



Brenda S. Shanafelt

December 19, 1956 - July 19, 2025

Brenda S. Shanafelt, Anderson, died on July 19th, 2025 after battling liver cancer. She was born on December 19, 1956 in New Castle, Indiana, the first child of Donald and Charlotte Stewart. Her parents pre-deceased her in 2013. Brenda spent her early years in New Castle, then Anderson. She started elementary school in Pendleton, graduating with pride with the PHHS Class of 1975. Brenda started piano lessons when she was in 2nd grade, and took them for 5 years. While in high school, she enjoyed acting in plays and singing with the Pendletones.

In 1979, she married her first husband and gave birth to her two sons, Jerimiah and Joshua. After her divorce in 1994, she met her true love, David A. Shanafelt in 1995.

They married in 1999, blending their families. Her work life consisted of several waitressing jobs, until she attended Indiana Business College (now defunct), graduating with highest honors. Brenda was then able to gain more substantial employment, working for a lawyer office, service cashiering for a car dealership, working at ACS with special needs students.

Brenda is survived by her soul mate, David; her children, Jerimiah and Joshua Short (wife, Jillian), Josh Baugh, Leslie Shanafelt, Michael Shanafelt. Her beloved grandchildren are Makenzi, (Blake), Ashleigh, Leah, Zia, Liam, Isabella. She was totally in love with her great-grandchildren, Phoenix and Oaklynn; she is also survived by her favorite sister, Nancy (Kirk) Staley; four nieces; Tiffany (Tim), Lindsay, Kaelyn (Jacob), Alexandra (Sam), one nephew,

Cameron (Laura); an uncle, Keith (Debbie) Stewart; several cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was also pre-deceased by her brother, Larry, in 2020.

Visitation for Brenda will be held on Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 W 53rd St., Anderson, IN 46013. The funeral service will begin at 6:00 PM.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
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Anderson, IN 46013
(765) 649-5255
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Funeral Service

JUL **23**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



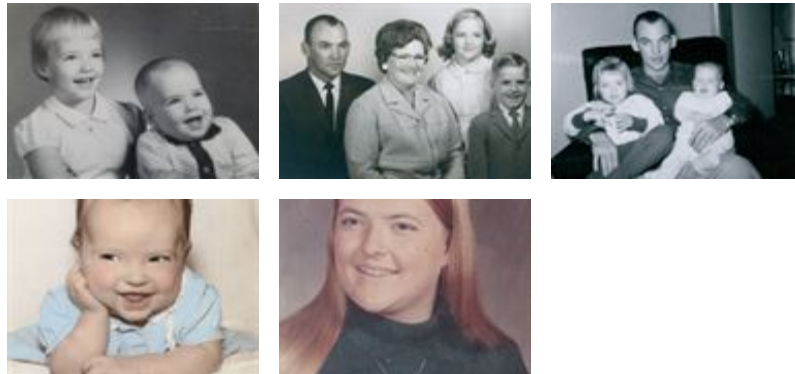
“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Brenda S. Shanafelt*



Loose Funeral Home - July 23, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ *38 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Loose Funeral Home - July 23, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ *Uncle Keith & Debbie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brenda S. Shanafelt.*



Uncle Keith & Debbie - July 23, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brenda S. Shanafelt.*



July 22, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brenda S. Shanafelt.*



July 22, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ *Jeff & Tammy Carey purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Brenda S. Shanafelt.*



Jeff & Tammy Carey - July 22, 2025 at 07:48 AM



“ *I met Brenda in junior high and was in choir with her through junior high and high school. I was also in Pendletones with Brenda. We shared a love for music. Condolences to Brenda's family! Brenda had a heart of gold and she will be missed! Rest easy Brenda...*



Karen Collins

Karen Collins - July 22, 2025 at 07:15 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda S. Shanafelt.*



July 21, 2025 at 09:14 PM



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

July 21, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Brenda. Became friends in Jr High, graduated with her 75.*

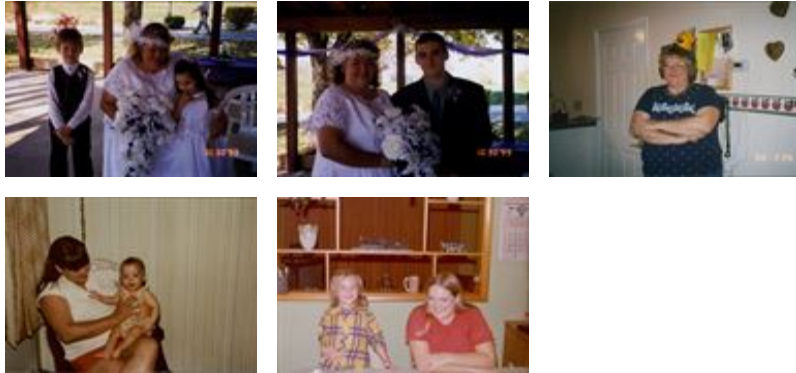
My thoughts are with her family

Nola

Nola J Martin - July 21, 2025 at 08:58 PM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Loose Funeral Home - July 21, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of *Brenda S. Shanafelt*.



July 21, 2025 at 08:34 AM



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“ Grandma, you were a warrior. You were one of the strongest people I've known. You had fought so so hard everyday 😞

I knew forever wasn't guaranteed but man, I wish you had more time left with us. To cook some homeade spaghetti. To talk about your latest painting. To go on shopping trips. To hear about the latest youtube videos you watched. 💔

I'm so very glad Phoenix had been able to get to know you and spend time with you ❤️

I love you so so so much Grandma more than I could ever possibly express ❤️

I miss you oh so much 💔



Makenzi Short - July 20, 2025 at 10:21 PM