



Brenda J. Bristol

February 19, 1940 - September 24, 2019

Brenda Bristol, much loved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend went home to be with Jesus from her earthly home on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

Brenda Joyce Gross was born to Noah Franklin Gross and Flossie Alice Pack Gross on February 19, 1940 in the coal mining community of Lillybrook, West Virginia. She moved with her family to Fort Collins in 1957. Brenda graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1958 and, later that year, married Terry Bristol. Brenda and Terry were married for 60 years.

Brenda loved being a mother and grandmother and was delighted to stay home and raise her children. Brenda was strong, beautiful, and generous throughout her life. She spent her time and energy in making a safe, welcome, and loving home for her children and grandchildren. Brenda was an amazing cook and ministered to many with her fine meals. She knew how to make anyone feel at home. Her children and grandchildren knew they could count on her for unconditional love and support. This love and support extended to nieces and nephews and friends of her own children. During the 1970's, while raising four boys of her own, Brenda cared for additional children in her home daycare.

Brenda found her hope and strength in Jesus and was involved in church and

Bible studies all through her life. She was a generous giver, both to her church and to the work of various charities. Since discovering her junior high school library in Laramie, Wyoming, Brenda became a voracious reader who read hundreds of books. She enjoyed traveling with her mother and two sisters and took the trip of a lifetime to Kaua'i, Hawaii with her entire family for the 50th anniversary of her marriage to Terry.

Brenda is survived by her husband Terry and five children, Alan Bristol of Fort Collins; Mike Bristol and wife Amanda of Colorado Springs with sons Mercer Bristol, Carson Bristol, and McConnell Bristol; Jeff Bristol and wife Darla of Fort Collins with children Zachary Bristol, Kate Bristol, Kylee Bristol, Emilee Bristol and Joshua Bristol; Randy Bristol and wife Wendy of Denver with children Cameron Bristol, Madeline Dufour, and Marley Bristol; and Amanda Bristol of Fort Collins. She is also survived by her sister Diane and husband Rob of Washington.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Sandra Fulton, a nephew, Robert Stockhouse, and a niece, Margaret Sherbeck.

Many thanks to Dr. Joshua Tierney and the staff at Medical Center of the Rockies, Centre Avenue Rehab, Halcyon Hospice, and Amada Senior Care for their wisdom, skill, and compassion.

Brenda died as she lived with strength, integrity, and grace. We'll love you forever Mom and Grandma and we'll see you again soon.

Memorial contributions in Brenda's name may be made to Cayce's Charities, serving the poorest communities in rural Arkansas in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, CO 80524. Visit bohlenderfuneralchapel.com to send online condolences.

Memorial Service, 10 a.m., Monday, 9/30/2019, Bohlender Funeral Chapel.
Graveside Service, 12 p.m. Monday, 9/30/2019, Grandview Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ Terry and Amanda, we are so sorry for your loss. Sending our thoughts and prayers during your time of sorrow.

Kendy Doty and Harriet Bliss

Kendy J Doty - October 18, 2019 at 08:07 PM

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“ A gracious lady -- who along with Terry and Amanda were for a season a part of our church congregation. May your family know abundant comfort from the Lord's presence and the warm memories of your times with her. -- Pastor Dave & Karen Huntwork

Pastor Dave and Karen Huntwork - September 29, 2019 at 01:18 AM



“ Dear Terry and family, we only recently learned of Brenda’s illness. We called the home phone number we have for you and left a voice mail. Emailed Brenda and Amanda with the addresses we have, which may not be current. Sorry we were not able to get in touch sooner. We have prayed for the family since learning from Rosemary of Brenda’s illness and will continue to pray for you during the days of loss and adjustment ahead.

Sharing a memory. Brenda’s mother shared with us that when Brenda was only 3 weeks old, she made the trip with her to visit her parents in Nimitz, WV, where, after seven daughters, her parents had finally had a son, (now my husband). Flossie said, ‘I’ve waited 26 years for a Brother. Now I have one and I’m going to see him.’

We were among the many family members with whom Brenda shared warm and sincere hospitality. We appreciated her for caring for her aging mother in her declining years, eventually taking her into her own home. We know she will be missed greatly, but we know also that the family has many precious memories to cherish. May God comfort each one, as only He can do. Love and many fond memories, Leroy and Beverly Pack

Beverly Pack - September 27, 2019 at 05:03 PM