



## Brenda G. McIlrath

March 16, 1947 - October 22, 2023

Brenda G. (Brown) McIlrath passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones on October 22, 2023, at the age of 76, after a long heart-breaking period of physical and mental decline brought on by dementia.

Born March 16, 1947, the daughter of Rudolph and Audrell Brown. Brenda was a well-known member of the Middletown, Indiana community where she served as clerk-treasurer for many years. Brenda retired from Key Bank of Anderson and moved to Florida for retirement. Brenda loved traveling and spending time with her family and friends.

Our family would like to thank the entire staff at the Middletown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Heart to Heart Hospice and Pastor Phil Rogers for the loving care and compassion they gave Brenda from the start to the end of this journey. We can never thank you enough!

Brenda was preceded in death by her father, Rudolph Brown, In-laws, Fred and Hazel McIlrath, son-in-law, Danny Ebbert, one brother, Marcus Brown; three sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, James "Butch" McIlrath; her mother, Audrell Brown; son, Fred (Tracy) McIlrath; her daughter, Tamara Ebbert; her grandchildren, Conor (Lauren) McIlrath, Cameron (Brooklynn)

McIlrath; great-grandson, Turner McIlrath; a sister, Barbara (Jim) Clay; sister-in-law, Leann Kellams; sister-in-law, Terry Brown; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4-7 pm Thursday, October, 26, 2023, at Loose Funeral Homes and Crematory, 200 West 53rd Street, Anderson, with memorial services at 7 pm. Pastor Phil Rogers will officiate. We invite you to make a donation to the Middletown Emergency Services or Dementia Society of America in her honor, in place of sending flowers.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Brenda G. McIlrath*



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**Loose Funeral Home** - October 24, 2023 at 04:11 PM

KA

*I am blessed to have been a little part of Brenda's life. So many memories that make me smile and treasure. Tracy and Fred's wedding, helping me with Kim's wedding, going to races ...the Atlanta Race and we sat with gloves and winter coats on, fun times going to Michigan races, random camping trips a couple cruises just to name a few times. We grieve, but comforted to know you are no longer suffering. Butch even though we aren't there we are with you in our thoughts and praying for you during this difficult time. Sending our love Kathy and Phil*

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**Kathy** - October 25, 2023 at 10:49 AM

BM

*Thank you Kathy and Phil for all the great times we've had together.*

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**Butch McIlrath** - October 25, 2023 at 06:20 PM

BU

*My family in FL and my wife and I were very sad to learn of Brenda's passing this evening. We shared many good times years passed. We have very fond memories of time shared in FL playing cards, dinners at the Watering Hole and just sharing quality time together in Lake Placid when visiting my parents.*

*My memory is that both Butch and Brenda gave alot of their time to help others in FL Brenda was there many times to help my mother after my dad passed. Brenda and Butch were there for my sister and I the night we had to fly to FL in a rush for the untimely passing of my father years ago. The FL park was never quite the same after Butch and Brenda returned to Middletown as they were leaders at the park in FL. We grieve, but hope your entire family has peace and know many people are thinking of you folks in this difficult time. Jamie and I send our love.*

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**Butch Underwood** - October 25, 2023 at 09:40 PM

BM

*Thank you Butch & Jamie for your comments was very nice. Had alot of good times in Florida. Thanks again to both of you.*

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**Butch McIlrath** - October 26, 2023 at 09:16 AM

KM

*“ Sincere sympathy to the family. We have enjoyed looking back on our years as young people in youth group together and camping trips with little ones. Thinking of you all, love and prayers Kenny and Phyllis McNew*

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**Kenny and Phyllis McNew** - October 30, 2023 at 06:43 PM

BM

*Thank you for your sincere sympathy to are family. Had alot of good times in are younger years. Thank you for your prayers and love to are family Butch and Family*

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**Butch McIlrath** - October 31, 2023 at 06:56 PM

JH

“ Jim Hodge purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Brenda G. McIlrath.



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Jim Hodge - October 25, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brenda G. McIlrath.



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October 25, 2023 at 06:06 PM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Brenda G. McIlrath.



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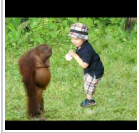
October 25, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brenda G. McIlrath.

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October 25, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ *Condolences To Butch and his family. So very sorry for your loss I am happy to say I got to know Brenda she was the sweetest person I met when moved to Florida*

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**Roberta Shelton** - October 24, 2023 at 02:37 PM

BM

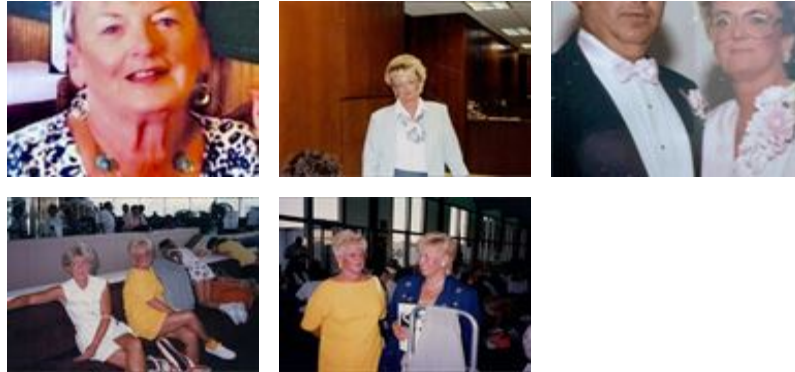
*Thank you Roberta still miss those meals we had in Floridd*

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**Butch McIlrath** - October 24, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ *68 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Loose Funeral Home** - October 24, 2023 at 11:23 AM

JR

*Butch so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing, we know she is in a better place and in no more pain. We will always cherish the memories the four of us made years ago, it is a shame time has a way of interfering. Brenda will always remain one of my most special friends...Love to the family*  
*David and Jeanie*

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**Jean Real** - October 24, 2023 at 05:13 PM

BM

*Yes we've good friends for year's. Thanks for your comments she is in a better place. Thank you again.*  
*Butch&Family*

**Butch McIlrath** - October 25, 2023 at 11:07 AM

NN

“ *I'm so very sorry. I didn't know her well, but feel so bad for the for the family I was her neighbor in Middletown for only a little while before she became ill. Butch and Tammy, please let me know if I can do anything to help or if you just want to talk.*

**Nola Nottingham** - October 23, 2023 at 08:49 PM

BM

*Nola thank you for being a great neighbor.*

**Butch McIlrath** - October 23, 2023 at 09:15 PM

GK

“ *Condolences To Butch and his family. So sorry for your loss. It has beta very long time but I remember more of my time with you and my brother Tim Likens.*  
*Prayers,*  
*Gloria Sniegowski Kutscheid*

**Gloria Sniegowski Kutscheid** - October 23, 2023 at 07:36 PM

BM

*Thank you for your condolences and also the pictures you sent Cameron from the past.*

**Butch McIlrath** - October 23, 2023 at 09:21 PM

BP

“ *Sorry for your loss. Brenda was a lovely lady. from Phil and Betty Ann Hughes*

Betty Ann & Phil - October 23, 2023 at 05:40 PM

BM

*Thank you Betty Ann & Phil.*

Butch McIlrath - October 23, 2023 at 09:23 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Brenda G. McIlrath.*



October 23, 2023 at 04:24 PM