



Brenda Kaye Newkirk

September 17, 1954 - May 6, 2019

Brenda Kaye Newkirk, 64, of Lakeland, Florida, passed away on May 6, 2019 surrounded by her loving husband and family. She was born September 17, 1954 in Decatur, Illinois to parents Raymond Lockwood and Virginia Lockwood (Watson). Brenda worked as a quality assurance lab technician for Arrmaz in Mulberry, Florida.

Brenda loved her family immensely and always put others needs before her own. She loved cruising the seas, sun tanning on the beach, baking delicious treats, and spending time with her family. Brenda was always very welcoming and made everyone feel right at home.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Wayne Lockwood. Left to treasure Brenda's memory is her devoted husband of 45 years, Joseph Hillman Newkirk; daughters, Tonya Newkirk and Kristie Cain (Newkirk); siblings, Gary Lockwood and Ronnie Lockwood; grandchildren, Brittany Jimmerson (Richardson), Bradley Richardson, and Savannah Cain; and many friends.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 10, 2019 at Gentry Morrison at Serenity Gardens located at 3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland, FL 33810 from 6 pm until 8 pm. Funeral services at Mount Olive Baptist Church located at 5415 Mt. Olive Rd. Polk City, FL 33868 are scheduled for 11 am on Saturday May, 11, 2019,

with interment and a reception to follow.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olive Cemetery

Polk City, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Polk City, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Brenda Kaye Newkirk*

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Well I don't know where to start! I have so many memories of Brenda it is hard to think of which one to share. She definitely taught me of what a family should be and how to always have a good heart and open my door to everyone. This is what Brenda has done for me. Becoming part of her girls was a blessing to me. Even as I married my best friend she was like my other mother and Joe the other dad was there stressing with the rest of them making sure everything was ok. I hope that I will be at least half the woman you were. This is not goodbye but until we meet again. You will be missed. Love always, Tabitha*

Tabitha Fletcher - May 10, 2019 at 05:52 PM



“ *Mom, You were definitely one of the strongest women I have ever known. You loved every stray friend your girls brought home and never judged us for a minute. You will totally be missed. I am so glad I got to see you at Britt's wedding and that you got to meet my girls. I am a better person for knowing you and being an adopted part of the family. Please watch over us all and be at peace. We will never forget you! Love you always, The Taylor Family (Gregg, Becca, Erin & Emma)*

Rebecca - May 10, 2019 at 12:29 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Newkirk.*



May 09, 2019 at 11:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Newkirk.*



May 09, 2019 at 09:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Newkirk.*



May 09, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brenda Kaye Newkirk.*



May 09, 2019 at 10:06 AM

TB

“ *Brenda Newkirk was a very special and caring soul always making you feel welcome. I remember when I was pregnant with my first child I was a teen Brenda and her husband were always inviting me to dinner ,making sure I was eating good. Brendas love for her family showed always. I know growing up a lot of us girls always thought of Brenda as a second mom, I know I did. I remember even on her days of not feeling well she still would smile. She was a great person and will be missed dearly*

tina Boyette - May 08, 2019 at 05:03 PM

RE

So true Tina and I wrote almost the same thing without even seeing your tribute. She is one of a kind!

Rebecca - May 10, 2019 at 12:30 AM

MD

“ *I was privileged to meet Brenda and quickly grew to love her like a sister. She opened her home to me, a stranger, and made me feel right at home. She is one of the most loving and sweetest of ladies I have ever met. She gave me many hugs... REAL hugs! You could see her love of family and friends shining in her eyes. She will be sorely missed by many who love her. Heaven gained one very special angel when she went to join them.*

Myra K Drees - May 08, 2019 at 04:41 PM

KC

“ Mom you were our family's rock and are already dearly missed. Even though it hurts so much I know you are my angel looking down on me and no longer in pain. I am just glad I got to spend what time I did with you and tell you how much I love you. I know you were worried about everyone else and how all this would affected them but you don't have to worry. You taught me everything I need to know so I can be that woman in your footsteps, which I am so proud to walk in. I love you and will miss you like crazy as you were not only my mom but my best friend. I love you and you will forever be in my heart and soul.

Kristie Cain - May 08, 2019 at 03:20 PM

YM

She will be missed. Remember when we were little, we loved playing together and jumping off our Grandmothers roof while Gary would catch us since he was so tall. My love for her never ended although we went separate ways. I know she will be waiting for us all to meet her again one day. Prayers to all of you. 🥺❤️🌹

Yvonne Mace - May 08, 2019 at 05:55 PM

DC

Working with Brenda at Publix in the ice cream department was always a pleasurable experience. She eventually became my mother in law and always had a smile and was a great cook. Brenda loved the beach and always made everything she did memorable and great!! You will be greatly missed and never forgotten!!

David Cain - May 08, 2019 at 06:47 PM

LM

Sorry I didn't get the chance to meet you.you sound like a very kind and giving person.may you dance with the Angel's. Heaven is getting a another angel and that's you.

Linda mowery - May 08, 2019 at 09:51 PM



Brenda was a beautiful person and I will never forget her and how she always made everyone feel welcome.

Juleen Deeb - May 09, 2019 at 02:14 AM



My deepest sympathies to Brendas loving family!

Sherri Torres - May 10, 2019 at 08:03 AM