



## Brenda L. Surprenant

December 3, 1959 - July 22, 2016

Brenda Surprenant, age 56 of Chebanse, passed away Friday, July 22, 2016 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

She was born December 3, 1959 in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of Roy & Elva Irene Clover Smith.

She married Randy Surprenant October 18, 1980 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and loved being active in her children's and her grandchildren's activities, sports, and school. She enjoyed dancing. Brenda loved flowers and especially liked arranging wedding flowers. She was passionate about her friendships she made over the years.

Surviving are her husband, Randy Surprenant of Chebanse; one son, Kyle Surprenant of Carterville; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Kari & Brett Gosteli of Morton and Roxanne & Riley LeClair of Seneca, SC; her mother, Elva Irene Smith of Kankakee; one sister and brother-in-law, Roxanna & Bob Leek of Bradley; one brother and two sisters-in-law, LeRoy & Sandy Smith of Kankakee and Judy Smith of Bradley; four grandchildren, Addison, Isaac, Evan, and Abigail; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father and one brother, Kenny Smith.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 -8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2016 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2016. Rev. Lance Hurley will officiate the service.

Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Chebanse.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

Chebanse, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 25. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

JUL 26. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Bob & Kathy Beedle send our very sincere condolences to Brenda's family! Brenda was a most kind and loving person! We've knows Roxanna and her family for years, and Brenda was part of that relationship! Our prayers are with you all!*

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**Bob Beedle** - August 02, 2016 at 12:37 AM

SS

“ *Every family has that one person that lights up a room, makes you smile, and can bring joy just by being in the same room. That was Brenda to our family. She is will be missed!! We will miss her laughter and her smile and her hugs. Rest in peace Brenda. Love you.*

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**Sharon Smith** - July 31, 2016 at 05:50 PM

CW

“ *My condolences to the family. Brenda was my classmate .Eastridge 1978. She will be miss. Ms. Cheryl Wilson and family*

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**Cheryl Wilson** - July 28, 2016 at 07:15 AM

MR

“ *Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to your family .*

*Randy & Merri Rieken & family*

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**Merri Rieken** - July 25, 2016 at 10:27 PM

CN

“ *To The family of Brenda. She was a very sweet lady and will be missed by many. You have our sympathy. Carl and Tammy Nolan*

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**carl and tammy nolan** - July 25, 2016 at 07:36 PM

ME

“ *Brenda was such a wonderful person and friend.*

*Mary Jane ( Burmaster) Epley*

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**mary jane epley** - July 25, 2016 at 07:03 PM

JD

“ *Brenda and I went to high school together. I remember her with fond memories. She was fun and caring. A beautiful soul. It was so nice to reconnect with her on Facebook. I could see her love radiate for her family. I will keep her family in my thoughts and prayers as you learn to life journey without her. May memories bring you comfort. You are her living legacy.*



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**Janine Desmarteau-Morris** - July 25, 2016 at 02:07 PM

TH

“ *My heart is heavy at the loss of my best friend and a beautiful person. May the Lord give you the peace only He can give and comfort you with beautiful memories...love you guys*

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**Teresa Hebert** - July 25, 2016 at 09:48 AM

AM

“ *Prayers are with the family.*



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**Amanda Martin** - July 24, 2016 at 11:21 PM

AH

“ Dear Smith Family...

*I'm so in shock. I did not realize who this was..We grew up 2 blocks apart down the alley..My maiden name was Alexia Chambers...I am Deeply saddened by this news..Please know you all are in my prayers..May Brenda R.I.P*

*Sincerely  
Alexia "Chambers" Helm*

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**Alexia Helm** - July 24, 2016 at 10:33 PM



“ My condolences to the family..I did not know Brenda however she looks so familiar..Way to younag..God has she is a year younger then I am...Please accept my deepest symphthy..Sending prayers to all her family and friends!

*Sincerely*

*LEXIE HELM*

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**Lëxië Suë** - July 24, 2016 at 07:34 PM



GB

“ *It was always a pleasure to be in her company. Prayers to the family.*

*Gary & Marsha Bertrand*

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**Gary Bertrand** - July 24, 2016 at 04:11 PM

VG

“ Our sincere sympathy to all of Brenda's family. What a terrible loss for you all. She was a very sweet person. I came to know her many years ago at the old KMart store when we were hired on the same day. Even after I didn't work with her anymore, she always had a kind word and a few minutes to chat if I ran into her somewhere. She will be sadly missed for sure. Sincerely, Val and Dan Guenette

Valerie Guenette - July 24, 2016 at 01:55 PM

CW

“ Go rest high upon that mountain , show the Angles that loving smile , that make mortal man sing songs of praise ... God bless you and your family Brenda.

Chip and Debra Wood and family

chip wood - July 24, 2016 at 12:45 PM

 Chad Smith

“ Dear cousin Brenda i will miss you very much! You were so friendly and kind with the biggest heart and smile! My thoughts and prayers go out to her husband Randy & kids and all my Smith family! She will be missed by many! Our deepest sympathys from Chad Smith and Family!



Chad Smith - July 24, 2016 at 12:32 PM

TH

“ Brenda was a beautiful lady with a radiant smile that would light up a room. Always so friendly and sweet. She will be missed. God Bless your family.

tari hart - July 24, 2016 at 08:14 AM

JK

“ *Brenda trained me for my first retail job and I still use those skills in retail almost 30 years later. Prayers for strength and comfort to her mom, husband, kids n grands. Such a beautiful lady. Always positive RIH.*



janet king - July 24, 2016 at 07:50 AM

 Cindy Wagner

“ *Brenda was such a kind and loving person.. Always had a smile for you. When my brother Danne Wagner passed away... At the wake... Brenda consoled me.. She hugged me but the hug was one that you felt.... She held on to me and you knew that she was sincere and when she called you a friend... You were blessed. Rest in peace Brenda.... And prayers to the whole family*

Cindy Wagner - July 24, 2016 at 05:44 AM

SC

“ *I AM STEVEN COBB I USE TO DATE RANDY'S SISTER CAROL. I USE TO WORK WITH BRENDA AT KMART. RANDY AND FAMILY I AM SORRY FOR YOUR LOST.*



Steven Cobb - July 23, 2016 at 08:36 PM

CL

“ *Cindy Langlois lit a candle in memory of Brenda L. Surprenant*



Cindy Langlois - July 23, 2016 at 08:00 PM

CL

*We Were Such Good Friends In High School would See Her At Kmart With That Beautiful Smile Love You Brenda RIP AND MAY GOD BLESS !!!*

Cindy Langlois - July 23, 2016 at 08:04 PM

DF

“ *Beautiful person. Growing up in the same neighborhood laughing and having many memories of fun time. Brenda always had a smile and infectious laugh. You will be missed and never forgotten.*

Denise Flessner - July 23, 2016 at 07:17 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Randy.....Brenda was the kindest person I knew....as wild as I am she never showed me nothing but kindness....I will miss her laughs and her kind heart :(*



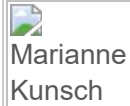
Gary Kleinert - July 23, 2016 at 06:14 PM

MW

“ *I hadn't see Brenda since the days at Eastridge High School but the memories I have are Brenda being the kindest person and never without a smile. Tree and I were good friends and the three of us would head to Bunnys house to see the twins who were just babies. Though it's been so long ago I will never forget the memories and look fondly and be grateful for our friendships. Randy and family I send prayers for comfort and strength in the days ahead that you find peace in knowing you were truly blessed to have such a vibrant soul in your midst.*

*Marti Waugh -Silvera*

marti waugh-silvera - July 23, 2016 at 05:08 PM



Marianne Kunsch

“ We want to offer our deepest sympathy about Brenda's passing. She was a wonderful woman so full of vibrance and life, and she surely will be missed greatly. We were so sorry to hear of your loss, and hope you can find some solace knowing that she is now at peace with the Lord.



*Sending Love and Prayers for both Brenda and her family,  
Joseph and Marianne Kunsch*

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**Marianne Kunsch** - July 23, 2016 at 04:08 PM



*She was my cousin i lived with them when i was in 8th grade . she was in high school . inreally used to iritate her when i would smoke her cigarettes. Virginia. Slims. We hung out alot and even detaseled. Corn with her sister in law not tereasa the youngest one. The tought me alot . my dad het uncle used to give her his Crédit. Card to halp me puck out school close. And she just always looked out for me her and kenny. Took alot of time to make sure i was ok at there school .i cant beleave she gone .me and soyounger kids aleays could count on her. I lovedca looked up to her so much and always made sure i would see her at kmart hrr brothers leroy and kenny would always tease me about aunt. Jemima .and i was left on there door step . but breanda always reasured me that that wasent true her dad uncle roy and my. dad uncle charle would reasure me i was not dropped at yhet door step i love and miss her so much and also kenny he was even closer to my age rip. breanda ill never forget u i love u so much*

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**Cheryl Mixon** - July 23, 2016 at 07:41 PM

“ Randy, you are in our prayers! We love you.

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**Jana Jones** - July 23, 2016 at 03:56 PM

TS

“ Our deepest sympathy and sorrow to Randy, Kyle, Kari & Roxanne and their families... There are no words of comfort when I think of such a loss... Much Love, Tom & Kathy Spainhour

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**Tom & Kathy Spainhour** - July 23, 2016 at 09:10 AM

TJ

“ Aunt Brenda,

*Thanks for being the best Aunt! I will always remember spending the night at your house and swimming almost everyday. I will miss you so much and will always love you!*

*Love Megan*

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**Teresa St. John** - July 22, 2016 at 05:09 PM