



## Brenda Marie Richardson

August 2, 1962 - December 18, 2017

Brenda Richardson, 55, passed away on Sunday, December 18th, 2017, holding the hand of her husband and surrounded by the family to which she devoted her life.

You could usually find her in the kitchen, pot of coffee brewing, ready to offer a hug and “It will be alright, sweetheart” to anyone who came through the back door--which was never locked. The word that described her best was Mom: she had a special way with children and those who needed just a little extra help. Following in her own mother’s footsteps, she worked for nearly two decades guiding kids of all ages in her home daycare. For the past seventeen years she was very proud to work in the Bradley Elementary School system, providing her usual comfort, calm, and compassion as a paraprofessional for children with special needs.

Brenda was born on August 2, 1962 and lived her entire life in or near Bradley, Illinois. Her childhood was full of joy, laughter, and love as the oldest of the six Lamie children. She married Skip shortly after high school and their family blossomed. She was overjoyed to become a grandmother to Wesley last year. Brenda was happiest when surrounded by loved ones with nowhere to go, whether at a beach house, a girls camping trip, or in her own living room making a little one giggle. Seeing other people smile made her smile. Feeling other people’s happiness made her happy.

She is survived by her husband, Skip Richardson and three children, Danny Richardson (Kelsey), Paul Richardson (Kyle Hopkins), and Tami Jo; her precious grandson Wesley; her mother, Carol Castongia (Kenny), siblings Larry Lamie, Jim Lamie (Gretchen), Pam Weigand (Michael), Kurt Lamie, Frank "T" Lamie (Meghann), brother-and-sister in law Ernie and Kathy Richardson, brother-and-sister in law Terri and Joe Fox, and an extra-large family of nieces, nephews, cousins, and cherished friends. She is preceded in death by her father, Larry Lamie, and sisters-in-law, Donna Richardson and Pam Fisher.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday at Schreffler Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. with visitation starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the same location. A meal will be provided at the Moose Lodge in Bradley following the services on Saturday. All are welcome to attend. Memorials may be made to the Bradley Elementary School District #61 Best Buddies Program. The family would like to thank the medical teams who provided professional support, care, and understanding.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel  
1100 N. Convent St.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-2421

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel  
1100 N. Convent St.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
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## Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brenda Marie Richardson*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I still remember Brenda's wonderful smile from high school! My thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family.*

**Jerri Uffelman** - December 23, 2017 at 06:03 AM



“ *Sending you our thoughts and prayers to the whole family.*  
*Mike and Rita Worsham*

**Rita Worsham** - December 22, 2017 at 03:39 PM



“ *Heartfelt...sorry for your loss...The Schwartz family Delores, Carl, Eric ,Carrie and Teddy*



**carrie l schwartz** - December 22, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ *Carrie L Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Brenda Marie Richardson*



**carrie l schwartz** - December 22, 2017 at 10:19 AM

BE

“ *Skip and family*  
*We are so sorry for your loss of Brenda. We remember all the wrestling meets we went to through grade school and high school. Our prayers are with you.*

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**Brian and Julie Ebersole** - December 22, 2017 at 04:36 AM

EL

“ *Ellie lit a candle in memory of Brenda Marie Richardson*



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**Ellie** - December 22, 2017 at 03:09 AM

SA

“ *Skip and family , So sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Shelly Attaway.... Silver Cross Hospital*

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**Shelly Attaway** - December 21, 2017 at 06:42 PM

BY

“ *Brian Yeates lit a candle in memory of Brenda Marie Richardson*



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**brian yeates** - December 21, 2017 at 06:15 PM

Daniel Simpson

“ Daniel Simpson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Marie Richardson



Daniel Simpson - December 21, 2017 at 06:13 PM

TJ

“ Tami Johnson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Marie Richardson



Tami Johnson - December 21, 2017 at 05:57 PM

JJ

“ Jeff &Tami Johnson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Marie Richardson



Jeff &Tami Johnson - December 21, 2017 at 05:55 PM

JK

“ So sorry for your loss. Brenda was the best. I remember when we were at a MacNeal Christmas party and we crashed a wedding and took a picture with the bride and groom. She was always fun to be with and she was so happy to be a Grandma. When we lose someone we love, we must NOT learn to live without them, BUT to LIVE with the LOVE they left behind. Love to all Judy & Don Krause.

Judy Krause - December 21, 2017 at 01:25 PM

JF

“ We were shocked to hear of Brenda's untimely death. We have not had contact with her for quite some time. We remember her as a fine fine lady. She will be sadly missed. Your family has our sympathy.

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**Joe & Carol Fritz** - December 21, 2017 at 10:42 AM

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“ Skip- my heart and prayers go out to you and your family. I just saw you the other day laughing and joking as usual then received notice of this "tragedy". Life is short and unpromised as I personally know, but love and memories are for ever. Bless you during this time...  
Noreen

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**Noreen** - December 21, 2017 at 08:50 AM

MV

“ I am so sad to hear about Brenda, I remember her as such beautiful, fun and genuinely kind lady, We had many laughs with Skip and Brenda years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with this wonderful family. May precious memories bring them comfort at such a difficult time. Love, Marci and Pete Vasiliades

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**Marci Vasiliades** - December 21, 2017 at 08:22 AM

CM

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts & prayers are with Skip and family.

Cathie (Bergan) Miedema



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**cathie miedema** - December 20, 2017 at 04:28 PM

JD

“ So sorry....praying for you all. Carol, I am thinking of you..so sorry for your loss.

*Jeannie Dayhoff*

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**Jeannie Dayhoff** - December 20, 2017 at 03:46 PM



“ Brenda as a child grew up next to my grandma. Beautiful person both inside and out. She will be missed by so many but loved by so many more. My prayers are with the Lamie and Richardson family. Fly high Brenda. ❤️



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**Chris Huffman** - December 20, 2017 at 03:04 PM

CS

“ Dearest Paul,  
May I say I know how hard it is to lose a Mom, especially at Christmas time. I lost mine Dec.26. God has his own agenda for each and every one of us and we can not change it. But the memories that we have will never die. When you feel alone just remember those memories that enriched your life, the life she gave you. "Remember, sweetheart, it will be alright".



*May God grant you and your family the strength to endure what you must. You remain Always in our prayers.*

*Her Love will guide you.....Love  
Carol Swenson and Family*

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**Carol Swenson** - December 20, 2017 at 12:02 PM

LL

“ So sorry for your loss. May God comfort you all through these trying times



*Laurie Lewis*

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**Laurie Lewis** - December 20, 2017 at 11:24 AM

CM

“ I’m having trouble finding the right words to say but this is really perfect - “You could usually find her in the kitchen, pot of coffee brewing, ready to offer a hug and “It will be alright, sweetheart”. This is how I will always picture Brenda. She was a loving person with a kind smile and open arms. Her loss will leave a hole in the hearts of everyone that she touched but her soul will live on through the people that were lucky enough to have known her. I’m so sorry for your loss.

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**Carolyn M** - December 20, 2017 at 10:22 AM

NW

“ Dear Skip and family  
I’m so sorry for your loss May God bring you peace. Nancy Ponikvar Waller.

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**nancy ponikvar waller** - December 20, 2017 at 09:19 AM

LT

“ Steve and I are so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. She was such a sweet lady, great friend , all around great person . I will cherish all the memories of have of her , many coming back to me in the last few days. Skip, you and Danny, Paul, and Tami will be in my thoughts and prayers, as will the whole Richardson and Lanier families. Prayers for God to wrap his arms around all of you and help you through these trying days. Love Steve and Lisa Turrell

Lisa Turrell - December 20, 2017 at 09:02 AM

VD

“ My sympathy, thoughts, and prayers to Carol, Kenny and all of Brenda's family. God has another angle.



Virginia R Dominick - December 20, 2017 at 08:56 AM

Debbie  
Pierce  
Dunsworth

“ So very sad to hear of Brenda's passing. My sincere sympathy to the Lamie & Richardson families. Brenda was such a big part of my child hood with so many great memories she will be missed dearly. Hugs to her family.

Debbie Pierce Dunsworth - December 20, 2017 at 08:26 AM

FA

“ You were taken to young God must have taken you for reasons we will never know God will give strength to to the family



Faith - December 20, 2017 at 07:46 AM

MS

“ *MR MRS S lit a candle in memory of Brenda Marie Richardson*



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**MR MRS S** - December 20, 2017 at 07:31 AM

HF

“ *Always the sweetest, was always like having a cousin close by.*



*The angels in heaven are going to have to amp up their game to keep pace with the new girl.*

*Love & prayers for the Skip, Richardson & Lamie families and all those hearts Brenda touched through the years.*

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**Hicks Family** - December 20, 2017 at 07:15 AM

SS

*My heart is broken for everyone. I am so sad you are having to go through this. I love you all very much. Continually praying for you.*

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**S Renee Scallions** - December 20, 2017 at 08:49 AM

AR

“ *Angel Roy sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Marie Richardson*



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**Angel roy** - December 20, 2017 at 05:19 AM

ST

“ Pickles, popsicles, watermelon, and coloring... Cubs games, Pepsi, Dales Pizza.. I don't think my babies will ever have these things again without thinking of memories of their Aunt Brenda.. She could cheer anyone up with a cookie. Uncle Skippy, make sure you are stocked up on these supplies when Julia comes over to color with you and the boys come for that next Cubs game! We can't let Aunt Brenda down! We will bring the cookies this time! 😊 Love you Lots! ❤️❤️



Stacy - December 20, 2017 at 03:33 AM



“ So sorry for your loss . Your family will be in our prayers .



Donna Jones - December 20, 2017 at 01:29 AM

Kelly Rantz

“ Heaven has received another angel... Fly high 💕

Kelly Rantz - December 20, 2017 at 12:32 AM

AH

“ Words can't describe how much I'm gonna miss you Brenda you were so good with Rylee. I'll always remember and cherish all our talks at the beach and your words of encouragement for pushing through. God earned another young angel way to soon. I still feel like it's a dream love you forever and always Brenda fly high beautiful soul



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**Anna Hopkins** - December 20, 2017 at 12:10 AM

TB

“ Worked as the school nurse a couple years with her. So sorry for your loss.

*Tawni Buente*

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**Tawni Buente** - December 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Rest In Peace Brenda. I am so sorry to hear of her passing.



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**Isabel Rozycki** - December 19, 2017 at 11:47 PM

 Kim Willis

“ So very sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. Will miss her smile and kind heart. Rest Peaceful.



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**Kim Willis** - December 19, 2017 at 11:29 PM

KT

“ Kim Thompson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Marie Richardson



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**Kim Thompson** - December 19, 2017 at 11:14 PM

 Kim Willis

So Very Sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. She always had a smile and kindness words for everyone. She will Sadley Missed.

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**Kim Willis** - December 19, 2017 at 11:16 PM

NG

“ I'll always remember Brenda, having a smile on her face. Brenda will be missed, she was taken too soon from this earth. Praying for her family, at this difficult time.

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**Norma Johnson Garcia** - December 19, 2017 at 11:02 PM

DD

“ *Brenda I only met once when she was at Cayuga American Legion selling wreaths. I knew as soon as I met her that she was a very special lady, she talked to me as if she knew me all her life. Sending special prayers of comfort for her family.*

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**Debbie Badger Dunavan** - December 19, 2017 at 10:40 PM

DB

“ *My thoughts are with the family and friends. I met you when I transferred to Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School when our family moved to Bourbonnais. You always made me feel like I belonged.*

*Your light will continue to shine in your family!*

*Debbie Tyrrell Bostick*

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**Debbie Tyrrell Bostick** - December 19, 2017 at 10:40 PM

GC

“ *Gene And Sue Cotsones lit a candle in memory of Brenda Marie Richardson*



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**Gene and Sue Cotsones** - December 19, 2017 at 10:24 PM

DV

“ *One of the inseparables gone way too soon. Brenda has a special place in my heart and I am deeply saddened. She was always so much fun to be with. Thoughts and prayers for the whole family.*

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**Dana VanVoorst** - December 19, 2017 at 10:15 PM

MM

“ *My deepest condolences to the family!*

Maureen (Gallois) Mills - December 19, 2017 at 09:52 PM

Kelley Madsen

“ *Kelley Madsen lit a candle in memory of Brenda Marie Richardson*



Kelley Madsen - December 19, 2017 at 09:27 PM

Kelley Madsen

“ *Her smile and laughter lit up a room. She was the sweetest soul I knew. She lived for her family and friends, but always had room for one more. Brenda, I am so proud to have been your friend. I love you and will miss you dearly. God Bless You.*

Kelley Madsen - December 19, 2017 at 09:25 PM



“ *Brenda was the most kind hearted person. She will be greatly missed by all. Love and prayers to the family.*



Michelle Sadler - December 19, 2017 at 09:03 PM

TM

“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of  
Brenda Marie Richardson*



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**Tom Mallaney** - December 19, 2017 at 08:10 PM

TM

*So very sorry for your loss.*

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**Tom Mallaney** - December 19, 2017 at 08:11 PM

BR

“ *Beth Robards lit a candle in memory of  
Brenda Marie Richardson*



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**Beth Robards** - December 19, 2017 at 04:52 PM