



Bernadine "Bernie" B. Brown-Elrod

April 16, 1946 - June 28, 2025

Bernadine "Bernie" B. Brown-Elrod passed away peacefully on June 28, 2025, in Anderson, Indiana, surrounded by her loved ones. She was 79 years old.

Born on April 16, 1946, in South Bend, Indiana, Bernie was the beloved daughter of Orville K. and Esther M. (Long) Brown. A strong and devoted Christian, Bernie cherished her faith and her family above all else. She loved family gatherings and, whenever able, cooking her favorite meals - especially her famous cookies, goulash, and sticky buns.

Bernie married the love of her life, Dwight Elrod, on Valentine's Day in 1998. Together they enjoyed gardening, canning, and spent several years doing disaster recovery work. After that, they spent a memorable year camp hosting in Tennessee. Bernie also loved crocheting, sewing, quilting, and trying new recipes - she was a true Food Network enthusiast and always ready for a new culinary adventure.

Bernie is survived by beloved spouse, Dwight Elrod; son, Scott (Tami) Steele; son, Gary Steele; son, Brent (Michele) Steele; brother, Orville K. (Cheryl) Brown, Jr.; brother, Horace (Ruthie) Brown; grandchildren, Lauren Steele, Ashley (Tim) Meney, Elle (Dalton) Steele-Sexton, Mitchell Steele, Andrew Steele, and Landon Steele; great-grandchildren, Colton and Grant Meney.

She was preceded in death by parents, Orville and Esther Brown; sister, Edna Mae Puckett.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory.

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