
Brenda Ann Keaton



Lakesha Hairston - May 20, 2020 at 02:24 PM

AS

“ Alfreda Shinns lit a candle in memory of
Brenda Ann Keaton



Alfreda Shinns - May 18, 2020 at 07:58 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Hill lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ann Keaton*



Barbara Hill - May 18, 2020 at 01:26 PM

BH

“ *Brenda will be missed. I have fond memories of her and will treasure the many road trips we shared going to meetings and training classes together. You could always count on her to make you laugh. May God's love comfort you as you go through this season. May the memories you hold dear help in some way to ease the pain of losing a loved one. Brenda, thank you for the memories.*

Barbara Hill - May 18, 2020 at 01:25 PM

DT

“ *Deborah Thompson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brenda Ann Keaton.*



Deborah Thompson - May 18, 2020 at 08:48 AM

DT

“ *Deborah Thompson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ann Keaton*



Deborah Thompson - May 18, 2020 at 08:09 AM

DT

We were not only colleagues but had developed a strong bond of trust as friends, BFF. As a new OSS, she shared her wealth of knowledge and experiences. Frequently, we attend OSS event in Richmond and we traveled together. They were memorable experiences. She attended my retirement party and we kept in touch by texts and phone calls, regularly.

Deborah Thompson - May 18, 2020 at 08:21 AM

DT

My prayers go to the Keaton Family.

Deborah Thompson - May 18, 2020 at 09:51 AM

SH

*Brenda was so helpful to us and very professional. We will miss her.
Stephanie Hardenburg, PhD, CFS, Inc*

Stephanie Hardenburg - May 29, 2020 at 11:34 PM

EH

“ Elaine Hilton lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ann Keaton



Elaine Hilton - May 15, 2020 at 04:44 PM

LH

“ LaKesha Hairston lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ann Keaton



LaKesha Hairston - May 15, 2020 at 04:41 PM

TC

“ On behalf of CCC (DOC’s cleaning company), we offer our deepest condolences to the Keaton’s family; she will be greatly missed by all of us!



The Macon’s & Team CCC - May 15, 2020 at 03:29 PM

MW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Maggie Winder - May 14, 2020 at 08:10 PM

MW

“ I knew Brenda for almost 1/2 of my adult life. Her passing still leaves me shaken, but I take comfort in all the great memories we shared, whether at work or on a trip somewhere. She was a very private person & to many could seem quiet & introverted. But the Brenda I knew & will remember was always front & center, strong & assured, eager to laugh & the life of any party. I pray for the family, that they find peace knowing she touched so many during her life’s journey.

Maggie Winder - May 14, 2020 at 07:47 PM

LH

“ My Dear Brenda,
I am at a loss of words and I have been since I heard the news. As we both would speak of the Lord and his word, there's no doubt that you have gain your heavily wings. You were truly a great and devoted Mother, Wife, Supervisor, and friend. You managed to do were all of these rolls so effortlessly and I will be forever grateful for our friendship. We worked great together, laughed , told stories, celebrated our birthdays together, and best of all we made MEMORIES together that I will always hold in my heart. I will take the valuable lessons and advise with me and share it with others as graceful as you would do. As you would say, "We are stubborn Taurus", and we love just as hard. I will continue to pray for your family and Dude as I know that they will need it to get through. I keep your memory alive and continue to pray...Keep watching over us...

LaKasha Hairston - May 14, 2020 at 07:44 PM

MW

“ Maggie Winder lit a candle in memory of
Brenda Ann Keaton



Maggie Winder - May 14, 2020 at 07:41 PM

LH

“ LaKasha Hairston lit a candle in memory of
Brenda Ann Keaton



LaKasha Hairston - May 14, 2020 at 07:28 PM

GB

“ The Lord brings people into our lives to enrich our lives and that was certainly the case when Brenda became an important part of my world. She was not only one of the hardest working and most productive employees I ever had, but she also became a friend for life. She was a woman of few words with a beautiful soul, but I knew she considered me her friend when she gave me a framed cross-stitch that she found at a yard sale that says “The way to a friend’s house is never long”. It still occupies a Special Place on my kitchen wall in in my heart. My world is a little grayer now and I already miss you so much, my friend, but I so look forward to the day when we will be reunited. I pray for God’s comfort and peace for the family — a peace that only the Prince of Peace can grant.

Gloria Bryan

Gloria Bryan - May 14, 2020 at 06:34 PM

AS

“ I have will always remember Brenda. She was my confidant and office mother. She always looked after others and now will be looked after by her higher power. My heart is heavy but I find her memories consoling. She always said to me” Alfreda I got it we will be OK.” Thank You Keaton family for sharing her with me.

Alfreda Shinns - May 14, 2020 at 05:18 PM