



Brenda Jo Farnham

June 1, 1960 - September 10, 2024

Brenda Jo Farnham, a woman who always put her family first, passed away Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at her home. Brenda, 64, of Charlotte was born June 1, 1960 in Battle Creek to Larry Gene Farnham and Kazuko (Uno) Farnham. As an "Air Force Brat," Brenda lived in many different places during her childhood. She graduated from Bellevue High School and pursued a career in accounting. During her time as an Accounting Clerk at Delta Dental, Brenda was nicknamed the "Delta Queen." Following her retirement, Brenda returned to Delta Dental as a contractor until her great-grandson, Jett, was born.

One of Brenda's greatest joys in life was being a fun grandma and spending time with her family. She cherished them all, especially her grandson Jacob, and great-grandson Jett. She was the caring matriarch of her family. She was always known as "The Lady In Charge" who loved giving instructions for any family gathering.

Brenda enjoyed gardening in her flower beds around her home and the vegetable patch outback. She also enjoyed fishing trips in summer on the water and winter on the ice. It wasn't uncommon for her to out fish everybody else on any given day. Travel was always one of her favorite pastimes, whether it was sightseeing across the country, or riding ATV's in northern Michigan. Her favorite destinations were anywhere with a sunny beach.

Around the home Brenda enjoyed reading thriller novels, puzzles and cooking, especially salsa. Brenda always cooked for an Army. Sending home leftovers from any family gathering was so common that family and guests developed the habit of bringing their own to-go containers to the family dinners.

As a volunteer, Brenda became a strong advocate for Siren Shelter, gathering donations from throughout the staff and executives at Delta Dental which ranged from office equipment and supplies to office furniture and computers.

Brenda is survived by her husband, Steven Lake; daughter, Charity (Jason) Gravina; son, Andrew Lake; father, Larry Farnham; brother, Robert Farnham; grandson, Jacob (Millie) Gravina; and great-grandson, Jett Gravina. She was preceded in death by her mother, Kazuko Farnham.

Friends are encouraged to support Brenda's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Please join the family for visitation Sunday, September 15 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home. Brenda's funeral services are Monday, September 16, 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home, with interment to follow in Ceresco Cemetery in Ceresco Michigan where she will be laid to rest next to her mother. 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 Siren Shelter or Hospice of Lansing. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Ceresco Cemetery

14417 12 Mile Road
Ceresco, MI 49033

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Brenda Jo Farnham*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 16, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Brenda Jo Farnham*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 14, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. Please accept our deepest condolences for your loss.*

Custom Home Interiors - September 16, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ *Madeline A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Jo Farnham.*

Madeline A. - September 16, 2024 at 08:47 AM

SF

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Stephanie Farnham - September 15, 2024 at 11:41 AM

SF

Brenda loved her family. At Millies' baby showe for Jett she just glowed "Grammahood". Brenda was kind hearted and always made time to take care of her family when needed. Her spirit will live on in her children and grandchildren and a special grand. I will always have a special place in my heart for Brenda ❤️🙏

Stephanie Farnham - September 15, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ 35 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 14, 2024 at 12:32 PM

LU

“ Deepest Condolences from Local 724, Delta Dental Unit

Local 724 Delta Dental Unit - September 13, 2024 at 08:46 AM

BC

“ Brooke C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Jo Farnham.

Brooke C. - September 13, 2024 at 08:32 AM

RN

“ Words cannot express the shock, and sadness I feel for Brenda’s family, and all who knew & loved her. I hired into Delta Dental a month after Brenda, where we both started in the mailroom. Brenda was an absolute joy to work with sharing many laughs, stories, a few tears, and of course all the delicious food and treats she was always bringing in for us. I will always remember her for her kind heart, and huge smile, especially when she spoke of her family. I know she will be sorely missed, praying for Gods strength to get you all through these difficult days & months ahead.

Ruth Neal - September 13, 2024 at 12:01 AM

CL

I am so saddened to hear of Brenda's passing. She was beautiful person, inside and out. We had many similar life experiences and became instant friends. Brenda was always there to help out at work, always with a smile . She loved her family and shared many stories of her daughter and grandson Jacob. Sending prayers for her family and may God keep you all wrapped in his arms while you navigate through this difficult time.

Cindy Leweke-Brawner - September 13, 2024 at 08:25 AM

JS

Charity, Jake and family - We are so sorry for your loss! Brenda was such a nice person. I can remember her back to when you lived on Marrow Lake Rd. I always thought she had the coolest clothes for a Mom. Lol! I have a photo of her holding Bella at a home football game, if you want it, I can get it to you.

Jamie (Saylor) Stenberg & family

Jamie Lynn Stenberg - September 13, 2024 at 10:44 AM



Brenda was beautiful on the outside and the inside. She was a caretaker, responsible, funny and hardworking. I loved her, admired her and have missed her over the years. This hurt will not go away anytime soon, because of the impression she made on me years ago, her strength and fortitude and intelligence will be remembered and will give strength to all who knew and loved her even if the years had gone by from seeing her. RIP, you will never be forgotten.

Shelly Denner - September 14, 2024 at 02:14 PM

FG

“ From Brenda's Friends at The 4100 Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Jo Farnham.

From Brenda's Friends at The 4100 Group - September 12, 2024 at 04:05 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Jo Farnham.



September 12, 2024 at 04:05 PM

DA

“ Delta Dental, Corporate Administration planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Jo Farnham.

Delta Dental, Corporate Administration - September 12, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Brenda Jo Farnham.*



September 12, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ *Laborers Local 355 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Jo Farnham.*

Laborers Local 355 - September 12, 2024 at 08:15 AM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Brenda Jo Farnham.*



September 12, 2024 at 08:15 AM



“ *So shocked to see this. My thoughts are with you Steve, Charity, and rest of the family. So many many memories💔*

Trudy Lehman - September 12, 2024 at 08:03 AM



Thank you Trudy. She is missed greatly.

Charity Gravina - September 12, 2024 at 06:46 PM

DF

“ Doug and Sally Fierke purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Brenda Jo Farnham.



Doug and Sally Fierke - September 11, 2024 at 06:52 PM

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Doug and Sally Fierke - September 11, 2024 at 06:52 PM

MK

“ Margarete K. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brenda Jo Farnham.



Margarete K. - September 11, 2024 at 06:26 PM