



Brenda Samples

October 26, 1951 - May 26, 2022

Brenda Samples, 70, of Terrell, passed away in the early hours of Thursday, May 26th after a courageous battle. She was surrounded by her husband and two children at the time of her passing.

Brenda was born on October 26, 1951, to John R. (Rick) Dix and Melba June Rutledge Dix in Macomb, Illinois. She always told us she may not have been born in Texas but she got here as fast as she could as a 2-year-old. While in high school, she met the love of her life, Hobert Samples, and they wed in 1968, having two children, Rusty and Wendi. Her infectious smile and warm hugs were well known in Kaufman County. Her people loving and service career began when she found her first calling as a hair stylist and after obtaining her cosmetology license, she worked at Lavender Beauty Salon for a number of years, ultimately owning her own salon, Hair & Co.

Her love for people and her community grew and she moved into the real estate business. Over the course of her real estate career, she earned many awards, including Terrell's Best Realtor numerous times. She listed and sold many homes in Terrell, Forney, Kaufman and all of Kaufman County, making lifelong friends with many of her clients. She was very active in the community as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Terrell, Terrell Chamber of Commerce, the Volunteer Services Council for Terrell State Hospital and the Kaufman Lions Club. She was a very active supporter of many local charities and non

profits. She never met a stranger and if it was August/September, you can bet she would be focused on donations for the Terrell Chamber of Commerce Annual Civic Auction.

She retired as a Broker Associate for Coldwell Banker – Apex at the pinnacle of her 35+ year career. As she looked at retirement, she had too much energy to slow down and was unable to hit the rocking chair. Brenda spent the entirety of her professional career in service to others and this led her to use her lifelong experiences and love of people to run for Tax Assessor/Collector for Kaufman County. She met many wonderful people in her trek for elected office. She was elected in 2016, taking office on January 1, 2017. Her intense focus on her team and their customer service experience made her a quick hit at the Courthouse and throughout the County. She ran unopposed in 2020 and began her second term in 2021.

On the personal side, Brenda was fantastic and wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Nana was an excellent gift giver, always keeping the gifts equal in all respects for all of her grands and great grands and regularly attending as many cheerleading, dance functions, football games, Boy Scout functions, and soccer and baseball games as possible.

She was predeceased by her parents, John R. and Melba Dix, her in laws, C.T and Betty Samples, her niece, Christi Carle, son in law, Dwight Lindsey and her brother-in-law, Curtis.

She is survived by her loving husband, Hobert, her son, Rusty and his wife, Kim, daughter Wendi and her husband, Jeremy, grand children Jamie Parrish and husband Hayden, Tyler Lindsey and his wife Cortney and Kayla Saenz and her husband Omar. She leaves her 7 great grandchildren Cooper Attaway, Bryleigh Attaway, Stella Jane Parrish, Oaklee Lindsey, Connor MacWithey, Damien MacWithey and Austin MacWithey with a ton of love and

fond memories. She also is survived by her brothers Bill Carle (Margie), Richard Dix (Cindy), Steve Dix (Sharlene), her sister Kathy Cox (Bill) as well as her 11 nephews, their families along with a host of friends and fellow elected officials.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 2, 2022 at First Baptist Church of Terrell with interment to follow at College Mound Cemetery. Her family will receive friends from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Volunteer Services Council for Terrell State Hospital at <https://www.mightycause.com/donate/volunteer-services-council-of-terrell-state-hospital>

Cemetery Details

College Mound Cemetery

15010 FM 429 South
Terrell, TX 75161

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Terrell
403 N. Catherine
Terrell, TX 75160
<http://www.fbcterrell.org>

Tribute Wall



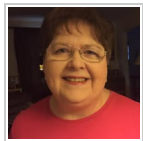
“ *Brenda Samples*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family of a sweetheart of a lady. She will be missed. Rick and Sandy*

Rick and Sandy Traylor - June 07, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ *Hobert and family,*

Very shocked to hear of your loss. Sending hugs and asking God to surround you and the family to help heal you of your pain. Brenda was a good friend.

Jeanne Carr - June 06, 2022 at 08:43 AM

JB

“ To Hobert, Rusty, Wendi and the entire family, Beverly and I send our condolences! I am so sorry for your loss of dear Brenda. She was in some of our earliest memories from elementary school, high school, her real estate career as well as her excellent service to Kaufman County. I remember one Sunday back in 1984 when we were in town to see our parents. We made our usual drive down Elm Drive as we were leaving town and saw a for sale sign in the only vacant lot on the street. Brenda was not the listing agent but she was our go to gal for real estate so we called her up. Before we left town that day, we had a signed contract on the property! Brenda went to work and helped us put the deal all together. We still live in the home we built on that lot some 36 years ago. We often think back to our childhood friend who got us our dream home location. We have loved you for decades Brenda! We will miss you dearly until the day that we continue our friendship in the presence of our Lord! God bless this dear family. She was a good 'un!!

Jerry & Beverly Burr - June 02, 2022 at 05:07 PM

KS

“ Dear Hobert, Wendi, Rusty, Samples & Dix family,
We were so sorry to hear about your loss of
wife, Mother, grandmother, sister, aunt & friend! She was truly one in a
million with a beautiful smile & a caring heart! .We were thankful to
have called her our friend for many years. She truly will be missed!
Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers now & in the days to
come!
With Deepest Sympathy!
Karo & Wilson Stewart

Karo Stewart - June 02, 2022 at 11:05 AM



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



June 02, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ *Brenda was my neighbor when I first moved to Kaufman County....we captured Rusty's dog a few times and watched him until they got home from work.*

When she became the Tax Assessor for the County....one of the first things she wanted to do was to learn all about County business.....always a pleasant and cheerful smile...and I loved her hugs....and I will miss those hugs.

She and I had lunch a few times and talk about laughing like school girls...

Brenda.....I will miss you my dear friend.....but I know you are with your Momma. And I know you loved her so much.

Huge hugs to the family...Karen MacLeod

Karen L MacLeod - June 01, 2022 at 03:25 PM



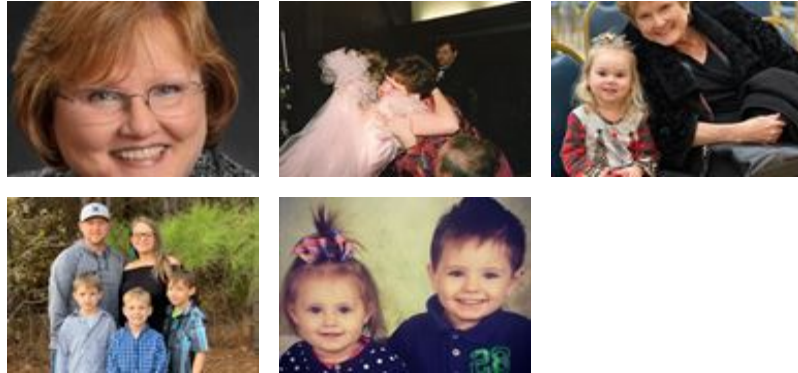
“ *The Infinity Texas Air Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brenda Samples.*



The Infinity Texas Air Family - June 01, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ 129 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - June 01, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Brenda Samples*.



June 01, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of *Brenda Samples*.



June 01, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Praying for the family.*
Martha / Lupe Hernandez

Martha - June 01, 2022 at 10:10 AM



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



May 31, 2022 at 10:26 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Brenda Samples.



May 31, 2022 at 04:41 PM



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



May 31, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ Your PWAM Family, San Antonio purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Brenda Samples.



Your PWAM Family, San Antonio - May 31, 2022 at 10:09 AM

BF

“ *Brenda's Tax Office Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brenda Samples.*



Brenda's Tax Office Family - May 31, 2022 at 08:52 AM

AH

“ *Amber & Brittney Huff purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Brenda Samples.*



Amber & Brittney Huff - May 30, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda Samples.*



May 30, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Brenda Samples.*



May 30, 2022 at 04:05 PM

MB

“ *Tends was a kind beautiful woman. She always did my grandma Heflin hair even after she was in the nursing home. You will be missed. God bless her family.* ”

Malinda Borchartd Bostick - May 29, 2022 at 06:35 PM

MB

Brenda not Trends. Sorry for the mistake.

Malinda Borchartd Bostick - May 29, 2022 at 06:37 PM

CP

“ *Cynthia & Joe Parnell lit a candle in memory of Brenda Samples* ”



Cynthia & Joe Parnell - May 29, 2022 at 04:45 PM



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



May 29, 2022 at 04:40 PM



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



May 29, 2022 at 12:42 PM

KB

“ Just a sweet wonderful neighbor...She will be missed. Prayer to her family.

Kim, Robby and family



Kim Hailey Brannon - May 29, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Brenda Samples.



May 28, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Brenda Samples.



May 28, 2022 at 02:11 PM

JH

“ John & Lori Harwell lit a candle in memory of Brenda Samples



John & Lori Harwell - May 27, 2022 at 03:47 PM

KO

“ *Kaufman County Treasurer's Office purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Brenda Samples.*



Kaufman County Treasurer's Office - May 27, 2022 at 02:43 PM

KB

“ *Kenny Baker lit a candle in memory of Brenda Samples*



Kenny Baker - May 27, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Samples.*



May 27, 2022 at 12:41 PM



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



May 27, 2022 at 12:06 PM

MC

“ *Max and Beverly Chapman purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Brenda Samples.*



Max and Beverly Chapman - May 27, 2022 at 10:52 AM

PB

“ *Phil & Debbie Bacon lit a candle in memory of Brenda Samples*



Phil & Debbie Bacon - May 27, 2022 at 10:30 AM

SR

“ *We had known Brenda for many years. She was a very dedicated, loving and honest lady. We will miss her sweet smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May you rest in peace Brenda.*

Sandra and Loren Riggan - May 27, 2022 at 09:49 AM

JU

“ *I met Brenda through my grandmother. Her caring and kindness made an everlasting impression on me. Brenda is one of the sweetest ladies you could know.*



RIP Brenda

Julie - May 27, 2022 at 08:26 AM

PF

“ Pops Fried Chicken Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brenda Samples.



Pops Fried Chicken Family - May 27, 2022 at 07:52 AM

CS

“ Charles Sanford lit a candle in memory of Brenda Samples



Charles Sanford - May 27, 2022 at 05:43 AM

RP

“ Ray & Susan Pinson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Samples



Ray & Susan Pinson - May 27, 2022 at 02:14 AM

CK

“ Coleen Kilmer lit a candle in memory of Brenda Samples



Coleen Kilmer - May 27, 2022 at 01:44 AM

CK

Brenda was always smiling and made everyones day brighter. She will be missed. Prayers for her family and loved ones during this time.

Coleen Kilmer - May 27, 2022 at 01:45 AM

LB

“ *My sincere sympathy to all of Brenda's family and friends. Brenda had the kind of personality that one never forgets. For several years we were business associates, me with the title company, she as a realtor. Together we could even make work fun. I'll never forget while we were in Kiwanis Club together she "roasted" me at a very special event. Such a surprise, club members found out things about me I had forgotten from years gone by. She was so outgoing and so much fun to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with her sweet family during this sad and difficult time. Linda Bankston*

Linda Bankston - May 26, 2022 at 05:29 PM

SF

“ *I will miss you, Brenda! You were one of the first people I meet when we moved to Terrell. You were front and center at every event and meeting, always active in our community. Your presence here will be remembered by all those whose lives have been touched.*



Sherri Faulk - May 26, 2022 at 05:00 PM



Beverly
Carrington
Goff

“ *Brenda was one of the sweetest ladies I ever had the privilege of meeting. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. Rest In Peace, Brenda*♥♥

Beverly Carrington Goff - May 26, 2022 at 04:47 PM

SB

“ Sharon Boyd lit a candle in memory of Brenda Samples



Sharon Boyd - May 26, 2022 at 04:41 PM

SB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this sad time. May the dear Lord give each of you peace and comfort at this time

Sharon Boyd - May 26, 2022 at 04:41 PM



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



May 26, 2022 at 02:46 PM