



Brenda Lynn Shepherd

July 24, 1960 - February 11, 2015

Services for Brenda Lynn Shepherd, 54, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, February 13, 2015 at 3:00 PM at First Baptist Church, South Campus in Tyler with Reverends Jim Jackson, Chris Legg and Pat Alvey officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Brenda Lynn Bell Shepherd ran into the arms of Jesus early on the morning of February 11, 2015 in Tyler, Texas. Brenda was a true and living example of a servant's heart.

She was born July 24, 1960 in Marshall to Bill E. Sr. and Linda Burks Bell.

Brenda was a member of First Baptist Church. She taught Sunday school and worked with the youth group for over 20 years at Friendly Baptist Church.

She graduated from Letourneau University with an MBA. She was the executive director of Physicians Contracting Organization of Texas (PCOT) for 16 years.

Brenda was well known for her passion for Jesus, serving others, and cooking. She served on many mission trips including to Mexico, Romania, Canada, and around the United States. Brenda opened her home to multiple foreign exchange students, giving them a home, excellent American food, and mothering, while they were away from home.

In addition to her parents, Brenda was preceded in death by grandmother, Evelyn Burks; grandson, Jonah Duke and mother-in-law, Donna Shepherd.

She is survived by her loving family including her husband of 36 years, Doug

Shepherd of Tyler; daughters, Jennifer Roach and husband Ben and Lindsey Duke and husband Kevin; son, Cory Shepherd and fiancé Lee Correa and daughters loved-as-her-own, Georgeanna Jones and Lisa Beale; grandchildren, Elijah Duke, Noah Roach, Luke Roach and soon-to-be granddaughter, Abigail Duke; mother, Sue Bell; siblings, Bill Bell, Jr., Belinda Cook, Barbara Powers and Beth Calhoun.

Pallbearers will be Mel Peters, Gary Easterling, Bill Bell, Jr., Chris Cook, Mark Brotherton, and Ben Roach.

Honorary pallbearers will be Trevor Bell, Travis Bell, Brendan Welch, Connor Powers, and Micah Robinson.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

In lieu of flowers, memorials and tributes may be made to HopeMommies.org/donate-blackbaud or First Baptist Church South Campus Missions Fund, 17002 Hwy 69 South, Tyler, TX 75703.

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

FEB 13. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church-South Campus
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall

CG

“ We were struck with sadness upon hearing this tragic news. Our prayers will continue to go out for the family through the coming months.

Love you all,
Craig and Becky Glover

Craig and Becky Glover - February 16, 2015 at 02:32 PM

CS

“ Sue, We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Brenda. The Lord works in unusual ways and we don't always understand. Please extend our sympathy to Bill Jr., Belinda, Barbara, and Beth in their lost. Our love and best, Carlton & JoAnn Simmons

Carlton & JoAnn Simmons - February 15, 2015 at 11:14 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Lynn Shepherd.



February 12, 2015 at 10:49 PM

TD

“ Terry Davis purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Brenda Lynn Shepherd.



Terry Davis - February 12, 2015 at 06:40 PM

LK

“ *Laura Kyker purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Brenda Lynn Shepherd.*



Laura Kyker - February 12, 2015 at 05:25 PM

RB

“ *Brenda was so dear to my heart for so many reasons!!! Sweet memories of so many wonderful things in our lives together! You left a true legacy for your family & friends as you were a Godly woman of many talents!! You will truly be missed by all. God bless and give you all peace, Doug, Jennifer, Lindsey, Cory and all those precious grandbabies. Wish I could be there, love & prayers,*
Robin & Larry Bartlett

Robin Bartlett - February 12, 2015 at 03:42 PM

KR

“ *KATHY ROWLAND lit a candle in memory of Brenda Lynn Shepherd*



KATHY ROWLAND - February 12, 2015 at 03:11 PM

WM

“ *With deepest sympathy, Brandi & Brian Montgomery purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Brenda Lynn Shepherd.*



With deepest sympathy, Brandi & Brian Montgomery -
February 12, 2015 at 02:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brenda Lynn Shepherd.*



February 12, 2015 at 01:08 PM



“ *Brenda was such a caring and giving person and ministered to everyone. I will never forget our Arkansas trips years ago with "the group". Brenda always did all the work with planning meals, etc. and we all had a great time. She will be missed by many many friends.*

Jerry & Carol Ogea - February 12, 2015 at 01:07 PM



“ *So very sad to hear of Brenda's passing. It is with the hope and assurance that Jesus has given us that we will see each other again that gives us peace. Prayers for the many family and friends that will have a piece of them missing. Brenda worked faithfully for God's kingdom.*

*Sending prayers and love,
Tammie Webster*

Tammie - February 12, 2015 at 11:47 AM

MP

“ Words cannot express how sad we were to hear of the loss of Brenda Shepherd.

Great memories..... A youth Mission Trip to Mexico will always hold a special place in my heart for her. I always admired her energy and positive attitude as she prepared meals for everyone. (She was one of the best cooks ever!) Brenda was always a great support to her family and friends and will be missed by all.
We Love you and will be praying for you!

Sincerely,
Bro. Dale and Mitzi Perry

Mitzi Perry - February 12, 2015 at 10:45 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Lynn Shepherd.



February 12, 2015 at 10:28 AM



“ Victorian Teacup Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Lynn Shepherd.



February 12, 2015 at 10:14 AM

DC

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace that passeth our understanding.



David and Carleta Cates - February 12, 2015 at 08:03 AM

CA

“ Prayers for the entire family. May you be filled with beautiful memories of her and find comfort in that. One day you will all be together again.

With love, Cindy and John Aldridge

cindy aldrige - February 12, 2015 at 07:27 AM

RJ

“ Prayers lifted for Keven & Lindsey and their family from the Victory Place @ Coppell Family.

Ron-Marie Johnson - February 12, 2015 at 07:02 AM

SK

“ Sharon and John Eiche, Zach Eiche and Kelsey Kidd purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Brenda Lynn Shepherd.



Sharon and John Eiche, Zach Eiche and Kelsey Kidd -
February 11, 2015 at 05:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brenda Lynn Shepherd.*



February 11, 2015 at 04:38 PM



“ *So many memories of vacations, family meals, holidays, cards, talks I don't know which to share. I am so thankful that almost 36 years ago I met Brenda and a friendship flourished. We dreamed of watching our grandkids play together. So thankful we did see our three and two of hers do just that this past summer. A memory I will always cherish. We love you'll!*

Cynthia Peters - February 11, 2015 at 04:08 PM