



Brenda Zumpano Forbis

August 6, 1945 - October 19, 2021

Brenda Zumpano Forbis of Salisbury, NC passed away on October 19, 2021 at Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

She was born in Salisbury on August 6, 1945 to the late Bernice Morgan Zumpano and Charles Vincent Zumpano. Her grandparents were the late Mary Ann Agner Morgan and Samuel A. Morgan and Thomas P. Zumpano and Angelina Mastroianni Zumpano. Also preceding her was her beloved dog, Clarence and her four hooped and faithful equine companion, Gunner. She lived all her life in Salisbury except four years in Jasper, AL as a child.

Brenda graduated from Boyden High School in 1963, and attended Rowan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She graduated from RCCC with highest honors in 2013 and again in 2014 with degrees in Education. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

She worked for Rowan Regional Medical Center as a lab technician for 40 years beginning in 1967. Prior to that she had worked there as a Girl Scout Volunteer and a Candy Striper. She retired in 2007 and then began working for Rowan-Salisbury Schools as a Substitute teacher. She also worked as a calligrapher and private tutor.

Brenda liked to write, and wrote family histories for her grandchildren. She also wrote a manuscript called Horseapples! Telling of her adventures with horses.

She is survived by her sons David Forbis (Bobbi) and Tom Ausburne (Candy). Her brothers, Charles (Chuck) Zumpano (Denise) of Winston Salem, and

David S. Zumpano (Debbie Fortune) of Salisbury, grandchildren Jeremy S. Forbis of Davidson, NC and Caroline M. Forbis of Salisbury, NC; nieces, Chiara Michelle Zumpano and Angelina Marie Zumpano also survive. She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and served at various times on the Vestry, Altar Guild, Parish Life, Building and Grounds Committee, Organ Committee, Food Pantry/Little Red Wagon Committee, and Graduate and Military Outreach Committee (YAMO).

A Memorial Service will be held 10AM on Saturday (Oct 30) at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, conducted by Rev. Dr. Robert Black. Inurnment will follow in the St. Luke's Lutheran Church Columbarium. Visitation will follow the service in the Parish Hall.

Memorials may be sent to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 131 W. Council Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is assisting the Forbis family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
131 West Council Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Zumpano Forbis.* ”



October 30, 2021 at 07:52 AM



“ *Lynda Willard purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Brenda Zumpano Forbis.* ”



Lynda Willard - October 29, 2021 at 12:44 AM



“ *Charlyne Hartpence Narehood and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Brenda Zumpano Forbis.* ”



Charlyne Hartpence Narehood and Family - October 28, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Brenda Zumpano Forbis.* ”



October 28, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brenda Zumpano Forbis.*



October 27, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ *Brenda and I go way back , about 55 years, and lost contact several times but caught up before it was to late. We swapped flowers and I shared garden veggies with her. Went to see her when she was in the nursing home after breaking her femur and was rehabbing and hoping to go home, but that was not to be. She was so tired and fought until the end but so blessed to know that she has a new body and not sick anymore. RIP dear friend and know that you are already missed by many people that knew and loved you.*

Pat Doby - October 22, 2021 at 11:04 PM



*I met Brenda by “accident “ or was it accident by email. I had asked for prayer for my husband who was very ill and later died. Someway and I don't know how the message went to Brenda. She wrote to me and wrote the most beautiful prayer for my husband and for me!! We began a friendship that was so sweet. She and I liked to read and we exchanged books. She sent me stories she had written about Gunner. I sent her books that my cousin had written and had published! We also exchanged recipes and lots of correspondence. I loved her dearly. Shortly before she broke her femur, she sent me a booklet of recipes that she had printed and made personal instructions on. I shall always cherish it! I had sent her several cards and just today I had written her a card. I will always miss her and I will look forward to meeting her in Heaven!!
My condolences go out to her family. I know they loved her dearly! RIP
Dear Brenda*

Hilda Muncy - November 08, 2021 at 02:22 PM

GB

“ Gail Beck lit a candle in memory of Brenda Zumpano Forbis



Gail Beck - October 22, 2021 at 02:39 PM

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“ This is a great loss. I worked at Hurley and she would sub for the school. I could always depend on her. She was a wonderful person. My sympathy goes to her family.

Tricia Marlin - October 22, 2021 at 10:33 AM

KW

“ I was so saddened when Caroline let me know her grandmother had passed away. We were in elementary school together and graduated from BHS in 63. We kept in touch through email and Facebook and loved sharing photos of gorgeous or unusual flowers. We also swapped favorite recipes. I am truly going to miss my friend. Godspeed dear Brenda. Hugs until we meet again.

Kitty Price Wright - October 21, 2021 at 11:21 PM