



## Brenda Jean Bergwitz

October 21, 1941 - April 15, 2021

Brenda Jean Bergwitz, 79, of Evansville, passed away Thursday, April 15, 2021 at the Linda E. White Hospice House surrounded by family.

Brenda was born October 21, 1941 in Cameo, West Virginia to the late Forrest Hatfield, Sr. and Lucille (Swafford) Clark. She retired from Welborn Baptist Hospital where she worked as a rehabilitation technician. Brenda was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps; was a member of and served as chaplain for the Navy Mother's and American Legion Funkhouser Post #8; volunteered with Right to Life and the local Republican party and was also a member of the 2nd Amendment Patriots. Brenda was a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vanderburgh County and currently a member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

Surviving Brenda are her daughter, Tina Bergwitz; sons, John Bergwitz, Greg Bergwitz and Nick (Geniel) Bergwitz; one sister, Linda Strevel and brothers, Forrest Hatfield, Jr, Alan Hatfield, Ricky Hatfield, David Hatfield, Kevin Hatfield, Robert Clark, Freeman Clark, Henry Clark, Willie Clark and Albert Nieves. Also surviving are grandchildren, Summer and Kaylyn Bergwitz, Jeremy Bergwitz, Brooke Bergwitz, Alicia Bergwitz, Britney (Ryan) Aguon, Kristin (Scott Ibey) Bergwitz, Rose Ann Bergwitz and Elijah Nicholas Bergwitz; a great grandson, Isaiah, Greg's bird, Messy Marvin and her favorite granddog, BooBoo.

In addition to her parents, Brenda was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, John Bergwitz in 2015; by her son, Charlie Bergwitz in 1992; by two brothers, Larry and Bucky Hatfield; by her stepmother, Nellie Hatfield and stepfather, Luther Clark.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Rev. Jason Gries officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 PM on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 AM until service time on Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2701 W. Franklin Street.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN 47712  
(812) 423-6471  
info@pierrefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

APR **22**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
2701 W. Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

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APR **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
2701 W. Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brenda Jean Bergwitz*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



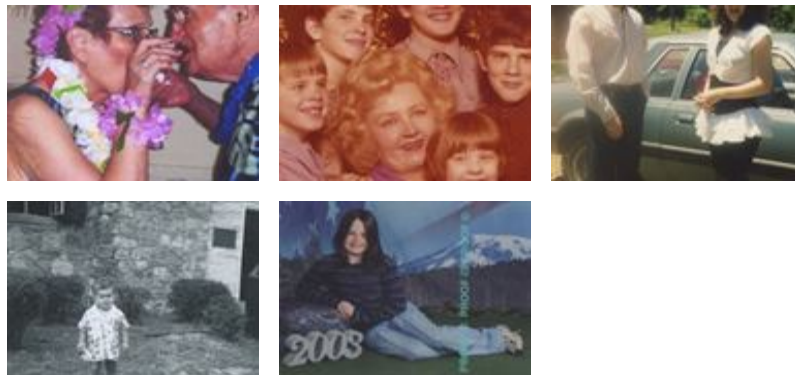
“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Jean Bergwitz.*



April 21, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *104 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Pierre Funeral Home** - April 21, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Jean Bergwitz.*



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April 21, 2021 at 07:59 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Know you and yours are in thoughts and prayers.  
Blessings and aloha,  
Diana Petranek*

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**Diana Petranek** - April 20, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *To Brenda's precious family...My prayers and thoughts are with you. I love Brenda with all my heart. She definitely was an inspiration to me. She was a very kind, inspirational and loving friend. I was glad to have her in my life....Praying for you all. Cheryl A Hutchinson*

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**cheryl Hutchinson** - April 20, 2021 at 07:44 PM

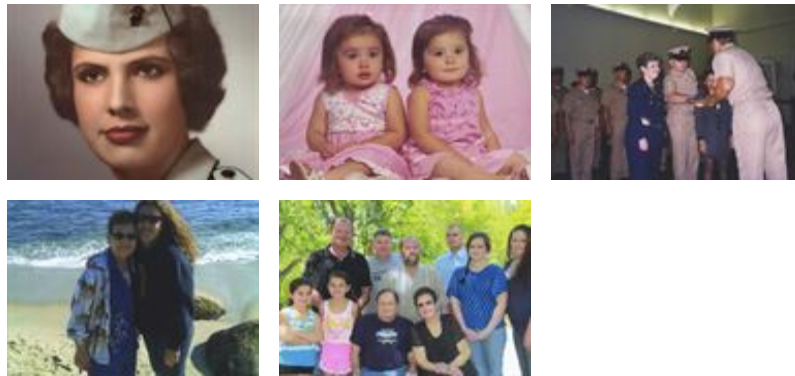
LH

*Although I did not get to see Brenda as much as I would have liked she was definitely an inspiration to me!! As a member of Labor of Love ❤️ she was always there offering a helping with whatever task needed to be done. She was in the kitchen and never without pounds of her delicious peanut butter fudge (and I don't like peanut butter fudge or candy 😊). She was there with a rake or paint brush or maybe on a day when she just needed to sit she would share a cheery message with those that we were there to help!! She and Renda Acton (now gone as well) and my Son-in-law Tony Catanzaro (before he married our daughter) drove all over the country laughing their way to many LOL events! They shared some Really funny, wonderful experiences. I know Tony will always treasure them!! Her dedication to serve from the beginning of her life until the very end is an inspiration to so many she will be missed, I loved her so very much!! I know you will be fighting for all us Brenda on the other side of the veil!! Well done thou good and faithful servant! 🙏😊😊*

Leslie H.Boulton - April 22, 2021 at 03:55 PM



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Pierre Funeral Home - April 19, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ *Mary Christenson lit a candle in memory of  
Brenda Jean Bergwitz*



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**Mary Christenson** - April 18, 2021 at 11:23 PM

JD

“ Oh my dear friend have so many memories. I met Brenda 36 years ago She was a consultant of mine in Beauticontrol & became a Director. We had so many trips together with all kinds of funny & great experiences!! Many meetings and get togethers in her Great room in her home. Even one in 2006 for my beloved son Jeff. She had such a great heart. She spoke at his funeral and had a beautiful plaque made for him & us. Before her treatments began, she came for dinner & spent the night with me & my new little dog I got after my husband Wyndall had passed. Brenda went with me to the rescue centers to find me a pet. Brenda said, she is saying "Take me home, take me home." So, I brought my new little Chiweenie home. When Brenda spent the night, Wyndy slept with her & it just tickled Brenda!! When Brenda found the knot, she called me, when she found out it was stage 3 cancer. She said to me, "I am going to be just like Judy Day!!" That is haunting me, since I had stage 4 cancer & am in remission, and Brenda had stage 3 and died! She had told me that several times!! And it keeps going over and over in my mind. I feel the radiation killed her! Oh how I wish she would have had my doctor Ahmed!! I will grieve for her for a very long time. I have to admit, when I saw the pain she was in even being on Morphine, Ativan & another pain killer, I told everyone to pray for her to be taken out of his agony! She lived a day & a half & passed. I know Brenda was not afraid to die. John her husband had told me when I was grieving over our son's death, "Judy, he would not come back even if he could, it is so beautiful there." (She helped me with my husband & the death of our son & husband). I remembered that so many times. I loved both Brenda & John. I will surely miss her. My prayers are with all of her family & they have my deepest sympathy. .

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**JUDY DAY** - April 18, 2021 at 08:57 PM

RM

“ I will always remember my good friend Brenda, lovely, tireless, fearless, a wonderful lady.. Rest in peace, Brenda, you are remembered.



Richard Moss - April 18, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Jean Bergwitz.



April 18, 2021 at 10:31 AM

TF

“ Tracey Farmer lit a candle in memory of Brenda Jean Bergwitz



Tracey Farmer - April 18, 2021 at 09:48 AM

AG

“ Brenda was a wonderful woman of God with a passion for righteousness. She will be missed. Praying for you and your family.

Ann Gries - April 18, 2021 at 09:19 AM

SH

“ *Brenda and I are Charter Members of Tri-State Navy Mothers Club #1016. She was our chaplain and so much more. Always there for our sons and daughters. No matter what was asked of her she did it well because she loved our children and our Club. She fought the battle and she won the Race and the Prize of being in Heaven with her Lord...Love and prayers to her family. Sue Hardesty, Navy Mom...*

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**Sue Hardesty** - April 18, 2021 at 09:13 AM

BR

“ *Brenda and I have been friends since Boone County and all through school and the years afterwards. Visiting in Evansville. Good friend. She has left her mark on life.*

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**Brenda** - April 17, 2021 at 10:59 PM

JA

“ *Jonnie Ashby lit a candle in memory of Brenda Jean Bergwitz*



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**Jonnie Ashby** - April 17, 2021 at 07:34 PM

GM

“ I will never forget Brenda. I remember meeting her the first time at the Second Amendment Patriots meetings in Evansville in 2008. She was the first person to say hello to me and we have been friends ever since. She also made the best Peanut Butter Fudge ever. Even tho i moved to Israel we kept in touch online. I will never forget you my favorite patriot and friend.

*Gabby Mizrachi*

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**Gabby Mizrachi** - April 17, 2021 at 06:57 PM

DH

“ Brenda was a great customer of ours. She had told us many stories and was full of character. I gave her the title of the biggest Trump supporter in the U.S. last year when I seen her last. It was great knowing her, rest easy Miss Brenda. From Dan and Lindsey at D&L Auto Detail

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**Dan and Lindsey Hunt** - April 17, 2021 at 12:08 PM

CF

“ To the Bergwitz Family: I am so sorry for your loss. Brenda will always be remembered by so many of us. She was a warrior for so many causes, especially for the unborn. Since I have known her, she was always an inspiration to me. She always had a positive attitude and was never afraid to confront any situation with great love. I can only pray that the rest of my life will leave a great legacy as Brenda has. Please know that my prayers are with all of you.



*Cathie Francis-Martin*

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**Cathie Francis-Martin** - April 17, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Jean Bergwitz.*



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April 17, 2021 at 07:54 AM



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**Dianna Masterson** - April 17, 2021 at 12:06 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a great lady! I first met her when she & the Navy Moms helped me with an LST reunion. What a great group of ladies & helpers. I've mostly enjoyed being FB friends due to the distance & my not traveling. Hugs to all of you. May she Rest In Peace. She put up a great fight.*

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**jo watt** - April 16, 2021 at 10:18 PM



“ *John E Madden III purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brenda Jean Bergwitz.*



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**John E Madden III** - April 16, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brenda Jean Bergwitz.*



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April 16, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brenda Jean Bergwitz.*



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April 16, 2021 at 07:51 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. Her pain is no longer and she is at peace. She was one of the strongest, caring, woman of faith, and a true patriot. When I worked with her she was always willing to do what she was asked and truly cared for her patients. She will be missed by many.*

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**Megan Riordan** - April 16, 2021 at 07:51 PM



*I met Brenda when the Tea Party was first started in Vanderburgh Co. ..it wasn't long before we found she had a unwavering drive to do her best to inform others to get involved & learn what was happening in our local & National Governments! She lead by example always ready to stand! RIP Brenda you did your best...& your way!*

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**Judy Shirk** - April 16, 2021 at 09:46 PM

KB

“ I will never forget my Dear Friend and Home Health Aid. She helped me through some rough days with my husband and mother. We were Blessed to have met Brenda and have a relationship with someone who cared for us and many others. Condolences to her loving family and prayers they find comfort.

Karen Brown - April 16, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brenda Jean Bergwitz.



April 16, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Jean Bergwitz.



April 16, 2021 at 07:20 PM