



## Brenda Kay Highley

December 3, 1956 - March 2, 2025

Brenda Kay Highley age 68 was born on 12-3-56 and returned to her Heavenly Father on 3-2-25. She is preceded in death by her parents George & Ethel Lawless, her granddaughter Alyssa Marie Cook, siblings Donnie Lawless, James Lawless, Donna Moore, Dorothy Gibbons, & Doris Lawless. She is survived by her 4 daughters, Tonya Nichols, Stacy Floyd, Kristie Hart, Bethany Butler (Douglas), a special step-son Danny Hart Jr. (Leilani), her partner of 26 years, John Bean, 13 Grandchildren Corey (Kayla) Brooks, Alexa (Dylan) Brennan, Sabian, Jake, Tre, Briley, Kylie, Joseph, Kaylyn, Nikole, & Talon, six Great grandchildren Abel, Keegan, Carley, Gannon, Hudson, & Marlee. Her siblings Mary Horner (Haskell), Leroy Lawless (Margie), Richard Lawless (Ann), David Lawless (Diane), Rose Rubino (Martin), & Curtis Lawless, as well as several nieces and nephews. Brenda worked as Supplier Quality at Ford Motor Company for 40 years. She was the glue that held everyone together. A true angel on Earth. She lived her life for her family and had a limitless passion for helping others. Brenda was a member of several organizations that assisted those in need. She was admired by many. Brenda carried a smile that lit up the room. She touched the lives of many people, to which we truly may never know the full extent of. She never put herself first & always put the needs of others before her own.

Brenda's love for other people can only be described as "Agape". A selfless, sacrificial love that transcends personal desire.

Without any doubt Brenda is one of God's angels. She had a clear vision of God's love, unconditional, compassionate, unwavering, kind, and with no end. The Legacy Brenda leaves behind is extraordinary, kids, grandkids, friends and family across many miles. Her services are Sunday March 9th from 11-8pm, followed by her funeral March 10th at 12pm. Burial will be at 2pm at Louisville Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy  
Louisville , KY 40216

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway  
5317 Dixie Highway  
Louisville, KY 40216  
(502) 447-2600  
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

## Service

MAR 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Never met her in person, but met her on video along with her brother Curtis. They were inseparable.* ”



Arrian Belizaire - March 26, 2025 at 02:45 PM

CE

“ *I am so sorry for your loss! Brenda was a great friend and a wonderful person to work with. She had an infectious smile and always willing to help. She si truely missed.* ”

Chris Eaton - March 12, 2025 at 01:57 PM

FC

“ *From Lou Callaway purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.* ”



From Lou Callaway - March 09, 2025 at 03:14 PM

FC

“ *From Lou Callaway planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Kay Highley.* ”

From Lou Callaway - March 09, 2025 at 03:14 PM

AL

“ I have never known anyone like Brenda, she loved her family, and everyone else like they were family. She had energy that came from that love, no matter when or what, if you needed her, she would do everything she could to help you. The only way someone could be as special as she was, is because Our Lord Jesus Christ worked through her. That old saying "she would give you the shirt off her back", was literally true with Brenda. She never judge people and that is hard to do! She was a second mom to both my kids, and I'm sure for many others too. All who believe that Jesus Christ was crucified and died of his own free will to free us from our sins and restore our relationship with God will spend eternity in heaven, and I am happy to know I will meet up with her again. My heart breaks for her girls and pray their pain will be replaced with a smile every time they think of her. Love, Aprile

Aprile Frey Logsdon - March 09, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



March 09, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



March 08, 2025 at 11:06 PM

AN

“ I’m am so sorry for your loss. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. Annie in TN



Annie - March 08, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



March 08, 2025 at 11:38 AM



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

March 08, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



March 08, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



March 08, 2025 at 04:13 AM



“ At a crossroad in my life...God placed Brenda in my life. In between getting out at every stop sign, or traffic light - to wiggle the battery cables on her 20 year old Toyota...she was constantly telling me how i did not have to be defined by my past...and that God had a plan for me. Boy was she right. John, Kristie, Bethany, Stacy, and Tonya...i have no words to express how sorry i am...but i know she lives on in each of you...and the grands she loved so very much...she will live on in me as well...every Sunday when I step into the pulpit of the church I pastor...I was blessed to know Brenda-and even more so to be loved by her. She was right to...God did have a plan for me-and I know that I know that I know...it started with Brenda. To be loved by her, was to be loved by God...and I am so grateful for that...



Chris and Shanon Smolik - March 07, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ Christopher and Shanon Smolik purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



Christopher and Shanon Smolik - March 07, 2025 at 06:28 PM

CS

“ Christopher and Shanon Smolik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Kay Highley.

Christopher and Shanon Smolik - March 07, 2025 at 06:28 PM

DU

“ Aunt Brenda was always there for everyone and always making everyone feel the love I know there are no words just know I am praying hard for the entire family and friends I will always cherish the memories I have rest easy

Dusty - March 07, 2025 at 04:36 PM

LL

“ Love Mary Smith-Lawless and Mark Lawless purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



Love Mary Smith-Lawless and Mark Lawless - March 07, 2025 at 02:01 PM

LL

“ Love Mary Smith-Lawless and Mark Lawless planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Kay Highley.

Love Mary Smith-Lawless and Mark Lawless - March 07, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.*



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March 07, 2025 at 10:37 AM



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

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March 07, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ *Thank you Brenda, for everything. We will sorely miss you. The passion you had for everything you did, whether it was work or friends and family, was admirable. To the Family of Brenda, I pray you somehow find peace and live forever with the memories Brenda has blessed us all with. My deepest condolences.*

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**Ted Arnett** - March 07, 2025 at 08:43 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Brenda was always sweet and kind to our family and she had a huge heart and a beautiful smile. Her family was very blessed to have her and so was my brother John (aka) Papa John. She will be truly missed by many. May God give you strength and comfort during this difficult time. Much love, Leona (Bean) Casey.*

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**Leona L Casey** - March 06, 2025 at 07:08 PM

LB

“ To the beautiful family of Brenda Kay Highley - I am immensely sorry for your loss. I cannot imagine your sorrow and grief in losing such a matriarch. May God comfort each and every one of you during this very difficult time. Brenda was such a kind soul. Her love and compassion will be forever missed. She was such a pillar of strength and she loved her family more than anything. She completed my brother John's life and my prayers to him in this difficult time as well. I will miss Brenda always showing up at our family functions and always being there to help clean up until the end as we would all walk out together. I pray that the beautiful memories each and everyone of you have with her will keep a light in your path through this dark journey. I pray that the joy she gave out would help comfort you and may her memories strengthen you. Goodbye my precious Brenda, and thank you for sharing your life with me and so many others. You will be forever missed. Tears :(

Lynda (Bean) Bruederle - March 06, 2025 at 01:46 PM

MA

“ Madison Allen purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



Madison Allen - March 06, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



March 06, 2025 at 11:48 AM



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

March 06, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



March 06, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ Stacy,  
My heart goes out to you and your family for the loss of your dear mom. I know how much Brenda meant to all of you, and am so thankful I had the opportunity to know her kind spirit. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.  
Sending my love,  
Erica

Erica Harper - March 06, 2025 at 07:41 AM



“ Brenda was a beautiful soul!! She will surely be missed. I enjoyed working with her. God has another angel and we have to trust that he knows best. I am praying for the family and I love you all 🙏  
Carmen Murray (Slappey)

Carmen - March 05, 2025 at 08:48 PM

CO

“ *Brenda was an angel on earth that will truly be missed by our family. We were blessed to have her in our lives. My condolences to her family*  
*I am so very sorry for your loss. I will miss her kind heart and beautiful smile*  
*Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time*  
*Love, Crystal (Bean) Ogburn*

Crystal Ogburn - March 05, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.*



March 05, 2025 at 06:50 PM

BB

“ *Ben & Iva Beville planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Kay Highley.*

Ben & Iva Beville - March 05, 2025 at 05:40 PM

BB

“ *Ben & Iva Beville purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.*



Ben & Iva Beville - March 05, 2025 at 05:40 PM



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

March 05, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



March 05, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to your family. Brenda was always nice, kind, encouraging, and a blessing to share time and celebrations with our family. She was always smiling or laughing with us and would help with whatever that was needed. We will truly miss her bright smile and caring spirit. This is hard to take but I know she is with God's Angels smiling down at us. Love, Cynthia Bean & family

**CYNTHIA BEAN** - March 05, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ Crystal M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Kay Highley.

**Crystal M.** - March 05, 2025 at 03:36 PM

SV

“ Steven Vuia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Kay Highley.

Steven Vuia - March 05, 2025 at 02:26 PM

SV

“ Steven Vuia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



Steven Vuia - March 05, 2025 at 02:26 PM

KI

“ Katie & Pam, Noonan Group / IAC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Kay Highley.

Katie & Pam, Noonan Group / IAC - March 05, 2025 at 01:21 PM

KI

“ Katie & Pam, Noonan Group / IAC purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



Katie & Pam, Noonan Group / IAC - March 05, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.*



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March 05, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ *Amber Shea purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.*



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**Amber Shea** - March 05, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ *Amber Shea planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Kay Highley.*

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**Amber Shea** - March 05, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ *Papa John purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.*



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**Papa John** - March 05, 2025 at 12:36 PM

CG

“ CER Group purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



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**CER Group** - March 05, 2025 at 11:38 AM

DH

“ David & Teresa Hanes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Kay Highley.

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**David & Teresa Hanes** - March 05, 2025 at 11:21 AM

DH

“ David & Teresa Hanes purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



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**David & Teresa Hanes** - March 05, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



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March 05, 2025 at 09:37 AM



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

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March 05, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Kay Highley.



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