



## Brenda Mathews

June 8, 1953 - September 3, 2019

Reverend Brenda Kay (Linker) Mathews passed away September 3rd, 2019 at her home in Yanush, Oklahoma, while surrounded by loved ones. Brenda was born June 8, 1953 in Yanush, OK, to the late Kenneth and Lenora Linker. Brenda fell in love with and married her soul mate, Edward Glenn Mathews, on June 22, 1968.

Brenda's earliest ambition was to be a "mommy," a goal she succeeded at, with ten children of her own, and countless others she took under her wing and into her heart. Brenda began her family at an early age, but her loving spirit and the desire to make a change in the lives of children gave Brenda a new goal, which she achieved by getting her GED and becoming the first member of her family to attend college, completing a Bachelor of Social Work Degree. Never one to be average, Brenda continued on to earn a Master's Degree in Social Work, eventually settling into her lifelong dream of connecting children with their new, adoptive families.

Brenda developed a strong relationship with Jesus Christ at an early age, a relationship that only grew stronger through the ups and downs of her life. Brenda began to feel the calling God had placed on her heart to become a minister. Over the last several years, she has worked tirelessly through her church, The Yanush Assembly of God, and the Assembly of God Association to fulfill the requirements for ordination. This final goal was completed, September 3, 2019, shortly before Reverend Brenda Kay Mathews went on to be with her Lord.

Brenda is survived by her husband, Edward Mathews, and nine children: Wendy and Daniel Mitchell of McAlester, OK; Devin and Rhona Mathews of Frisco, TX; Jerry Mathews of Buffalo Valley, OK; Miranda and Michael Friedman of Norman, OK; Renae and Cole Wheatley of Houston, TX; Megan Mathews of Frisco, TX; Julie Mathews of Norman, OK; Krystal and Cody Simmons of Norman, OK and Ciera Mathews of Yanush, OK; two sisters: Glenna Watkins of Buffalo Valley, OK; and Greta Linker of Buffalo Valley; as well as fourteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Brenda is preceded in death by: her parents, Kenneth and Lenora Linker; one sister, Darla June Linker; and one daughter, Sherry Lynette Mathews.

Services will be on Saturday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the Yanush Assembly of God Church. The service will be officiated by Bro. Dustin Grammar and Bro. Jeremy Bull, with interment at Cupco Cemetery in Yanush, OK. Family visitation will be on Friday, September 6th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at McCarn Funeral Service in Talihina, OK. Services are entrusted to McCarn Funeral Services of Talihina, OK.

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ I know Brenda is exactly where she always knew she would be. She is happy and those of left behind are the one who are sad. I will miss Brenda. She is the one who is responsible for the family I have. Without her, my family would incomplete by 5. I LOVED walking into her office and talking with her because I knew we were one step closer to getting our family to the place it should be. She always had a kind word, a hug and the encouragement to keep going. My family is forever in her debt. I am praying for the family and I know my mom welcomed her home with open arms. Enjoy paradise Brenda.

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**Michelle Riley** - September 06, 2019 at 11:04 PM

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“ Region 2 Foster Care and Adoptions purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brenda Mathews.



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**Region 2 Foster Care and Adoptions** - September 06, 2019 at 11:35 AM

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“ The Morrison and Cartner Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Brenda Mathews.



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**The Morrison and Cartner Families** - September 06, 2019 at 08:29 AM



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



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September 06, 2019 at 08:25 AM



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



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September 06, 2019 at 07:25 AM



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



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September 05, 2019 at 11:28 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Brenda Mathews.*



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September 05, 2019 at 06:47 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Brenda Mathews.*



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September 05, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Mathews.*



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September 05, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ *I remember seeing Brenda through the years of raising her children, "thinking she has such a heart full of love". Brenda was a mighty woman of God, that will be rewarded greatly in heaven!!! What a wonderful legacy of love and faithfulness she leaves with her family. All is well with Brenda!!! Peace and comfort be with her family!!!*

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**Sherry Endres** - September 05, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ *My Akay was more than an Aunt to me, she was like my Mother. My daughters and I love their Akay. My cousins were so blessed to have such an amazing Momma. I am praying for my Uncle Ed and all of my cousins during this time.*

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**Tashina Rollins** - September 05, 2019 at 05:09 PM

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“ *Brenda was a special person in my life. She was always there if you needed help or just to talk. She had a special place in my heart. I was inspired by her faithfulness to God and her family. We will miss her much.*

*Love, Jeannie*

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**Jeannie Little** - September 05, 2019 at 05:03 PM