



Brenda L. Tilley

August 9, 1952 - September 26, 2021

Brenda L. Tilley, age 69 of Harriman, passed away Sunday, September 26, 2021 at her home. She was a member of Dyllis Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for many years. Brenda retired from K-25 where she worked as a Security Manager and later from PNNL where she was a Physical Security Specialist. She loved spending time with her family, her grandchildren and her friends. Brenda enjoyed sports especially the VOLS. She was preceded in death by her parents E.L. and Louise Smith; brother Lee Smith and uncle Pat Sheets.

Survivors include: Husband of 50 years Tom Tilley of Harriman; Son Brent Tilley (Rhonda) of Hilliard, FL; Daughter Kendra Jones (Cody) of Knoxville; Grandchildren Savanna Millan; Gavin Millan; Cole Tilley; Wyatt Jones; Emma Jones; Brothers Ronnie Smith (Debbie); Terry Smith (Candy); Brother-in-law Bob Tilley (Lori); Sister-in-law Ketta Smith; Aunt Linda Sheets and many nieces, nephews and close friends.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm Thursday, September 30, 2021 at Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman. The graveside service will be at 11:00 am Friday October 1st at the Roane Memorial Gardens with Rev. James Griffith officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Dyllis Baptist Church

Building Fund. Donations can be sent to 530 Dyllis Rd., Harriman, TN 37748.

Kyker Funeral Home of Harriman is serving the Tilley Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes
OUR HARRIMAN CHAPEL
PO Box 232, 430 Morgan St
Harriman, TN 37748
(865) 882-1515
<https://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com/>

Graveside

OCT **1**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Roane Memorial Gardens
1400 N Gateway Ave
Rockwood, TN 37854

Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Brenda L. Tilley*



Kyker Funeral Home - September 30, 2021 at 11:06 AM

GI

“ *Prayers to the family. Brenda was the sweetest lady. Enjoyed being in her Sunday school class.*

Gina - October 08, 2021 at 04:37 PM

SO

“ *From everyone in ORS and those within PNNL who worked with Brenda, we are so sorry to hear of her passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends who are grieving her loss during this time. She was a very dear and well respected colleague and all those who worked with her in ORS adored her. She was a mentor to many and elevated the standard of what the Physical Protection Specialist role is today. Her Tennessee charm always came with her wherever she went - swill be missed greatly by many.*

-PNNL/ORS family

Stephanie Olson - October 04, 2021 at 08:29 PM

KK

“ Tom, Bruce and I send our sincerest condolences. Brenda was one of the sweetest people I have ever known. Bruce has asked about you as he has been in your place before and know it's a hard place to be. When you feel up to it, come to the driving range and hit some golf balls. All of us at the range are thinking of you all.

Kim and Bruce Kennedy - October 01, 2021 at 09:40 AM

GJ

“ Gary "Cas" And Sherry Lynn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Brenda L. Tilley



Gary "Cas" and Sherry Lynn Johnson - October 01, 2021 at 09:08 AM

TD

“ Terry and Cathy Day purchased the Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate for the family of Brenda L. Tilley.



Terry and Cathy Day - September 30, 2021 at 06:31 PM

DP

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Dennis Pennington - September 30, 2021 at 05:57 PM

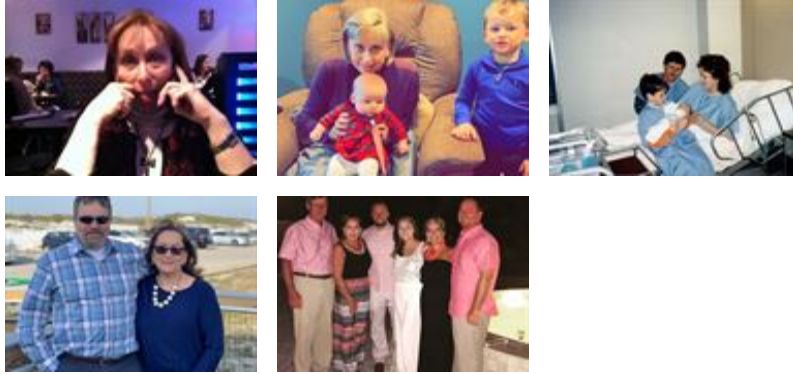
WS

“ Tom, Brent, Kendra and families,
Our deepest condolences in your loss. We will always remember
her smiling face and funny personality. She could make anyone
laugh! Our prayers are with you at this time.
Wayne and Mary Ann Samples

Wayne and Mary Ann Samples - September 30, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Kyker Funeral Home - September 30, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Brenda L. Tilley.



September 30, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda L. Tilley.*



September 30, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda L. Tilley.*



September 29, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brenda L. Tilley.*



September 29, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Brenda L. Tilley.*



September 29, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brenda L. Tilley.*



September 29, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *Brenda was a real pleasure to work with. I knew her and work with her at K-25. She was always kind and caring. My prayers are with you during this time of loss.*

Maggie Miller

Maggie Miller - September 29, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *I am honored to have been a colleague and friend to Brenda. Tom and family, I extend my sympathy.*

*Kindest regards,
Wayne Yoder
Advance, NC and Los Alamos, NM*

Wayne Yoder - September 29, 2021 at 11:12 AM



I extend to the family my deepest sympathy. I worked with Brenda in Oak Ridge for many years. It was a pleasure to know her. She always had my highest respect.

George Blanchard - September 29, 2021 at 04:31 PM

DH

“ *Brenda was an incredible colleague and an even better friend. In my years working with her, I never ceased to be amazed by her kindness, wisdom, humor, and grace. She was a true professional in every sense of the word. I appreciate the way she could defuse a tense room (which we found ourselves in more than once), encourage someone having a bad day, or crack a great joke at my expense. Brenda always encouraged me to "put first things first" and that has always stayed with me.*

Please accept our heartfelt condolences from WA State. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Derek and Jenna Higgins

Derek Higgins - September 28, 2021 at 11:16 PM

DM

“ *Brenda was a wonderful person and it was a great pleasure to work with her and call her friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. May God bless you.*

Daryl Mills - September 28, 2021 at 08:48 PM

KB

“ *Tom and family - you knew her as a wonderful wife and Mom. She was one of our protectors for years at K-25! I consider myself privileged to have known her all those years. You are all in my prayers.*

Karen Balo - September 28, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Brenda L. Tilley.*



September 28, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this news. Brenda was a sweet lady and a joy to work with at ETTP. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Jim Rogers*

James Rogers - September 28, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ *So shocked to see this. Worked with Brenda and she was such a fun lady. Prayers and comfort to Tom and family.*

Maey Ann Russell - September 28, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *My prayers go out to Brenda and the family. I really enjoyed working with her all those years at K-25/ETTP. She took every challenge with a smile. She was a pleasure to know and work with - Greg Eidam*

Greg Eidam - September 28, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Brenda. She was such a happy and pleasant person. Always had a positive attitude.*

Donna McIntosh - September 28, 2021 at 01:51 PM

DW

“ Donna and Wade purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Brenda L. Tilley.



Donna and Wade - September 28, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda L. Tilley.



September 28, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda L. Tilley.



September 28, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ The Endless Sky Spray was purchased for the family of Brenda L. Tilley.



September 28, 2021 at 10:15 AM

CB

“ Tom, I am so, so sorry for my friend, Brenda was so very sweet. I Pray God comfort you and you family. God Bless y'all!

C.D. Butler - September 28, 2021 at 09:14 AM

JR

“ Dear family so sorry for your great loss. I worked with Brenda for so many years at K-25 and she was top notch in her job. Such a joy to work with. I am so sad for your loss.

Ray Russell

JACOB RAY RUSSELL - September 28, 2021 at 08:38 AM

DA

“ Brenda will be so missed! She was a joy to work with, always so friendly and helpful. She was always smiling with eyes sparkling and had such a contagious laugh. Prayers to all the family. Go rest high on that mountain Brenda! 🙏❤️

Donna Allbaugh - September 27, 2021 at 09:46 PM

DH

“ Tom, Brent, and Kendra, I am so sorry to hear about Brenda. I loved her dearly. She had the sweetest soul and the most infectious smile. We had so many great times playing softball together. She sure was a super athlete and a wonderful friend. Harriman ballgames will never be the same.

Donna Hall - September 27, 2021 at 05:49 PM

LF

“ Work with Brenda many years at K-25, a fine lady. Thoughts and Prayers to the family.

Louie Finley - September 27, 2021 at 05:05 PM

SF

“ Tom, I am so sorry for your loss! Brenda was a sweetheart. I had the pleasure of working with her at K-25 and you at Y-12! May the good Lord watch over your family!

Sandra J. Foster - September 27, 2021 at 04:21 PM

SR

“ Tom and family, I so very sorry of you loss. I dearly loved her. We worked together at K-25. May God give you strength and comfort. Shelia And Bob Riepe

Shelia and Bob Riepe - September 27, 2021 at 03:55 PM

PD

“ I'm so sorry Tom and children. I really enjoyed you guys when i attended Dyllis Church. She had the prettiest smile and always held a conversation with me. Her life is a tribute to a very dedicated young Christain Lady. I'm Blessed to have known her.

Phyllis Dutton - September 27, 2021 at 03:43 PM

TA

“ Tom and Family: So sorry to hear of your loss. I remember Brenda from K-25 and remember her as a very sweet girl. My condolences to you all.



Tony Anderson - September 27, 2021 at 03:14 PM

MF

“ *Marty, Angela Vaughn and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brenda L. Tilley.*



Marty, Angela Vaughn and Family - September 27, 2021 at 02:19 PM

CS

“ *Clarisse Strong lit a candle in memory of Brenda L. Tilley*



Clarisse Strong - September 27, 2021 at 02:12 PM

CS

Kendra and family - I'm sorry for your loss and will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers during the coming days. So thankful that this is just "see you later" when once again you will be together when God calls us home. Big Hugs.....Clarisse

Clarisse Strong - September 27, 2021 at 02:16 PM

KW

*Ken Wingo
Sorry for your loss. She was a treasure to work with. She was a lovely, intelligent woman with a heart of gold.
She made difficult work fun. She had a great attitude and was a marvelous influence on all those she worked with. But, you all already know this.*

Ken Wingo - September 27, 2021 at 05:15 PM

DW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom and all his family, Brenda will remain in our hearts forever Donna and Wade

Donna Wilburn - September 27, 2021 at 01:46 PM

LW

“ Love Donna and Wade Wilburn purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Brenda L. Tilley.



Love Donna and Wade Wilburn - September 27, 2021 at 01:32 PM

LM

“ So sorry to here Brenda has passed. Lost my wife last year and I truly understand what ur going through. I still remember thos good old K25 days. Trust in God and he will get u through. Larry McNelly

Larry McNelly - September 27, 2021 at 01:16 PM

ML

“ My prayers go out to Tom and all of the family. Brenda continues to be a compassionate, loving and kind person. She is just in a different place. May the comfort, peace and presence of Jesus Christ be with each of you.
A long time friend.
Rev Dr Mike Ladd

Mike Ladd - September 27, 2021 at 09:36 AM

TY

I also worked with Brenda at K-25 and would occasionally see her and catch up. She was a wonderful and caring person. I am so sorry for your loss.

Tina Young - September 30, 2021 at 03:18 PM