



Brenda Gurnoe

June 8, 1961 - March 30, 2014

Brenda Ellen (Hancock) Gurnoe passed away peacefully on March 30, 2014 at home surrounded by her family after fighting a yearlong battle with cancer. Brenda was born June 8, 1961 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Robert and Irma (Desormeaux) Hancock. She married Melvin Gurnoe on February 3, 1978 and enjoyed living in Michigan, England, Maine, and Iceland during Melvin's service in the United States Air Force. Brenda graduated from Caribou High School in Maine. She previously worked at the Provincial Home Sault Ste. Marie Michigan, Royal Navy training School in England, United States Air Force Commissary Maine, United States Navy Commissary Iceland, United States Marine Club manager Iceland, and the United States Coast Guard Exchange in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her brother, Kenneth Hancock, her parents Robert and Irma, step-father Bertille (Butch) Brommenschenkel and her in-laws, Earl and Juanita Gurnoe. She is survived by her husband of 36 years Melvin, their children Samantha, Christopher and Jennifer Gurnoe all of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Her siblings Charlotte (John) Belanger of Haverhill, Massachusetts, Rick and (Sue) Hancock of Derry, New Hampshire, Jeff (Joan) Hancock of Frasier, Michigan, Debbie (Roger) Horton of Dafter, Michigan, Carolyn (Robert) McKerchie of Sugar Island, Michigan, Michele (Hancock) Nettleton of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, step-brothers, Richard Brommenschenkel of More, Minnesota, Byron (Jocelyn) Brommenschenkel of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, step-sister Sherrie Brommenschenkel of Sparks, Nevada, and her brother-in-

law, Carl (Lauretta) Gurnoe of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, sister-in-law, Maria (Theresa) Gurnoe of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, as well as several nieces and nephews. Brenda enjoyed snow machining, four wheeling, making crafts, baking, various family activities and gatherings, travel and adventure. Her nieces and nephews especially enjoyed spending time with her in her swimming pool and around bonfires. Brenda was outgoing and caring person with a wonderful and contagious sense of humor. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. A visitation will be held at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building on Sunday, April 6, 2014, starting at 4:00 PM and continuing until the 10:00 AM funeral service on Monday, April 7, 2014. Brother John Hascall will be officiating the funeral service. Entombment will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. Arrangements are being handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Melvin and family,
My deepest sympathy and condolences for your loss.
Debbie Baumler

Debra Baumler - April 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Brenda was a very sweet person. I am glad her suffering has come to an end and can only hope all of your hearts heal quickly. May she rest in Peace. Love, Lucy

Lucy Pavlat - April 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mel, Samantha, Chris, Jennifer and family - Words can't express how sorry I am to hear about Brenda. I've gotten to know her over the last 10 years. She was an amazing person and had a great sense of humor! I remember sharing many laughs with her. She was a very hospitable person, too. We'd stop by for a short visit and she would make coffee or tea and enjoy a wonderful visit. Most of all, she loved all of you very much! May the wonderful memories you have of times with her, bring you some comfort during this very difficult time. We'll continue to keep all of you in our prayers. Much love to all of you.

Misty Wilton - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Brenda's Family ~ I know words don't mean a whole lot right now, but you all have been in my thoughts and prayers since I heard of Brenda's passing. The days ahead won't be easy, but hold tight to the memories you have of times together, and keep your love for her safely tucked into your hearts. Be strong and know that others share your grief at this difficult time.

Jamie Harvey (McCoy) - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM