



Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh

June 24, 1960 - December 29, 2020

Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh, age 60, passed away on December 29, 2020 after her courageous battle with Covid-19.

Brenda was born on June 24, 1960, the daughter of Dorothy Virginia and Gilbert Carroll Smallwood, of Winchester. Brenda was raised in Winchester, having graduated from John Handley High School in 1979. Throughout her lifetime, she maintained employment at several locations including Amoco Foam, Leer Corporation, JC Penney and most recently Lowes Home Improvement.

Brenda enjoyed gardening and her green thumb was evident from her immaculate yard at her home in Inwood, West Virginia. When she wasn't gardening, she was mostly likely backstage at a Shiley Acres music festival or listening to other local rock and metal bands in the area with her select group of friends.

Brenda was an animal lover who never turned down the opportunity to save a cat in need. She raised countless litters of stray kittens over the years, finding each one a loving home. She helped spay and neuter stray cats in her area and set up warming shelters in the winter for the neighborhood strays.

She is survived by her husband Michael Scott Purtlebaugh of Inwood, stepsons Michael Alexander Purtlebaugh and Zachary Scott Purtlebaugh, brothers Dennis Carroll Smallwood and Phillip Shugie" Lee Smallwood, sister Jeanie Jarrett (Chuck), nieces Stacey Smallwood and Hillary Suire (Jesse), great-niece and nephew Lucas Jarrett Suire and Riley Jean Suire and her 7

beloved cats she treated like children.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a celebration of life will take place at a later date. Memorials may be may to Dakota's Dream, Esther Boyd Animal Shelter or the local ASPCA.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Stacie Meeker lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh*



Stacie Meeker - January 07, 2021 at 04:43 AM

SM

“ *I absolutely adored Brenda. She and I went to High School together. She was two years older than me and we became friends. That's a big deal to have a friend that is two years older than you in H.S. but Brenda didn't care. We would go out in Winchester and have fun as teenagers. Winchester City Park, Anthony's Pizza, driving around Handley and doing donuts in the Handley parking lot. Brenda had a way with her that would always make me laugh and smile. She had a contagious laugh that I still remember today. I know she would make a friend anywhere she went, she was that kind of person. I am so glad to have known her and my heart breaks that she was taken too soon from this world. My deepest sympathies to Brenda's family.*

Stacie Meeker - January 07, 2021 at 04:39 AM

SD

“ Dear Family, Brenda's death comes as a shock and I can't imagine the pain in your heart.
But I have no doubt she is in heaven with tons of kitties around her! I knew Brenda from high school and we would always speak when we ran into each other. I also followed her on Facebook. Her compassion towards cats, and all creatures, was so endearing to all those who followed her. She was a wonderful woman and I am glad to have known her. Brenda was a light, and you will never forget her smile.

My deepest sympathies,

Susie Duane

Susan A. Duane - January 05, 2021 at 06:34 PM

PB

“ *Smallwood family , thinking of you all in this time of sorrow*

Punchy Bromley - January 03, 2021 at 12:48 PM

DD

“ *To Denny, Shugie, Jeanie and your families ~
My sincere sympathy to you on Brenda's passing. It's so hard to understand why someone so young has been taken from you.
May happy memories of her give you comfort and strength and keep her close to you in the days ahead.*

Thinking of you as you celebrate her memory and as you mourn her loss.

~~ Danna Doyle 🕊️



Danna Doyle - January 02, 2021 at 11:52 PM

BW

“ *Beth Edwards Washinger lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh*



Beth Edwards Washinger - January 02, 2021 at 01:10 PM

TR

“ *Denny, Shugie, and Jeanie, so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. As you know, we all grew up together as kids living across the street from each other. I'll always remember her racing up and down the sidewalk on her tricycle trying to keep up with us guys in the street on our bikes. Talked to her just a few months ago while in Lowes. Hadn't seen her in years. It was so good to see her again, Brought back a lot of memories. Rest in peace Brenda.*

Tim Rush

Tim Rush - January 02, 2021 at 12:05 PM

NW

“ *So sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers, Rest In Peace my cousin.*

Nancy L Willingham - January 01, 2021 at 08:52 AM

VW

“ *Rest in peace Brenda. I know the angels in heaven will love you like we have here on earth. Until we meet again*

Vickie Whitacre - January 01, 2021 at 06:41 AM

GJ

“ Denny , Shugie and family - so sorry to hear about your sister's passing. Way unexpected and far too young. Thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. Take care and be safe. Garland

Garland R Peck, Jr - December 31, 2020 at 08:13 PM

MP

“ Our prayers and condolences to Denny, Shugie and the Smallwood Family.

Mike & Un Jung Purtlebaugh - December 31, 2020 at 12:53 PM

SL

“ You were such a bright light to all of us who knew you.(and a rock star too!) The whole world just got a little dimmer without your smile and bubbly attitude on life . I will miss seeing you. May you rest in peace dear friend- until we meet again. Love you!

Sheryl Lekas - December 31, 2020 at 09:01 AM

TE

“ Will always remember the great times and smiling face.



Todd Evelin - December 30, 2020 at 09:24 PM

EM

“ I will always remember Brenda for the loving, caring person she was. I am so sad to hear of her passing. May God comfort her family, and all of us who were lucky enough to have met her. Rest in Peace,
Brenda, you were a blessing to this world.

esther miller - December 30, 2020 at 07:17 PM

PB

“ Smallwood family, thinking of you all in this time of sorrow

punchy bromley - December 30, 2020 at 01:53 PM

TL

“ Condolences to Brenda's family upon her untimely death. Brenda had such a bubbly personality. It was nice seeing her at our last JHHS reunion. Sending love and prayers for strength in the days to come. Fondly, Tru



Tru Lawton - December 30, 2020 at 01:23 PM

KE

“ Brenda, you will be greatly missed! RIP my friend. ❤️



Karla Edwards - December 30, 2020 at 12:19 PM

TO

“ *Brenda you were a very special friend and I am grateful to have been a part of your life. The music scene will never be the same without you. Godspeed my friend.*



Terry Oates - December 30, 2020 at 10:34 AM

TB

“ *You will be so missed. Such a beautiful soul. Now your with the all time Great musicians that have passed on. Fly high Angel*



Terri Beaver - December 30, 2020 at 10:18 AM

LH

“ *Leslie Martin Harper lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh*



Leslie Martin Harper - December 30, 2020 at 09:36 AM

RG

“ Dearest Brenda you were a candle that lit a path for those that loved you and an awesome person to know my friend. I am proud and honored to have spent a few moments in time with you. While we drifted apart through time I will always cherish the times we would see each other and our friends week after week on end, good times and good people. When you and your pals would arrive, the atmosphere seemed to ignite and a great time would follow. It always did! If you never knew, you were the heart of our circle. My heart is breaking but you were so loved. Most of us would agree that if there was an award for supporting the music scene around here, you would be dragging medals and ribbons. And you would wear them like a Queen! I loved your smile, your face and your personality. You were one of a kind lady and I loved our cat stories too. God bless you for loving those animals. God be with you and you be with God my friend. You will live on our hearts and minds.
Love, Rg



Randy Gardner - December 30, 2020 at 07:39 AM

MA

“ Mary lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay
Smallwood Purtlebaugh



mary - December 30, 2020 at 07:37 AM

CH

“ I've known Brenda since we were teenagers, she and Greg were always together, countless parties and concerts, she loved music. R.I.P. Girl 🙏😭❤️



Christal Hartley - December 30, 2020 at 05:16 AM

LH

“ Laura Hart lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh



Laura Hart - December 30, 2020 at 01:19 AM

MH

“ So many memories, from Slammers to Shiley's, so blessed to reunite with you that day at Lowe's after not seeing you for many years. You will be missed by so many but you will live on in our hearts until we meet again.

Mark Haines - December 29, 2020 at 11:00 PM

PG

“ Pam Guy lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh



Pam Guy - December 29, 2020 at 10:11 PM

CP

“ Her smile and warm embrace at every show I will miss forever! We may not have been friends for a lifetime but she made it feel that way! My Rocksister I will miss so much! Godspeed Brenda! All my love!

Candi Pocha - December 29, 2020 at 10:09 PM

MW

“ I will forever think of Brenda’s huge heart where animals were concerned. For me it was all I needed to know - proof of an extraordinarily compassionate caring human being. I also witnessed this in her love for her family and friends - most of them she had been close to for many many years. The world and the feline community has lost a wonderful human being. May she, and all who love her, find peace and comfort in her very special legacy. She will be greatly missed by so many ❤️



Mary Wilson - December 29, 2020 at 09:39 PM

PH

“ Penny Renninger Holt lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh



Penny Renninger Holt - December 29, 2020 at 08:47 PM

MA

“ I know your body is no longer here but your sprit will remain, I can't imagine life without your stories and laughter, your love of life, music and of course cats will forever be remembered:I often think of our younger days at Amoco Foam, we had some good times, Like when we were painting my kitchen puke green and you stepped back into the paint can and it went everywhere, we didn't care, we laughed and laughed at that. Those 12 hour nights made us do some crazy things, all in fun .I will miss you Brenda, you are one of a kind, you are home now with your parents and many furry friends; God love your heart and soul Peace out!

mary - December 29, 2020 at 08:34 PM

DA

“ Debbie McCarty Armentrout lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh



Debbie McCarty Armentrout - December 29, 2020 at 08:25 PM

DA

“ Brenda was such a sweet soul! Gone way too soon. Sending Hugs and prayers to the family! She will be truly missed by so many!

Debbie McCarty Armentrout - December 29, 2020 at 08:25 PM

AR

“ Sending my condolences to the family. Scott praying that God's peace will surround all about you. 🙏🙏

Allen Roby - December 29, 2020 at 07:50 PM

DP

“ *Brenda was such a beautiful person with a heart of gold. She will be missed by so many. Prayers for her family and friends.* ”



Diane Prevette - December 29, 2020 at 07:49 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Munson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh* ”



Debbie Munson - December 29, 2020 at 07:39 PM

SR

“ *Sandra Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh* ”



sandra reynolds - December 29, 2020 at 06:31 PM

TT

“ *Tamela Tevalt lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh* ”



Tamela Tevalt - December 29, 2020 at 06:08 PM

SR

“ I have so many memories of Brenda. From Automotive plant in Strasburg, to Apple Blossom to Shiley Acres. Sooo VERY sad!!!!

sandra reynolds - December 29, 2020 at 06:01 PM

GA

My favorite rockib', crazy catlady. I will so miss you!

Gigi Artz - December 29, 2020 at 10:23 PM

CF

“ Charly And Susan Franks lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh



Charly and Susan Franks - December 29, 2020 at 05:59 PM

SS

“ I just can't believe your smiling face and infectious laughter won't be there to greet me at Lowe's. You taught me everything I know about boys and teenage life in general. You were a sister more than an aunt. You introduced me to TigerBeat, Robbie Benson and crank calls. I don't know who is going to wish me and Robbie Benson a happy birthday from this day forward. You taught me about teenage life when I was still in elementary school. You took me to the pool and on your "ride arounds" and, boy, did I get an education. Thank you for including me in your life and being my friend. I love you and will miss hearing your laugh tinkling over the fence from the pool. I know you are in Shiley and kitten heaven. Rest easy my dear friend, aunt and precious soul. Keep watching us because we are missing you terribly.

STACEY SMALLWOOD - December 29, 2020 at 05:58 PM

RL

“ *Sure gonna miss seeing you at local rock shows prayers to the family*

Roy Lowery - December 29, 2020 at 04:43 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Michael lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh*



Kathy Michael - December 29, 2020 at 04:39 PM

JR

“ *Brenda honey, you touched so many hearts. You will be missed immensely.
Scott, I am so very sorry.*

Joann Rinker - December 29, 2020 at 04:33 PM

DP

“ *My condolences to the family, Brenda was an amazing lady. Big hugs to all family and friends.*

Darren Pritchard - December 29, 2020 at 04:29 PM

BL

“ *Our prayers to the family and all that loved Brenda.
Gary and Bonita LeMarr*

Bonita LeMarr - December 29, 2020 at 04:21 PM

MD

“ I am beyond words to think you're gone. You will always be in our hearts, close and loved. My heart, thoughts and prayers go out to your family. May God keep you in his peaceful arms always.



Missy Black Dieter - December 29, 2020 at 04:07 PM

RH

“ RIP Brenda, You are finally home. No more pain or suffering. Only great times with our Lord Jesus. You will be missed but, NEVER FORGOTTEN



roger holliday - December 29, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ Annette Rinard Davis lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh



Annette Rinard Davis - December 29, 2020 at 03:56 PM

JE

“ Brenda you were such a positive and happy person. You will be missed by many!

JeanAnn - December 29, 2020 at 03:46 PM

KB

“ I've known and had worked with Brenda many years. She had an incredible loving heart and always ready for fun times and live music. Admired her for her love and caring of helpless and homeless cats. My deepest condolences to Scott and their family



Kim Brown - December 29, 2020 at 03:45 PM

BS

I first met Brenda when she was 6. What a bundle of energy she was even back then and that never changed. My deepest condolences to all of her family. She was and will always be a well loved woman.

Brenda Sullivan

Brenda Sullivan - December 29, 2020 at 05:34 PM

KL

We are so sad to hear this tragic news! Brenda was such a sweetheart. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten! Prayers to her family. Rock on in Heaven Brenda.

Kevin & Teresa Levi - December 29, 2020 at 11:58 PM

LL

“ *Liz Pappas Longerbeam lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh*



Liz Pappas Longerbeam - December 29, 2020 at 03:41 PM

Lissa
Russell
Stern

“ *Lissa Russell Stern lit a candle in memory of
Brenda Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh*



Lissa Russell Stern - December 29, 2020 at 03:39 PM

NS

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all who knew and loved Brenda. She had
so much more of life to live. May God keep her in peace always.*

Nanette Sipe - December 29, 2020 at 03:21 PM

NS

“ *Nanette Sipe lit a candle in memory of Brenda
Kay Smallwood Purtlebaugh*



Nanette Sipe - December 29, 2020 at 03:19 PM