



Brenda Kay Bly

January 15, 1947 - February 13, 2024

Brenda Kay Bly, 77, a truly "Kind Hearted Woman" of deep Faith and love for her family, died Tuesday, February 13, 2024 in Lansing. Brenda was born January 15, 1947 in Hastings, the daughter of Evison Joseph, Jr. and Beverly Ann (Lord) Beck. She graduated from Charlotte High School in 1965 and soon after married the love of her life, John K. Bly on July 2, 1965 at the Congregational Church of Charlotte. In her early years, Brenda worked as a waitress at the Hi-Lo, in elder care at the Faith Immanuel Nursing Home, and at Maeward Inc. in Olivet. Her true life's calling began when she earned her massage certificate from Lansing Community College and started her own business in 1992, Kind-Hearted Woman. She served her community as a massage therapist, energy worker, and shamanic practitioner, helping people heal on all levels of their being - physical, emotional, natural and spiritual. Brenda co-created Happiness and Healing Advocates and was a member of the Charlotte Full Moon Circle and many Shamanic Circles. She was dedicated to her Charlotte Community in many other ways as well, especially by passionately serving on the Camp Francis Board.

Brenda loved the outdoors, especially gardening, and spending time with her family on the shores of Lake Michigan and immersing herself in the forest. She looked forward to vacationing with her brother, Mike and his family. She absolutely adored her beloved grandson, Scott, and treasured every moment with him. Above all, Brenda was deeply devoted to her Faith. From a young

age, Brenda developed a strong, memorable relationship with God. She maintained that relationship every day in her interactions with others, and in her service to her home church, Charlotte Congregational. Brenda will forever be remembered by many for her positive energy, kind spirit, and service to others.

Brenda is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, John K. Bly; their son, John K. (Lisa) Bly II; daughter-in-law, Amy Bly; grandson, Scott James (Kara) Bly; brothers, Evison Joseph Beck III and Michael Aaron Beck; her nieces and nephews, extended family; and a whole host of friends and fellow shamans. She was predeceased by her parents; her son, James Kay Bly in 2021; and her sister, LaRae Smith.

Friends are encouraged to support Brenda's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 19, 2024 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. Jody Betten officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Brenda's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **18**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

FEB **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Brenda Kay Bly*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 19, 2024 at 12:29 PM

JB

John. I was so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. How wonderful that you had such a love in your life. May God be with you during this very difficult time. Love you! Joan Sausm

Joan Saums Brown - February 26, 2024 at 02:12 PM

DH

John, I just learned of Brenda's passing. She was a beautiful woman and I was blessed to have known her. Her spirit lives! Hugs, Denise Hummel

Denise Hummel - March 08, 2024 at 09:27 AM

LR

“ *So sorry to hear the news. I just happened upon this and wanted to pass along my condolences. John, you and Brenda, were always so kind to me I will never forget it. Jesus is taking care of her now. God bless you and your family!*

Lyle Robinette - February 20, 2024 at 10:37 PM

TA

“ *The Shermans in MI & AZ purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Brenda Kay Bly.*



The Shermans in MI & AZ - February 18, 2024 at 03:01 PM

BC

“ *I am saddened by the passing of Brenda, but I know she is now without pain & suffering and is (most likely) hugging everyone she meets on the Other Side! Brenda was a friend to all and knew how to talk to anyone. I miss her bubbly personality in our shamanic and journey circles, but I also know she is with all of us still - in our hearts and minds. We had many talks after our Full Moon Circles in Charlotte. I still remember one time when Brenda & I went to see the people who had come with their telescopes (at one of the shamanic weekends) to look at the stars & planets- what fun! After that, we both sat down to share in a Chanupa ceremony with me, as Brenda had decided to take up a personal Pipe to ask/give thanks for blessings for her family & Friends and to talk with her guardian spirits and angels. I send my heart-felt prayers for strength and grace for her husband, John and the rest of her family, during this time of mourning. - Barb Cowles*



Barbara Cowles - February 18, 2024 at 02:13 PM

SB

“ John and family I was so very sorry to hear of Brenda’s passing. Many good memories of time spent with all of you at the ball field and the gang at your house. God bless you and bring you all peace and comfort.

Sincerely,

Steff McClure Baker

Stephanie Baker - February 17, 2024 at 09:05 PM

SA

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

Susan A. - February 17, 2024 at 05:10 PM

VH

“ John she will always be remembered for her loving heart. ❤️

Valli Halbeisen - February 17, 2024 at 05:09 PM

SK

“ Brenda you truly were a kind hearted woman and your spark is sure going to be missed by so many of us. I am thankful and grateful for having you in my life. Between the wonderful massages, long talks and introducing me to Shamanism, I love you. Every time I see a Great Blue Huron on the river, I think of you. I know you are at peace and surrounded with your loved ones and we will see each other again. My thoughts and prayers are with John, John, Lisa, Scott and the rest of your family as they mourn your loss.

Shellie Kundrat - February 17, 2024 at 01:01 PM

DB

“ John, so sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family. I remember many good times together and many parties we all enjoyed Brenda will always be loved and missed God Bless

Dave Burt - February 17, 2024 at 10:34 AM

 Jan Charboneau Shall

“ Brenda, my Brenda. Where can I start and I certainly don't want to finish. She was my soul sister, my confidant, my comrade. We began our shamanic path together which only strengthened our connection. I can't express how much I love her and her family. Dearest John, John and Lisa, and Scott- I'm here if you need anything. All my love!

Jan Charboneau Shall - February 17, 2024 at 09:44 AM

NE

“ The first time I met Brenda, I knew she was a very special person. I will truly miss her. I send all my prayers to her family, and I do believe that she is safe in the arms of our Lord.

Neva - February 16, 2024 at 05:50 PM

GB

“ Brenda was a student in my 9th grade General Business class at Charlotte High School. She has remained a favorite student of mine through all these years. My sincere condolences to John and family.

Gary Beebe

Gary Beebe - February 16, 2024 at 02:16 PM



“ *Brenda was one of my best friends. I don't know why she decided that she needed to be my "buddy" when we were being paired off at a workshop we both attended. I didn't know her, then, but I am glad she chose me. Over the years we spent many, many hours together in conversation and attending events together. There is no one like her; compassionate, funny but equally serious, incredibly spiritual, loyal. One could go on for paragraphs. I will miss her incredibly. I know she is all right, now, is free, and I know I will see her again. Knowing her, she will pay me a visit and try to scare the bejabbers out of me. I love you, Brenda.*

Marjorie Tursak - February 15, 2024 at 10:41 PM



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

Marjorie T. - February 15, 2024 at 10:33 PM



“ *Brenda was not just my masseuse - she was a great friend! I loved her absolutely! Her room was my happy place - making my body. Mind and emotions relax and rekindle! Our talks as she massaged me were funny. Sad, relaxing and exhilarating !
I have missed her so much-
She also saved me when she recognized my diabetes and I will be forever grateful to her!
John and family. Dan and I are so sorry for your loss. We know she will be in your presence from now on . Guiding you and showing love!
May all your memories keep you cost and give you smiles!
Love- Dan and Pat DeLeeuw*

Pat DeLeeuw - February 15, 2024 at 07:38 PM

PD

Cozy not cost - sorry

Pat DeLeeuw - February 15, 2024 at 07:40 PM

CW

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

Christine W. - February 15, 2024 at 05:38 PM

JD

“ *John, We are so very sorry for your loss.*

Jeff and D'Lynn - February 15, 2024 at 12:51 PM

PF

“ *Phil & Marilyn Masters and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brenda Kay Bly.*



Phil & Marilyn Masters and Family - February 15, 2024 at 11:59 AM

PF

“ *Phil & Marilyn Masters and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Kay Bly.*

Phil & Marilyn Masters and Family - February 15, 2024 at 11:59 AM

CN

“ *Brenda was a beacon to her family. She always was kind to my sister Lisa who is married to her son John. Fly high sweet Brenda you have earned your wings. My thoughts and comfort hugs to all.*
Cindy Ghedotte Nagy

Cindy G. Nagy - February 15, 2024 at 10:42 AM

MJ

“ *1 file added to the album Brenda Kay Bly*



Mikki Jo - February 15, 2024 at 08:46 AM

ML

Wow, that's a picture I haven't seen in a long time!

Margeaux Long - February 16, 2024 at 11:28 PM

TR

“ *John, sorry to hear about your loss. Brenda was the one in our class who really made everyone feel so good with her big smile and welcoming spirit. Pray that God gives you and your family comfort.*

Thomas Raymond - February 15, 2024 at 06:57 AM



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



February 15, 2024 at 12:27 AM

FF

“ From Chris Nygren (Geith), shaman friend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Kay Bly.

From Chris Nygren (Geith), shaman friend - February 15, 2024 at 12:27 AM

Mary
Hobson

“ Brenda was an amazing woman, who helped me heal physically and spiritually after the loss of my son. Everyone needs a Brenda in their life. I am so grateful she was in mine.



Mary Hobson - February 14, 2024 at 10:18 PM

PJ

“ It was such a pleasure meeting and getting to know Brenda, what a sweet and genuine lady. Prayers to the family for healing and grieving. Brenda will be missed by many. Hugs! Pamela and Daniel Jorae❤️

Pamela Jorae - February 14, 2024 at 09:20 PM

GA

“ John, our sincere condolences. Brenda was such a special gal. Gary and Kathie Ayotte

gary and Kathie Ayotte - February 14, 2024 at 08:23 PM



“ *Jan Charboneau Shall lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Bly*



Jan Charboneau Shall - February 14, 2024 at 05:42 PM



The candle color was the closest I could get to her massage room. Fly high my beloved sister!

Jan Charboneau Shall - February 14, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ *Godspeed, Brenda. You will be sorely missed.*



Merry Jo kerekes - February 14, 2024 at 05:20 PM



“ *Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Bly*



Chuck Brandon - February 14, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Brenda Kay Bly*.



February 14, 2024 at 02:40 PM



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

Sandy Callis - February 14, 2024 at 02:40 PM