



Brendalea O'Neal

December 18, 1961 - December 23, 2020

Brenda Lea O'Neal, age 59, of Thayer, KS passed away Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at her home. Brenda was born to Donald Wayne and Jean (Kenworthy) O'Neal in Tillamook, OR on December 18, 1961.

After graduating high school and getting her associates degree, Brenda went to work for local nursing homes as a nurse aid. Brenda, enjoyed and had a talent for writing, (One of her Poems is added to the bottom of this obituary notice.) she enjoyed writing poetry, words to hymns, and a few short stories. She enjoyed listening to music, playing the piano, sewing and especially enjoyed all cats and dogs. Brenda enjoyed giving to children, teaching Sunday school, and she was active in many charities raising funds for children and was a secret Santa to numerous children. Brenda volunteered for many years at St. Pat's, and truly enjoyed being with her family and friends.

Brenda is survived by:

Three sisters:

Sandra O'Neal and Ed Brinkmeyer of Chanute, KS

Leona Moeller of Atlantic, Iowa

Linda Smith and Dan Couch of Broken Arrow, OK

A special friend Suzy Vining of Dearing, KS

Numerous nieces, nephew, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation has been requested and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials have been suggested to either: the Independence Bible School, or Pet Rescue and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720

The Warming Flame by Brendalea O'Neal

The flame within the fireplace, dancing among the wood
was warming nearly everyone and we were feeling good.
The winds came not against us from twilight until dawn,
and still that warming flame kept burning on.

The winter snows surrounds us. We're pressed on every side.
Our bodies sometimes fail us but God still doth provide.
He never, ever changes. He always stays the same and if
we but receive him, he will be our warming flame.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear this. I knew she had been struggling from health issue on her FB page. However, I rejoice that she is no longer dealing with those issues. She is now healed and dancing with the angels and her Savior. Enjoyed knowing for a few short months when she came to my house for prayer and Bible study. Carol Henson

Carol J Henson - December 30, 2020 at 12:11 PM

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“ How do I share just one memory of my sister.... there were sooo many. Brenda loved soo deeply and only wanted love in return. She was very eccentric and proud of being just herself. As long as I can remember, Brenda wrote poetry and most of it talked about deep love or the view of heaven as if she'd actually been there and who knows, maybe she had been there. She loved to sing and worship with others and was always helping someone, especially those less fortunate than her..... it was as if she was on a mission to reach and teach others about God and compassion and she did just that. I love you BrendaLea and I know you're resting pain free, judgement free, and surrounded by all the love you deserve. I'll be looking for you, my biggest cheerleader, when it's time for me to go home ❤️😭

Linda Smith - December 28, 2020 at 07:12 AM

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“ I am so sorry. Brenda was a gentle, loving and most forgiving person ever. She loved her family and friends. EVERY child loved Brenda and she loved them. She would entertain my kids by the hours with her 2 puppets. Londa and Nathan delighted in that. She was loved.~Aunt Suzie

Suzie Harper - December 26, 2020 at 08:37 PM

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“ Love to my cousins the O’Neal girls.
I have wonderful memories of Brenda as she always entertained us younger kids with stories.

Our families were very similar in that when we were in Tillamook we were missing those in Kansas. And when we were in Kansas we were missing the cold Oregon shore.

I have no doubt Brenda is in heaven and loudly worshipping!

Tammy Sue Schuck - December 26, 2020 at 06:10 PM

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“ From childhood To her last greeting I am sure was given with utter enthusiasm that she always had. She was so happy to see the person that she was saying hello to. There was never a doubt in the individuals mind that Brenda glad to see them. Rest in peace and Congratulations on your new assignment in heaven kid. Love you Uncle Mel.

Mel Kenworthy - December 26, 2020 at 04:18 PM