



Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff

September 22, 1955 - December 26, 2014

Brenda K. Woodruff, age 59, of New Haven, passed away on December 26, 2014, in her home, with her family by her side. She was born on September 22, 1955, in Fort Worth, Texas, to the late Ronald and Doris Couto. She married Michael Woodruff, Sr., on July 24, 1973, in Mt. Clemens, he preceded her death on April 8, 2004, after 31 years of marriage.

Brenda retired from New Haven Community Schools, after 23 years of service. She was well known by everyone as "Mrs. Brenda", the bus driver. She also served for 15 years, as the first female firefighter of New Haven and Lenox Township fire departments.

She is survived by her children; Michele (Dean) Sieting of New Haven, Marcia (Brian) Pelione of Utica, Michael Woodruff, Jr., of New Haven, grandchildren; Zack, Jesse, Haley, Grace, Michael III, Neno and Liam, step father, Kenneth Nevin, sisters; Kim (Jeff) Meyer, Kristin (John) Case, Kari (Norm) Brook, brothers; Keith Nevin, Ronald Couto, Brian Couto and Lee Couto, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Aaron (Denise) Woodruff, Theresa (Al) Potrykus, Anthony (Janice) Woodruff, Cyril Sieveke, Wendy Moore and Mary Woodruff, along with several loving nieces, nephew and lifelong friends.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Lynette Sieveke and brothers, Richard Couto and Robert Couto.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at 12:00pm (noon), in the Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 58527 Delanie St., New Haven. Reverend John L. Mack will officiate. Visiting will be Tuesday,

December 30, 2014, from 1:00pm until 8:00pm in the Jowett Funeral Home – 57737 Gratiot, New Haven, and again on Wednesday, from 11:00 am until time of service at 12:00pm (noon).

Memorial tributes can be made to the wishes of the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - New Haven
57737 Gratiot Avenue
New Haven, MI 48048
(586) 749-9585
jowettfamily@comcast.net
<https://www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com>

Visitation

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
58527 Delanie Street
New Haven, MI

Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
58527 Delanie Street
New Haven, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Jennifer Mann sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff



Jennifer Mann - January 24, 2015 at 02:58 AM



“ Brenda and Mike lived two doors down from me in New haven for 15 years. She was a good lady, mom, wife. off to heaven to be with Mike.

Denise Shepard - December 31, 2014 at 11:28 PM



“ I met Brenda when her family moved in next door to mine. We became fast friends, I really looked up to her since she was a whole year older than me! We had fun rollerskating and chasing boys, sometimes at the same time! I left Michigan at age 21 but we stayed in touch over the years. About 5 years ago we met up in Vegas after not seeing each other for many years. We had a great time and I'm so glad I got to spend time with her when she was happy and full of life as she always was.



Love and comfort to Michele, Marsha, Michael and all the grandchildren

Wendy Casbar Moyè

Wendy Casbar Moyè - December 30, 2014 at 09:22 PM

WM

“ Wendy Casbar Moyè purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff.



Wendy Casbar Moyè - December 30, 2014 at 09:05 PM

LI

“ Lisa lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff



Lisa - December 30, 2014 at 12:37 PM

NB

“ SHE WAS A SPECIAL PERSON WHO WILL BE MISSED BY EVERYONE. THE LORD WILL WELCOME HER WITH OPEN ARMS.
NOREEN AND GREG BILLY

NOREEN & GREG BILLY - December 30, 2014 at 10:50 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff.



December 30, 2014 at 10:35 AM

JS

“ *Joanne Sudnik lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff*



Joanne Sudnik - December 30, 2014 at 07:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff.*



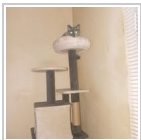
December 29, 2014 at 10:40 PM



“ *Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff.*



December 29, 2014 at 09:40 PM



“ *Tj Coalts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff*



Tj Coalts - December 29, 2014 at 09:34 PM

SA

“ Where do I even begin....I am still very much in shock and havent really accepted the fact you are really gone. I am heart broken and deeply hurt....but most of all my heart goes out to your children/grandchildren, I know they're feeling lost without you, I understand their pain. Our last conversation was on the phone a while back....u had sent me a message on FB to call u right away, of course I did in a panic....just to find out u needed me to call so u could find your phone....hahaha we both belly laughed and chatted for a while. I will miss you so much aunt Bren...you along with the rest of our family's angels will always be in my heart. Give my mama and sister a hug for me.....miss and love you always! 💕
-Sameria K.

Sameria - December 29, 2014 at 04:58 PM

NH

“ You will be missed by many and remembered by all who have had the opportunity to share in even a short distance of time on your journey in and thru our lives!
Thank You Miss Brenda!
The Hadrich Family



Neil Hadrich - December 29, 2014 at 12:53 PM

SA

“ Sandy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff



Sandy - December 29, 2014 at 12:10 PM

SA

What the caterpillar perceives as the end to the butterfly is just the beginning.

Sandy - December 29, 2014 at 12:30 PM

LH

“ *Brenda was a nice person who will be missed by many. Love ya Brenda, rest in peace.* ”



Louise Hofman-Phelps - December 28, 2014 at 11:24 PM

TF

“ *The Abraham Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff* ”



The Abraham Family - December 28, 2014 at 11:20 PM

MS

“ *Oh mommy how I miss u so much. I want my best friend back. What am I gonna do without you* ❤️ ”

Michele Sieting - December 28, 2014 at 07:52 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - December 28, 2014 at 06:00 PM

SA

What great memories shared during summers in New Jersey, you will be missed. Much Love Always, Sandy

Sandy - December 29, 2014 at 12:44 PM

JM

“ Love and prayers are sent to you all

Jackie Moore - December 28, 2014 at 04:56 PM

JO


“ Love you Aunt Brenda. May God fill you with an incredible new life!

jon - December 28, 2014 at 11:31 AM

YO

“ Life will never be the same without you Brenda my dear niece. I remember when you were born and all the fun I had watching you grow up. I love you and may you RIP.
Aunt Bon

Yvonne Orlando - December 28, 2014 at 10:03 AM

 Diane Hofman

“ *Diane Hofman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff*



Diane Hofman - December 28, 2014 at 08:59 AM



“ *Samarah Saif lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff*



Samarah Saif - December 28, 2014 at 08:55 AM

 Ruth Gantt Rogan

“ *Brenda use to drive the school bus when my now grown children were younger. Her girls became very good friends with our family. She will be missed by many. I am praying for her daughters and son. Love from the Rogan family.*

Ruth Gantt Rogan - December 27, 2014 at 11:21 PM

RH

“ *Rhonda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff*



Rhonda - December 27, 2014 at 11:05 PM

MP

“ *Missing you sooo much already Momma* 😞



Marcia Pelione - December 27, 2014 at 10:41 PM



“ *Lori Van Wieringen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda K. Woodruff*



Lori Van Wieringen - December 27, 2014 at 10:30 PM



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Lori Van Wieringen - December 27, 2014 at 10:30 PM

MA

“ *My favorite memory will always be when you would say to me 'ALRIGHT LOUISE ' your the only one who got away with calling me Louise ever... I can't believe I won't hear you say it again.. You will never know how much I will miss you. Love you forever Mary Louise [o!]*

Mary Alwafi - December 27, 2014 at 10:08 PM



Jacqueline Nemith

“ You will be missed by so many I'm saddened as well as others. May you be at peace.

Jacqueline Nemith - December 27, 2014 at 05:48 PM



AF

“ To the family of ms. Brenda our prayers are with all of you. She is now with her beloved husband. (((HUGS))) and prayers to all of you. Love The Aguinagas

Aguinaga family - December 27, 2014 at 03:41 PM



NL

“ I am going to miss her. We had many good and bad times throughout the years. God speed my friend .

Nancy

Nancy LaBeau - December 27, 2014 at 03:17 PM



RK

You will be missed my friend. I can't remember the last time we were able to see each other, probably the last class reunion. I wish I would have made it back to Michigan more to visit. Prayers for your children and grandchildren.

Rose Ann Kozee - December 31, 2014 at 09:49 AM



HB

Rest in peace grammy. me and Jason miss you so much already beautiful <3

Haley Brown - January 05, 2015 at 09:59 AM