



Brenda Joyce Meritt

November 5, 1942 - May 10, 2026

Brenda J. Meritt, 83, of Sullivan, Illinois died Sunday, May 10, 2026 at 8:00 PM at Sullivan Rehab & Health Care. Funeral Services will be held Friday, May 22, 2026 at 2:00 PM at Kennedy & Sons Funeral Home, Pana, Illinois with Pastor Rodney Briscoe officiating. Visitation will also be Friday, May 22, 2026 at Kennedy & Sons beginning at 12:00 Noon until time of Service. Burial will be in Myers Cemetery, Herrick Township, Shelby County, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to Moultrie County PAWS.

Brenda J. Meritt was born Thursday, November 5, 1942 in Carson Township, Fayette County, Illinois the daughter of Ivy Eugene and Lois Fay (maiden name Carter) Wilson. She was raised in Decatur, Illinois attending Centennial Grade School and Eisenhower High School, graduating with the Class of 1960. Brenda Joyce Wilson married Gary Edward Meritt on November 26, 1960 in Decatur. Brenda was employed as a secretary in the insurance industry and worked at Farm Bureau in Decatur. She was a member of Maranatha Assembly of God, Decatur.

Brenda J. Meritt is survived by her Husband: Gary of Sullivan; Daughter: Lisa Smothers (Daryl) of Sullivan; Son: Gary L. Meritt (Michelle) of Lennon, Michigan; Daughter: Michelle Meritt of Sarasota, Florida; Daughter: Carla Henson (Cannon) of Madisonville, Tennessee; Son: Charles "Chuckie" Marshall (Amy) of Port Richey, Florida; eight Grandchildren: Shelly, Doug, Haley, Michael, Jessica, Levi, Gage, and Kyle; two Great-Grandchildren: Louis and Oliver; Brothers: Lynn Wilson (Debbie) of Maroa and Chuck Wilson of

Oreana. The family wishes to extend a great thanks to the staff of Sullivan Rehab & Health Care for the excellent care given to Brenda. She is preceded in death by her Parents and one Grandson: Dean.

Cemetery Details

Myers Cemetery

125 N County Road 850E
Herrick Township Shelby County, IL 62431

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kennedy & Sons, Funeral Directors
401 S. Locust Street
Pana, IL 62557
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Funeral Service

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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