



Brenda Kay Ilschner

November 21, 1946 - July 13, 2022

A truly bright light in this world dimmed and then went out, but then immediately illuminated within God's Holy presense, as she entered the waiting arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus. Brenda Kay Ilschner went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. She was surrounded by her loving family who will miss her very much. Brenda was born on November 21, 1946 to John Hayden Hicks and Ruth Gray Hicks in McAlester, Oklahoma. She lived in Oklahoma until she was 12 years old and then her family moved to Overton, Texas. She graduated Overton High School and eventually moved to Wichita Falls, Texas where she met and married her husband Ed Ilschner in 1975. Over the next 47 years, including her retirement years in Hideaway, Brenda never met a stranger and made many lasting friendships.

She loved to sew, knit, crochet, quilt, playing canasta and enjoyed spending time with the many friends she met who also enjoyed these things as well.

She was an avid gardener and eventually became a Master Gardener.

Working in her backyard tending and nurturing her many plant friends was her favorite of all things to do. Grandchildren were the most precious gift that God gave her and she loved them more than life itself. She had to ensure that all her grandchildren were treated equally when it came to gift giving. She loved every opportunity to be with them and share her love of gardening, crafts and, yes, even knitting. She was an excellent cook and her children and grandchildren looked forward to her Tortellini Soup.

Brenda is survived by her husband of 47 years, Ed Ilschner, her son Craig Ilschner and wife Emily of Edmond, Oklahoma, and her daughter Crystal Plumley and husband Dane of Kingwood, Texas. She is also survived by her wonderful grandchildren Finley, Vivien, and Hadley of Edmond, and Olivia and Elena of Kingwood. She is also survived by her sister Joan Waters and husband Terry of Hideaway, brother Randy Hicks and wife Shirley of Kilgore, brother Steve Hicks of Longview as well as many nephews and nieces.

An opportunity to visit with the family will be held at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale, Texas from 6 pm to 7 pm on Friday, July 15, 2022. A service to honor Brenda's life will be held at the Hideaway Community Church at 10:30 am on Saturday, July 16, 2022 followed by Private Family Graveside Services at the Lindale Cemetery. Pallbearers are: Brad Waters, Craig Nations, Dustin Hicks, Terry Boriskie, Richard Bosquez, Kris Kosh. Alternates are: Hayden Nations, Andrew Waters.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest that a memorial gift to benefit the Lindale Education Foundation or a donation to Hospice of East Texas be considered. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff of Hospice of East Texas for their kind assistance during a very trying time.

Cemetery Details

Lindale City Cemetery

702 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
jeff@crdfh.com

Church Service

JUL 16. 10:30 AM (CT)

Hideaway Lake Community Church
1115 Lake Cross Road
Hideaway, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Brenda Kay Ilschner*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - July 14, 2022 at 01:31 PM

AC

*I am so sorry to hear that Brenda has passed away. She and I had a great time being the 1st Overton cheerleaders to go off to cheerleading camp. We spent a week at camp at the Hotel Gálvez. In Galveston, When they asked us to stand up and do our school cheer and demonstrate the school jump we just looked at each other and started laughing! We just had to make something up! We had a lot of fun but I blistered like a ripe tomatoe. We live in Rockdale now and I won't be able to come to the funeral but please offer everyone my condolences.
Andy*

Andy Chiles - July 17, 2022 at 07:52 PM



“ *Brenda Kay Ilschner*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Brenda Kay Ilschner*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM

SP

“ *Being best of friends with Brenda during our time at South Keller Intermediate made me a better person. Brenda, Sue Kaplan and I had a special bond as we laughed, told grandkid stories, and helped kids and parents. Everyone at SKI loved Brenda.*

Susan Padgett - July 16, 2022 at 11:20 PM

AL

“ *Ann Lee lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Ilschner*



Ann Lee - July 15, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Ilschner.*



July 15, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Ilschner.*



July 15, 2022 at 11:35 AM



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



July 15, 2022 at 07:22 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Ilchner.



July 14, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ *The Mayfield Family* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Brenda Kay Ilchner.



The Mayfield Family - July 14, 2022 at 04:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Ilchner.



July 14, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Ilschner.*



July 14, 2022 at 03:18 PM



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



July 14, 2022 at 02:48 PM



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



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“ *Mike & Karen Parker purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brenda Kay Ilschner.*



Mike & Karen Parker - July 14, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - July 14, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Ilschner.



July 14, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Ilschner.

July 14, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ Joan....I didn't know your sister very long, but her bright light was always shining during the times we shared. Death leaves a heartache no one can fill....but love leaves a memory no one can steal!...Judi Staton

Judi Staton - July 14, 2022 at 01:12 PM

JM

“ *Brenda was a very sweet lady. I met her at the pool years ago, we had a lot of fun. Rest In Peace my friend* ”

Joan Mullen - July 13, 2022 at 09:50 PM