



## Betty "Brenda" Joyce Copsy

March 25, 1951 - March 9, 2026

Betty "Brenda" Joyce Copsy, age 74 of Mattoon, IL passed away Monday, March 9, 2026, at Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home.

A Celebration of Life in her honor will be held at a later date. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Brenda was born on March 25, 1951, in Salem, Kentucky to the late Oda Trice and Ada Viola (Loftus) Belt. She married Peter Alan Copsy on April 13, 1968, in Covington, IN; he preceded her in death on November 25, 2019. She is survived by her three sons, James D. Copsy and wife Tara Rae of Mattoon, IL, Jon A. Copsy and wife Darlanell of Mattoon, IL, Phillip Michael "Mike" Copsy and wife Elizabeth of Mattoon, IL; two sisters, Mildred Madden of Mattoon, IL, Bernice Watson and husband Don of Evansville, IN; eight grandchildren: Adam Copsy and wife Shannon, Erica Goad and wife Abby, Tristan, Tatum, Gentry, and Oliver Copsy, Samantha and Danielle Copsy; and five great-grandchildren: Carson, Cannon, Harper, Nixsyn, and Saylor.

A dedicated homemaker, Brenda's greatest joy was creating a loving, welcoming home for her family. She was a devoted sister, aunt, and cherished mother to her sons, she showered her children and grandchildren with unconditional love. She also had a special love for hummingbirds, which always brought a smile to her face.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Though she is gone, her memory will live on in the hearts of her family and in the many lives

she touched.

Memorial donations in her honor may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

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# Tribute Wall

JW

“ She was a lover of life and knew how to show it. Being loved by her was priceless. She didn't care what anyone thought. She walked her own path. With a giving and thoughtful heart. She had a joyful spirit and child like soul. She was magnetic and warm. I will never forget her stories, laughter, tears, hugs, food, and friendship. Most of all I hope and ask for her forgiveness. I can't wait to see you, hear you, and embrace you.

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**JC Witham** - March 20 at 04:10 AM

WB

“ Sending sympathy to Darla and family and to Millie. You are in my prayers. 🌹



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**Wanda Baker** - March 11 at 09:28 PM

“Brenda and I were more than Aunt and niece, we met when I was twelve and she was 17 and my Uncle Pete’s girlfriend. For 58 years we grew up together. We were there for the births of each others children and grandchildren. We shared hard times and happy times together. When we were very young and she and Pete had just married we spent most of our time together as she became an integral part of the “Copsy clan”. She was so easily prayed upon by Pete’s jokes. When the peacocks in old McDonalds pasture would cry out they sound like human screams and Pete convinced her it was McDonald beating his wife and she was screaming for help.

Through our many years together we lived together many times. First me and Greg with them in Veedersburg where she and Greg thought it would be great if I got pregnant and I did much to my chagrin at the time. A few years later she and Pete would move in with me in Kansas before Pete got his job at Trailmobile and moved to Mattoon.

We always stayed close and still “played”together like we had when we were young. Dart guns with rubber tips in the dark at their house with all the kids. Cards late into the night.

They moved to Arizona to stay with me for a while after Greg died.

When Pete got sick I was doing my best to get home before he passed so I could be there for Brenda but didn’t make it until the day of the funeral. Losing Pete was so very hard on her. I stayed for three months to help her cope.

I moved back to Arizona for two more years so I could sale my house. Then I returned and Brenda moved in with me for six months. I drove her everywhere to doctors appointments to Valpo to visit with Miney and down to stay with Bernice.

I still have the little Yorky she wanted so badly then couldn’t care for. Ghastly spoiled little beast.

*Mostly we laughed together, cried together and played together. Brenda was the sister I didn't have and I loved her dearly. When I visited her and Nancy last week she hugged me for the longest time, I think she knew it would be our last time! She was my best friend most of my life!!!*

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**Cherie McCollum Parks** - March 10 at 11:10 PM

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“ I loved talking with her when I took care of your dad at Mattoon Health Care... She always had a story of her family to share to put a smile on our faces... So sorry for your loss of a very cherished soul...



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**Brandy McCullough** - March 10 at 09:35 PM

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“ Condolences.....



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**Thomas** - March 10 at 07:30 PM