Brenda Gail Dowden

March 4, 1954 - March 4, 2016

Brenda Dowden, 62, of Bloomington, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on the morning of her 62nd birthday. She was the daughter of William T. and Mary Elsie (Jones) Miller. Brenda grew up in Avoca, IN and attended Needmore School. She left school early, but returned later to earn her GED from Bedford North Lawrence.

Brenda was a member of the Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy and was proud of her Indian heritage. She was also a member of the Northside Christian Church in Bloomington, where she was baptized into the family of God in 2004. Brenda enjoyed quilts, knick knacks and antiquing with her sisters. She also loved her little dogs, Maggie and Belle, who don't quite understand why their mommy's not here now.

Along with Maggie and Belle, Brenda is survived by her husband of nearly 32 years, Daniel Dowden of Bloomington; daughter Heather Mitchell-Moran (Rob) of Deming, New Mexico; step-daughter Amber Dowden Howe of Bedford; sisters Priscilla Bex (Glen) of Bedford, Janet Lee Miller of Indianapolis and half-sister Sylvia Brown (Ray) of Louisiana; brothers Danny Miller (Julie) of Springville and Mark Miller (Susan Kinser) of Bloomington. Also surviving are granddaughter Rose Ellen Moran of New Mexico; step-granddaughter Katie Nicole Voorhies of Bedford; grandson Nathan Raul Gonzales of Tipton, IN and step-grandsons Carter Thomas Howe and Alexander Todd Voorhies. Brenda was very special to several nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

She was preceded in death by her parents and half-brother Charles Harper.
There will be a memorial service for Brenda at 12:30p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Northside Christian Church, located at 3993 N. Prow Rd. at the intersection of Acuff Rd. and Hwy 37 on Bloomington's north side.
In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you would consider thinking of Brenda as you give a gift to your favorite charity.
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **12**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Northside Christian Church
3993 N. Prow Rd
Bloomington, IN

Tribute Wall

PW

To the Dowden and Miller families,we of the Connerley family in Texas send our heartfelt condolences and Prayers. We know Priscilla quite well as she is part of our family, and we knew a few of her family. Sending this message is from Betty Kinder Connerley,Rick Connerley and Penny Connerley Wicks.

Penny Connerley Wicks - March 11, 2016 at 05:49 PM

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Needmore Alumni Association lit a candle in memory of Brenda Gail Dowden

Needmore Alumni Association - March 11, 2016 at 09:22 AM

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This was supposed to say "Needmore Alumni Association" offers their deepest sympathy for one of our own.

Needmore Alumni Association - March 11, 2016 at 09:25 AM

HE

Harlene Eggleston lit a candle in memory of Brenda Gail Dowden

Harlene Eggleston - March 10, 2016 at 07:51 PM

MB

Mike Buchtman lit a candle in memory of Brenda Gail Dowden

Mike Buchtman - March 10, 2016 at 06:33 PM

MB

Sorry to hear about Brenda's death. Remember seeing her in the early morning hours helping her husband deliver newspapers.

Mike Buchtman - March 10, 2016 at 06:35 PM

Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Brenda Gail Dowden.

March 09, 2016 at 11:12 PM

CS

I knew Brenda many years ago and loved her wonderful spirit. I am sorry for the family's loss.

Carolyn Oliphant Suniga - March 09, 2016 at 07:15 PM