



Brenda Jeanine Hickernell

September 28, 1950 - November 9, 2025

On Sunday November 9th, 2025, surrounded by her family and dogs, our beloved Mother left this earth to join her husband, Ronald, in forever peace. It was exactly on her terms, just as she wanted it to be, and as much as we already miss her, our hearts have found some peace knowing she is no longer in pain, and that the two of them are reunited once again.

Brenda was the daughter of the late Allen L. and Patricia A. Fields, Lebanon, PA and graduated from Lebanon Senior High School, Class of 1968.

A homemaker, Brenda was happiest in her kitchen, entertaining, and creating savory meals for her family and friends. Her yard and garden were works of art, and most warm spring and summer days you would find her there, caring for her plants, feeding birds, or simply enjoying a glass of wine with her husband. However, her favorite pasttime was dedicated to spoiling her "pack", the many beloved dogs that she raised over the last 25 years. There was not an hour of any day that would go by where Brenda wasn't either talking about dogs, caring for dogs, or watching and reading about dogs.

Brenda is survived by her children, Jason (Jenny) Boyer of New Cumberland, Erin "Niki" (Brian) Swatski of Marietta, Sherri (Julie) Hickernell of Pittsburgh, and Kristy (Adam) Rothberg of Lafayette Hill, and three grandchildren, Jack

Swatski, Aiden Rothberg, and Hazel Rothberg. Also, sisters, Virginia Noll, Kristi (Harold) Lingle, and Kathi (Kurt) Peiffer, all of Lebanon. Also surviving is Mother-In-Law, Helen

Hickernell, and Sister In-Law Judy Reilly, both of Massachusetts. Brenda is also survived by several neices, nephews, grand puppies and kitties. Besides her parents and husband, Brenda was preceded in death by her brother, Charles Fields, Father In-Law, David Hickernell, and Brother In-Law, Carl "Scott" Noll.

To honor her wishes, there will be no funeral, and interment will be at the privacy and discretion of her family. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, to honor Brenda's life and memory, please donate to your favorite or local animal rescue.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Sorry to see Brenda has passed, she and Ron were lovely customers at Creekside and I enjoyed traveling to & working the Philadelphia Flower Shows with her for Ralph Cramer Posie Patch, and a girls weekend camping, where we had a costume contest and she blew everyone away dressed as a frozen Titanic passenger with special contacts making her look eerie! Brenda always had a lovely disposition and was such an animal lover. Rest in Peace my friend!

Patty Vera Smith - November 16, 2025 at 08:01 AM



“ We moved into the house across the street from Brenda and Ron 1 yr after they moved to the neighborhood. We've known Brenda and her family for 37 years! Brenda was always such a kind, supportive, and caring person to us, asking for updates on our family and sharing all updates for her family, and not unsurprisingly, offered advice to us as we rescued and adopted our pups. She even gave our newest addition (a GSD) a "Welcome to the neighborhood " gift bag (including her absolutely favorite herding ball). My deepest condolences to all of her family on Brenda's passing, I was so impressed with the love, care, and support you gave her through the years, especially in these final weeks.

Monika Noll - November 12, 2025 at 03:02 PM

SK

My deepest condolences to Brenda's family, friends, her canine "family," and all who loved her. She was truly one of a kind who even in darkest times, would shine her light to guide others. I will be forever grateful for having the chance, though briefly, to call you a friend. I will never forget you.

Sally Kamm - November 13, 2025 at 01:46 AM

PW

My deepest sympathy to Brenda's family. Many years ago my husband and I took aerobics classes she taught, and I have never forgotten her. Always cheerful and smiling. A true people (and dog) person.

Patricia White - November 16, 2025 at 07:44 AM

CW

I am going to miss our conversations on saving this world. Brenda will be missed by many LHS classmates.

Candy Witters - November 16, 2025 at 08:57 AM

CW

I knew her through my work at the bank, and she was always such a kind, funny, and joyful presence. I thoroughly enjoyed our conversations, even the small ones, and she was always a bright spot in my day. I will genuinely miss seeing her come in. My heartfelt condolences to her family, and I'm wishing you all comfort and strength as you remember her.

Carrie W - November 17, 2025 at 01:54 PM