



Ms. Brenda Louise Sawers

March 19, 1955 - June 20, 2021

Brenda never forgot to smile. A beautiful and infectious smile we will always remember. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Brenda Louise on Sunday, June 20, 2021. Brenda was determined, loyal and very willing to speak her mind. Throughout her life, she dedicated herself to her family and her large circle of close friends for whom she would do anything and vice versa. Brenda was a person you could count on for the simplest favour but if things got difficult, she was the first to step up for others and did so often. She matched her generosity with her compassion. She rarely stood still accomplishing more things in a day than the average person would complete in a week. The most important thing to Brenda was her family. The imprint that Brenda made on her sons, grandkids, nieces and nephews is indelible. She was a great Mom. She devoted herself to her boys - Craig, Trevor and Aaron - inspiring them with her can-do attitude. Her boys were encouraged by her unconditional support and trust in everything they took on. She had a firm hand when needed, instilling her strong principles of right and wrong with her boys and their many friends who often sought refuge in their home. Brenda was no less devoted to her grandchildren Zadee, Jade, Sierra and Jenna, and step grandchildren, Megan and Joey, giving them her time, energy and love at every turn. She was that special auntie who always made sure that her nieces and nephews felt unique, appreciated and loved. As the eldest of 6 girls she was the big sister, friend, confidante, anchor and tormentor to Cathy, Charlene, Billie-Lou, Lynn and Laurie. In 2009 Brenda married Glen Springsteel. Theirs was a marriage of love and mutual respect. They enjoyed myriad outdoor adventures and travel experiences with their family and so many friends. She took great pride in their home where there was always a project on the go. Her home reflected her personality, welcoming and warm. To support her family and exploit her intellectual and people skills, she became a well-respected insurance professional at Van Helden Agencies where she worked for 41 years until her retirement in 2019. Going the extra mile for clients was her minimum standard and she was a caring leader and role model for her co-workers. Brenda was an enthusiastic booster of her adopted hometown of High River and a reliable volunteer in a variety of areas, big and small. Brenda and her family are grateful to the many medical professionals involved in her journey with cancer. Her family would like to especially thank Dr. Sarah Makhdoom,

the team at the High River Community Cancer Centre and Dr. Vincent Tam at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre. Brenda is survived by her husband and best friend, Glen Springsteel, her boys, Craig Chapman (Charlene), Trevor Chapman (Rhonda Byers), and Aaron Ferguson, her sisters, Cathy Ens (Dale), Billie-Lou Laskosky (Ken McClennon), Charlene Sawers (Kris Basford), Lynn Johnson (Kevin) and Laurie Allan (Scott), grandchildren, Zadee, Jade, Sierra and Jenna, and step grandchildren Megan and Joey, numerous nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles. She was predeceased by her parents, Bill and Deanna Sawers. A Celebration of Brenda's life was held on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 305 - 1A Street NE Wallaceville, High River, Alberta. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the High River District Healthcare Foundation or a charity of your choice. Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Events

JUL **Celebration of Life Service** 01:00PM

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Wallaceville

305 - 1A Street NE, High River, AB, CA

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Lyle Reeves Funerals - July 26 at 04:40 PM



“ Brenda was a caring daughter and friend. I first met her through her mom Deanna at the Salvation Army Church. And it was always a blessing to greet and share with Brenda and Glen. My sympathy to Glen and the family.

Evelyn Craig - July 13 at 09:56 PM



“ I remember Brenda as bright, caring and infused with curiosity about life. Our sincere condolences Glen, as you move through this transition period. And to Brenda's family and wonderful gal pals, I am sure she is missed by you as well. Danny remembers her great smile and laugh.



Kate Major - July 12 at 04:19 PM



“ I remember Brenca as a birght, vivacious and infused with curiosity about life. Glen, our thoughts are with you, as you work your way through the grieving process.



Kate and Danny Major - July 12 at 04:09 PM



“ My sincerest sympathies to Glen and all of Brenda’s family. I knew Brenda briefly through working at the casino for Abbeyfield House. She was a great lady. May your happy memories soon fill your hearts and minds, and minimize you pain from this loss.
Sincerely,
Patty Atkinson

Patty Atkinson - July 10 at 03:24 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go to Glen and Brenda’s family. A truly remarkable lady! May her memories last for a very long time. She touched many in and around High River. She will be remembered.

Garry Hoffart - July 12 at 05:07 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Glen and Brenda’s family. Brenda was a remarkable lady. She gave so much to so many in High River and area. Abbeyfield House will never be the same. May Brenda’s memories and positive presence be felt for a long time. God bless.

Garry Hoffart - July 12 at 05:10 PM



“ My deepest sympathies for Brenda’s family. I was shocked to hear of her passing. While driving through High River a few weeks ago, I thought to myself how it had been quite some time since we had connected. I worked with Brenda for almost 30 years and she was always willing to lend a hand when needed. We spent a lot of hours together and I never knew her to not put everyone before herself. She was a kind and very generous person. She will be deeply missed by all.



Kelly Johnston - July 05 at 10:21 PM



“ I would also like to extend my sympathy to all of Brenda’s friends and the staff at Van Heiden Agencies. She will be forever missed.

Kelly Johnston - July 05 at 10:24 PM



“ Hugs to Brenda's sons. She was a great lady. Barry and Marg Chapman

Margaret Chapman - July 10 at 09:47 PM



“ Dave and I were so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. Brenda was a kind, generous and helpful person to so many people. You could always count on her. I loved chatting with her each year as she was our insurance agent and also Mom and Dad's, and we would catch up with news of her family and and I would share the news of ours. I missed that once Brenda retired from Van Helden. I would hear about what all of her boys were up to and their families, and I would hear about the cabin that she loved to go to. She was loved by so many and will be missed by all. You are all in our thoughts and prayers, and I hope the memories you have of your Mom, Grandma and Wife will help you through this very difficult time.

Bev (Chapman) Sardinha

Bev Sardinha - June 30 at 10:43 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Brenda's family and close friends. In 2007, she and Glen welcomed my son and me so we could spend Christmas with his grandmother, Ria. I'll always remember the laughs during Christmas Eve dinner at the Old Bauernhaus, tobogganning down the bunny hill on Christmas Day and her encouragement during a day of xcountry skiing. She had a kind heart and made our holiday very special.

Much love,

Sherri-Lynn Woodside

Sherri-Lynn Woodside - June 30 at 07:06 PM



“ Although my insurance dealings with Brenda go back 20-30 years, I remember a warm hearted knowledgeable insurance professional. My condolences to her family and staff/management at Van Helden Agencies.
Neil McLeod

Neil McLeod - June 29 at 04:43 PM



“ Vanessa Weiss is following this tribute.

Vanessa Weiss - June 28 at 11:30 PM



“ Brenda was my insurance goddess for over 30 years. A true professional at her craft. I have missed our chats these last few years, they always were enlightening discussions. A huge loss to the family and all who knew her...
Rest well Brenda.

Brian Hunter - June 28 at 03:05 PM



“ Goodbye Brenda. I so appreciated her. She was with Jim Chapman when I first got to play hockey at 13 years old. Coaching together so a bunch of misfits could play. Without that pair coaching I might never have fallen in love with the game. Years later there we were once again travelling from rink to rink with each other and our 2 boys Trevor & Trevor! Then onto the ball field ... she was hanging out with Fergie and the fastball team. What a strange mix that was. Not bad..... just different. Brenda tried to have a gruff edge but had a heart of gold. I wish we could have visited one more time.

Condolences Love and Hugs to the families...
She was a Treasure and Joy to many...

Love Danny, Cheryl, Trevor and Heather Freeman

Cheryl Freeman - June 26 at 10:32 PM



“ Deb Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Brenda Louise Sawers



Deb Ferguson - June 26 at 04:51 PM



“ Ron & Ann Weston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Brenda Louise Sawers



Ron & Ann Weston - June 26 at 01:42 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss of your soulmate Glen, my deepest condolences at this time to you and all the family.

Douglas Tannas - June 25 at 08:18 PM



“ I am so shocked and saddened to hear this news. Brenda was always so full of life and joy. Our family has many memories of Brenda and the boys in her younger days. My parents always looked forward to their visits with Brenda in person and as they aged, on the phone. Brenda was the kindest person and always found time for people. My heart goes out to her family. Brenda will be missed by so many.
Cathy (Chapman) Bowen



Cathy Bowen - June 25 at 04:42 PM



“ I'm so sad to hear this news. Brenda was a true friend to me and my boys. Many happy memories and I am missing her now. My sincerest condolences to Glen, Craig, Trevor and Aaron.

Donna Bell - June 25 at 03:48 PM



“ BJ & Christina Ersson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Brenda Louise Sawers



BJ & Christina Ersson - June 25 at 02:19 PM



“ We are very sad hearing of Brenda's passing. Glenn and Family our thought are with you.

BJ & Christina Ersson - June 25 at 02:23 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to all of Brenda's family. So sorry for your loss.
Craig & Debbie Schmuland



Debbie Schmuland - June 25 at 01:42 PM



“ Last summer in the middle of the Covid pandemic when we were getting used to isolating, one day the doorbell rang and by the time I got to it, nobody there but a box of Girl Guide cookies was on the step. Looked around to see who had left them and there was Brenda waiving and smiling.. Just one of many gestures both large and small that made me grateful to know her..

Karen Fraser - June 25 at 11:52 AM



“ Brenda Bedson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Brenda Louise Sawers



Brenda Bedson - June 25 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Glen, Craig, Trevor and Aaron - I'll remember Brenda as one of the kindest, and most generous ladies I have ever met. A smile on her face and a word of wisdom seemed to be her mantra. You could ask her about anything and she'd always have an answer or a piece of advice - and if she didn't, she would find it! She fought a strong fight, and rarely had a complaint. She'll be missed by many, but I know she has shared a piece of her heart with all. May all of your amazing memories hold her close in your heart in the days to come Love, Tammy



Tammy Beach - June 24 at 11:10 PM



“ I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Brenda's family. I remember Brenda always happy and smiling and definitely willing to help if you needed it. I worked with her for many years and nick named her Martha Stewart, she was always willing to help me with my design questions and I still have the pieces she recommended that I buy. I remember her fondly and I know she will be dearly missed.

Gordena Devries - June 24 at 10:51 PM



“ Glen we are so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. She will be missed by many. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time. Lorna and Les Klywak

Lorna Klywak - June 24 at 08:48 PM



“ My sincere condolences. So sorry for your loss. I didn't know Brenda very well but she was always very kind and welcoming.

Randy Kriwokon - June 24 at 08:21 PM



“ She never missed a smile! Something as trivial as a needed canning lid find would be celebrated lol - she will be missed by so many as she was loved by so many



Di - June 24 at 05:06 PM



“ Thank you for posting this awesome picture of Brenda, Di. It is the best!

Vanessa

Vanessa Weiss - June 27 at 04:54 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time. God bless.

Ron Whiteway

Ron Whiteway - June 24 at 03:59 PM



“ To Glen , boys and family members.
Our hearts are heavy to have heard the news of Brenda’s passing. She fought a good fight but not everyone wins, unfortunately. I will miss you Brenda so much , our visits, our FaceTime calls ,
Your trip with Glen to visit us in Newfoundland was such an awesome trip. Rest In Peace dear friend, I know where you are, and one day I will join you.
Fly high with no pain , no more treatments and no more battles to fight. You have fought a good fight and won the course. Heaven awaits you. You were some sweet.

Kathy and Al Jones - June 24 at 12:13 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Brenda’s family. I’m so sorry for the loss of your loved one.

Maureen Macleod - June 23 at 10:30 PM



“ Tanya Suitor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Brenda Louise Sawers



Tanya Suitor - June 23 at 10:28 PM



“ Laurie, to you and your family my deepest condolences and thoughts are with you.



Donna Tanner - June 23 at 07:58 PM



“ Glenn, Craig, Trevor, & Aaron and your families my deepest sympathies to you all. Brenda was a very special person and the heart of your family. I will never forget her and the years of our friendship.

Diane & Jack Ryman



Diane Ryman - June 23 at 05:08 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear the news... she was a wonderful Lady may she rest in peace... my condolences to you all

Jenny Ryman

Jenny Ryman - July 12 at 07:06 AM



“ Glen and family. We were so saddened to hear of Brenda's passing. You are in our thoughts and hearts at this difficult time. Sue and John Nibourg

Sue and John Nibourg - June 23 at 04:29 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Brenda’s family. Cherish your many memories and they will help you through the tough days ahead.
Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee



Pat Zebedee - June 23 at 11:22 AM



“ So sorry for the family's great loss. She was a wonderful person
joan browning - June 23 at 08:48 PM



“ Trevor and family I am so sorry of your loss. Hugs!
Chris Byers - June 23 at 10:16 PM



“ Glen and boys we are so sorry for your loss. Being neighbours for so many years we all went through a lot in Wallaceville! Brenda’s beautiful garden was always so lovely and she worked so hard to make it that way. Her generosity and spirited personality will be missed.

Jane and Joe Russell - June 23 at 10:40 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Brenda’s family and extended family! God Bless
Gordon and Raimunda Jackson - June 23 at 02:30 PM



“ We are so deeply saddened by Brenda's passing and offer our deepest condolences to Glen and Brenda's families! God Bless her!
Jaime and Jenny Wong - July 05 at 07:36 PM



“ Our thoughts are with all Brenda’s family and friends. Susan and Monty Stafford.



Susan Lovell-Stafford - June 23 at 10:05 AM



“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to Glen, Craig, Trevor and all extended family.

Brenda will be dearly missed but never forgotten. She touched so many peoples lives with her kindness, compassion, caring, and generous ways.

We will live on with so many cherished memories we had over the years.

Love from Wendy, Nick, Brenden, Mathet, Taylor, Megan & Logan



Wendy Parkyn - June 23 at 09:52 AM



“ Wendy Parkyn lit a candle in memory of Ms. Brenda Louise Sawers



Wendy Parkyn - June 23 at 09:44 AM



“ To Glen, Craig, Trevor, Aaron, and all of Brenda's family, I am so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing.

Not only was Brenda my sister-in-law's sister, she was a caring friend that supported me through my husband's cancer journey at the same time she was dealing with her own. No matter how she was feeling she always had a smile on her face.

Brenda you fought a hard battle right to the end and now may you rest in peace. You will be missed.

Love Julie

Julie Allan - June 23 at 12:16 AM



“ Shanlee Spicer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Brenda Louise Sawers



shanlee spicer - June 22 at 03:34 PM