



## Brenda Louise Cortes

June 22, 1951 - March 16, 2021

Age 69, of Godley, IL passed away surrounded by her loving family, Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at her home. Born June 22, 1951 in Mt. Vernon, IL to the late Helen McCluskey.

Brenda thoroughly enjoyed getting out and playing BINGO along with her husband, Pedro, in the Gardner, Coal City, and Godley areas. Working for over 25 years as a housekeeper, nothing compared to the time she cherished being at home with her family. She found joy in adult coloring books, playing cards, word searches, going to Dunkin' Donuts for her favorite iced coffee and just simply sitting outside enjoying the nice weather. No one can ever replace the wife, mother, grandmother and friend that Brenda was, but knowing her legacy will carry on through her loved ones and memories gives them peace. Surviving are her husband of thirty-eight years, Pedro Cortes, whom she married July 10, 1982; two daughters, Yolanda Cortes of Wilmington, IL and Felipa (Dusten) Dishon of Dwight, IL; and two grandchildren, Desirae Kerr and Ashton Dishon.

Visitation for Brenda will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood, IL, Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 12-4:00 p.m. with funeral services beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Cremation rites will be accorded following services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to the Sarcoma Foundation of America: <https://www.curesarcoma.org/donate/> or the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation: <http://www.info-komen.org/>

would be appreciated.

All attendees are required to wear face coverings, follow social distancing guidelines, and due to the capacity requirements, please be brief with your condolences to allow other guests to pay their final respects. For more information and to sign her online guestbook please log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

## Service

MAR 20. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BE

“ Sorry to hear of her passing. I only knew Brenda from Bingo at Coal City. Prayers to her family for God's strength to carry them through. RIP Brenda - hope you find a bingo hall in Heaven. Becky Evans

Becky Evans - March 30, 2021 at 11:04 AM

MC

“ Brenda worked at fossil rock for our family When we owned it ,and was always a good worker and such a kind person God bless Brenda and her entire family she will be missed ..... Jenny Ingersoll ,Marcia and Kenny Carpenter

marcia carpenter - March 24, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ Brenda was such a kind and gentle person, I will miss her dearly. I remember meeting her, I told her that her hair walked into the room before she did, we always laughed about that! Just beautiful. I am sorry for this tragic loss of the family.  
Patty Toler Calderone



Patty Calderone - March 21, 2021 at 10:29 AM

VG

“ Vicki Graefen lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Cortes



Vicki Graefen - March 20, 2021 at 12:04 PM

CW

“ *Brenda could never tell my sister and I apart (we are identical twins) so she would always call us twin. She'd yell : twin! Oh twin!! Which one are you? Such an amazing woman and kind soul.*

Cassie Watson - March 19, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *100 files added to the album LifeTributes*



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - March 19, 2021 at 11:49 AM

LO

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss, Brenda was a beautiful person and will be missed by so many. With our love and prayers, Jack and Lois*

lois - March 19, 2021 at 11:21 AM

JR

“ *Julia R. lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Cortes*



Julia R. - March 19, 2021 at 11:07 AM

GI

“ *Gina lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Cortes*



**Gina** - March 19, 2021 at 01:45 AM



“ *Rhonda Basham-Derr lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Cortes*

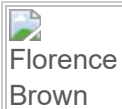


**Rhonda Basham-Derr** - March 18, 2021 at 10:50 PM

DA

“ *Thanks Brenda for all the the delicious pumpkin rolls they were always the best. You always took pride in evey thing you made . Prayers for your family you wil be missed dearly. Fly High Brenda*

**Deby Alton** - March 18, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ *Florence Brown lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Cortes*



**Florence Brown** - March 18, 2021 at 09:16 PM



Florence Brown

“ *Brenda was a great friend. She will be dearly missed.* 💕💕💕💕

Florence Brown - March 18, 2021 at 09:16 PM



VG

“ *Pedro, yoyo and filipa... our deepest sympathys..ray and i are so very sorry for your loss.. Brenda was a great friend for many years and we sure did have fun together.. from going out shooting pool, to garage sales, lunch or just hanging out having some girl time..i sure will miss her!!*

Vicki Graefen - March 18, 2021 at 08:25 PM



PU

“ *I will miss you and love the memories forever Thank you so much for the Hot Carrots. Love you always*

Punky - March 18, 2021 at 05:07 PM



PU

“ *Punky lit a candle in memory of Brenda Louise Cortes*



Punky - March 18, 2021 at 05:03 PM