



Brenda Lee Best

JUL 9, 1952 - AUG 28, 2024



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Brenda Lee Best: July 9, 1952 - August 28, 2024, Brenda was born in Purcellville to her parents Emma F. Casilear and Charles W. Best. She grew up on a farm in the Virginia countryside where she was an award-winning equestrian. Brenda earned a BA and MA in Psychology with an emphasis in substance abuse and addiction counseling, before proudly serving in the US Navy for 13 years. She then worked as an elementary school teacher for over 30 years until retiring in 2019.

Brenda was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008 and cruised annually with the Breast Cancer Thrivers group since 2009. She was an adventurer, a storyteller, and one of the most fun people you would ever have the pleasure to spend time with. Brenda lived every day to its fullest, and wanted to help others do the same. She spread love, humor, and joy every day until her last.

Brenda loved good food, reading, making people laugh, rainy days, and spontaneity. She rode motorcycles, had a thriving garden, and was an amazing mother. She volunteered with her church, the Breast Cancer Thrivers group, and would docent at various museums.

Brenda is survived by her daughter Michaella Bracken-Best, and her partner Brenda Bracken.

Graveside services were held September 21, 2024, at Union Cemetery in Leesburg, Va.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Breast Cancer Thrivers' Anchors of Hope, or the First Baptist Church Sycolin.



Events


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Visitation

 **Saturday**, September 21, 2024


 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **Loudoun Funeral Chapel**
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA 20175



Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, September 21, 2024

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET


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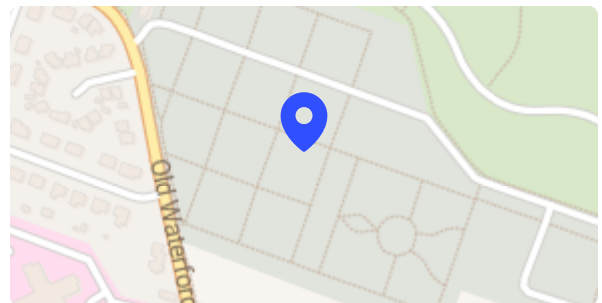


Burial

 **Saturday**, September 21, 2024

 1:00 PM ET

 **Leesburg Union Cemetery**
323 N King St, Leesburg VA 20176-2211





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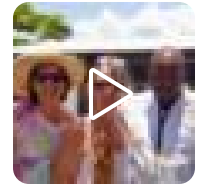
Mabel Wilde lit a candle in honor of Brenda.
Brenda... you are the epitome of joy~ XOXOXO Mabel

October 15 at 10:29 AM



Brenda Bracken shared a video to the **Video for Brenda Best** album.

September 25 at 6:24 AM



Judi Patterson September 26 at 7:06 AM

My most precious memory of Brenda is my trip to spend some time with her in the Virginia home that she so deeply loved. It was April of 2015. This is how she described my destination -- "A short drive will take you from a fast-paced busy airport to the countryside of Virginia. tree-lined roads that lead to a quiet community.....Your destination--a small, yet comfortable cottage on the western limits of Leesburg, Virginia, with views of local mountains." Your visit to this part of the country will transport you back to a time of peaceful living and tranquil times. Evenings spent sipping a favorite drink on the veranda. Nighttime rituals of birds finding a night roost, and crickets making evening sounds to end the day." Brenda loved this home of her earlier years. How fitting it is that she will rest there.



Vickie May 28 at 3:49 PM

She loved to dance. I will never forget her. I'm so sorry for your loss. VICKIE



Judi Patterson September 26 at 10:50 AM

Such a beautiful video -- easy to see that it has been lovingly created! I have great memories of writing, church choir, lots of talks and crazy fun with Brenda when she was living in San Diego. I always hoped she would come back here for a visit one of these days. Brenda, you were a significant and dear friend. I miss you.



Brenda Bracken September 26 at 9:19 AM

A life well lived, thoroughly enjoyed and shared by many! I will always always love you dear one. xo b k b



Chauntelle Leavitt sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Best family.

September 18 at 2:47 PM





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Chauntelle Leavitt planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Brenda.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Brenda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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