



## Brenda J. Kooiman

May 11, 1950 - October 24, 2025

Brenda J. Kooiman

Age 75, of Gardner, IL, passed away at Loyola University Medical Center on October 24, 2025, after a short illness.

Brenda was born in Muskegon, Michigan, on May 11, 1950, to parents William Yburt Kooiman and Helen Kooiman Calandriello. Brenda went to high school in Franklin, Tennessee. She worked at Federal Paperboard, Copper Popper, and other factories in Illinois.

Brenda was a generous and caring person who loved meeting new people. She enjoyed visiting with her friends and talking with them for hours. Riding motorcycles was a passion for Brenda. She enjoyed going to the Women on Wheels Annual Ride-In every year, catching up with her extended motorcycling family. Brenda enjoyed going shopping and spoiling her cats.

Preceded in death by her parents, Brenda is survived by her best friend and roommate of 35 years, Teresa Hakey. Cremation rites have been accorded, and a Celebration of Life is planned for November 9, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church activity room, in Braidwood, IL.

To share memories or offer condolences, please visit Brenda's online guestbook at [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook.

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# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church-Braidwood  
106 South Lincoln Street  
Braidwood, IL 60408

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Brenda was a very good friend to all and enjoyed meeting new people. She loved her friends and her cats. She will be deeply missed. My condolences to her family and Teresa. Rest in peace my friend.* ”



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**Maria Gonzalez** - November 12, 2025 at 12:38 AM

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“ *Brenda was an outgoing and lovable person and will be missed. My sincere sympathy to her family and Teresa Hakey* ”

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**Dot Stedman** - November 08, 2025 at 08:14 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Teresa and Brenda's family of friends. She always made everyone feel so loved when she was in the room.* ❤️🙏❤️ ”

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**Michael Peters** - October 30, 2025 at 03:42 PM

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“ *Brenda was one of the sweetest, kindest, and most generous people I've ever met. She did not know a stranger. I don't think I ever met anyone that enjoyed listening to music more than Brenda. She was certainly one in a million and it was a pleasure to call her a friend. RIP sweet girl.* ”



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**Ron Steinacher** - October 28, 2025 at 09:43 AM

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“ *This is the Brenda we all know and loved!* 😊



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**Koop** - October 27, 2025 at 07:56 PM