



## Brenda Gail McGhee

July 13, 1954 - June 12, 2023

Brenda Gail McGhee, 68, of Texico, Illinois, completed her journey to meet her Savior at 8:46 p.m., on Monday, June 12, 2023, at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Brenda was born July 13, 1954, in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, the daughter of Charles D. and Dorothy B. (Elliott) Tate. Brenda was married to James R. McGhee, Jr. on December 23, 1972, and he survives. Brenda attended Field Grade School and Mt. Vernon Township High School. She was a devout Christian and served several ministries at Central Christian Church and East Salem Baptist Church.

Brenda was a devoted and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was an amazing encourager to all she encountered and a selfless person who continuously placed others before herself. In one word, Brenda was LOVE! Brenda worked as a bank bookkeeper in the early years of marriage, then worked full-time as a wife and mother. She also served on the Field Grade School Board, as President of the Cedarhurst Quilt Guild, and was the founding member of Central Christian Church Prayer Shawl Ministry. She was an avid seamstress, a quilter and loved to crochet. She enjoyed watching birds, and growing flowers. The things she loved the most were God and her family.

Brenda had a genetic liver disease and had a liver transplant in September 2014. In 2021 she had kidney failure and was placed on peritoneal dialysis. On May 24, 2023, she had a kidney transplant, with the kidney being donated

by Carl Moyer of Mt. Vernon, IL who survives. She passed away due to complications after the transplant. She encouraged all to be a donor at the end of their time on this earth. Brenda became a tissue donor herself after passing and thus provides the gift of healing for others.

Brenda is survived by her husband of 50 years, James McGhee of Texico, IL; daughter Melissa R. (McGhee) Scott of Arlington, TN; two sons, Charles R. McGhee and wife Jennifer of Dix, IL: Brendan J. McGhee and wife Candace of Mt. Vernon, IL: seven grandchildren: Trinity Scott, Zane Scott, Phoenix Scott, Daphne McGhee, Henry McGhee, Lyla McGhee, Stella McGhee; mother Dorothy B. (Elliott) Tate of Texico, IL; two sisters, Lois Tennison of DuQuoin, IL and Betty Williams of Mt. Vernon, IL.

Brenda was preceded in death by her grandparents; her father, Charles D. Tate; sister, Carol Keele; and two unborn grandchildren.

The family is hosting a Celebration of Brenda's Life at 12:00 pm on Saturday June 24, 2023, at East Salem Baptist Church, 16812 Rockford Lane, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, with Pastor Randy Hayes officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Brenda's name to Mid-America Transplant, at <https://www.midamericatransplant.org>. Online condolences may be made at [www.osbornfuneral.com](http://www.osbornfuneral.com), or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **24.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

East Salem Baptist Church  
16812 Rockford Lane  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

GF

“ Sorry for your loss. Mark & I cherish the memories of Jim & Brenda though soccer & later when they would plan time to visit Salem. We pray your family continues the love Brenda poured out to others. What a blessing to experience! Mark & Gayla Ferguson

Gayla Ferguson - June 23, 2023 at 01:59 PM

KF

“ Karen and Bud Jay and The Jay Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Brenda Gail McGhee.



Karen and Bud Jay and The Jay Family - June 22, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Brenda Gail McGhee.



June 22, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Brenda Gail McGhee.



June 20, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Gail McGhee.*



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June 17, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ *Melissa, Phoenix, Zane, and Trinity - the Puckett family is praying for you all! Much love being sent your way. What a beautiful tribute!*

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**Puckett Family - Arlington** - June 16, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brenda Gail McGhee.*



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June 16, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Jim Bob and family: While I grieve our loss I take comfort that Brenda has joined our family reunion awaiting us to come home. Fly, fly away my good friend. Prayers for comfort and peace for your family.*

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**Roger Mullinax** - June 16, 2023 at 07:26 AM

MM

“ *Jim Bob, I am so glad she called me to talk about the Iris in your yard. And thoroughly enjoyed her two visits to enjoy mine. Such a good hearted lady and will be missed. My heart breaks for you and your family.*

*Marsha*

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**Marsha Morlan** - June 16, 2023 at 12:01 AM