

# Brenda May Hanson

MARCH 31, 2022

It is with deep sorrow that the family of Brenda Hanson announce her sudden death on March 31, 2022. Brenda will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 40 years Ken; daughters Jennifer Innes (Dave), Nicole Bailey (Doug) and son Steven (Sydnee); grandchildren Izabella, Alyssa, Alexia, Arianna, Zoey, Piper and Jack; as well as numerous relatives and friends. Brenda was predeceased by her parents Earl and Lillian Natrass.



Mom was a beautiful soul and amazing caregiver. She spent 38 years of her life as a Registered Nurse taking care of others. In her retirement, she loved camping and spending her days with all of her grandchildren.

There will be a Celebration of Brenda's Life on Friday, April 8, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 3510 Queen Street, Regina, Saskatchewan. Masks are strongly encouraged. In lieu of flowers, family and friends so wishing may make memorial donations to Diabetes Canada ([www.diabetes.ca](http://www.diabetes.ca)).

## Messages of Condolence

Our deepest condolences to your family. I hope you take comfort in the memories you shared and know that you are surrounded by loved ones.

— **Sheena, Dane and family**

Dear Ken, Jennifer, Nicole, Steve and families. May you find strength, comfort and peace from the memories of all you shared with Brenda. Her face lit up when mention was made of her family. She loved you with all of her being and was, indeed a beautiful soul.

— **Lorne and Sharon Dunsmore**

Ken, Jennifer, Nicole, Steve and families I am so sorry for your loss. Brenda was a wonderful lady and I know you are all going to miss everything about her. Hold your memories close and she will always be with you. Our deepest condolences to all of you. I wish I was there to give all of you hugs.

— **Patti and Barrie Gjesdal**

I was saddened to hear of this great loss, I trained with Brenda and worked many years with her. I have many fond memories

— **Wendy Tomyk**

My deepest condolences on your loss of a wonderful lady. I started my career working with Brenda for first 8 years of it. I as well have many fun, happy memories of our working together and in the same hospital for her whole career. She was loved and will be missed. ☐

— **Bonnie B**

Ken and your family, I am so saddened to hear about Brenda. Such a deep sorrow to know this wonderful, compassionate, hardworking, and funny woman has left this world. I am so sorry for your heartbreak. I hope you keep sharing stories about Brenda and laugh often about her antics - I am sure you have dozens. I hope you always know that Brenda was universally liked and respected by her co-workers. Her light will continue to shine in this world every time we talk about this amazing human.

— **Sandra Englund**

I was lucky to know Brenda at PH. At first I was scared of her - she was so efficient and no nonsense. Even the surgeons didn't scare her! As I got to know her I recognized a deep heart, a willingness to help., a nurse with an enviable capacity to handle the unit like air traffic control. And she had a terrific sense of humour. I'm so sorry for your loss.

— **Monica A.**

My deepest sympathies at the loss of Brenda, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and coworker. I was in a state of disbelief at the news of her passing. I was always so confident having Brenda at the helm of our unit on 4D, and knew that no matter how crazy or hectic the shift was..... Brenda was always exactly where she needed to be running the show.

I remember so many of her stories, her support of her coworkers in their personal and professional growth, and challenges we faced with her guidance.

One story that I particularly remember was the story of her eldest daughter ready to deliver her first grandchild in a situation that only the likes of a mother/nurse could handle!!

I know your heart are full of sorrow at her passing, and I will pray for you to find heart healing, and peace, and know that she is not far away and watching over all of you. The “veil” is very thin. May God Bless all of you and believe that Brenda is in the most appropriate place, the most beautiful and peaceful place of love any of us could ever imagine..... Brenda was a beautifully strong soul.□

**— Pat Mahoney**

So sorry for your loss. So shocked and saddened to hear this news. I worked with Brenda at the PH for 10 years ( her first ), I enjoyed working with her and always knew she was a compassionate , true person. It feels so surreal, I am truly sorry.

**— Cindy Coulter**

I'm so sorry for the loss of your beloved wife, mother, grandma, extended family and friend.

I went to school with Brenda & always remembered her as a super nice person. I'm thankful to have been able to reunite with her at our high school reunion.

— **Terri (Ross) Singer**

So sorry for your loss, Heaven has definitely got an angel. Brenda was so efficient and so much fun to work with. She was always ready for some 4b fun, I have many great memories of working with her and she will always be remembered.

— **ELAINE Dosenberger**

Although I didn't know your mom, what a wonderful daughter she raised and I know you will pass that love and traditions she shared with you onto to them. My deepest condolences Nicole and sending you an endless big hug.

— **Moni snell**

I had the privilege of working with Brenda on 4B for several years. She was a no nonsense and very well respected nurse. She was fun to work with. Heaven has gained another angel. Sincere condolences to her husband and family at this unbelievable sad time.

— **Sheila Martin**

My heart is broken tonight as I learn of Brenda's sudden passing.

May God hold you in his arms as he leads you to the promised land where your parents await your arrival.

Ken and family:

Brenda and I grew up almost as family. Brenda lived directly across the street from our family on Garnet Street, in our youth.

Brenda's brothers were both grown and gone from home when I decided to adopt her as my younger sister.

We shared everything. Dreams of boyfriends, grand weddings, a house, a home and a large family.

Brenda and I babysat for her older brother Mel/Sharon on many occasions, especially when Rider games were on and their friends from Manitoba arrived. We especially loved using his stereo to play our favorite records and ordered pizza in which we hid the evidence in the snowbank across the street as we thought we would be in trouble for having pizza and enjoying while the baby slept! How, Bradley slept through that I have no idea.

Brenda and I shared the love for basketball and many other sports. We always attended swimming lessons, in hopes of becoming lifeguards. Together we attended lessons at the YWCA which was always followed with a snack of french fries, vinegar and of course a pop in the Cafeteria, were great treats!

We shared in both happiness and sadness. Especially the loss of her Mother while

she was very young. Mrs. Nattrass was such a kind, sweet and happy lady always with a smile on her face. Brenda certainly followed in her footsteps.

We enjoyed going downtown to shop, spending our hard earned babysitting money on trinkets in the jewelry stores. Which Brenda loved.

We enjoyed our silly times, and serious times... always experimenting with new things. I recall our first bra fitting followed by many other life lessons and discoveries (pre-teen) mostly from Teen Magazines. No Google back in those days.

I remember the day Brenda had learnt to administer a diabetic injection (incase it was required by her Dad and nobody else was around to help). She practised on a orange....then later was chasing me around her home with the needle. We laughed so hard.

Brenda was destined to be a nurse from very young, as we always pretended to play "Hospital". We spent many hours in her home playing other games as well, Brenda especially loved her board games Monopoly and Trouble were a few. Skating and Tobogganing on the creek until one winter, Brenda hit a tree and broke her leg, which kind of took the fun out of our silliness.

Brenda and I were growing older. Our family moved from our neighbourhood to another. Brenda and I attended separate highschoools, where our lives started to drift apart, yet we always kept in touch off and on. Eventually graduating, partime jobs, university, meeting our future husband's.

Funny where life takes us.

Sadly in our retirement years....it didn't last long enough. Yet you created a beautiful family and have many loved grandchildren. Your legacy will live on.

You will be sadly missed by all of us, whom still loved you from a distance.

Sail into the horizon Brenda and send us your loving care from above!

I shall always cherish the memories we created together.

Love Brenda Schwartz (Goran)

— **Brenda Goran (Schwartz)**

My condolences to Jenn, Nicole, your Dad and family members on the passing of Brenda. She was a pleasure to work with and will be truly missed by all!

— **Heather G**

Our most sincere condolences to the entire Hanson family. Brenda was a lovely, fun loving lady and will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. She will forever be part of our memories from the hockey rink when the boys played together, and of course from our Cuban vacation. May you find comfort in the love and support of those around you, and in the many memories you have of your wife, mom and grandma.

— **Cory & Melody Conger**

Our sincerest condolences to Ken and his family, to Mal and Sharon, Brenda was such a really kind person, when we saw her as kids. What a beautiful wedding she and Ken had! I last talked with her at the Pasqua Hospital quite a few years ago, a very helpful and competent asset to our healthcare. She will be remembered with a smile.

— **Fran K, and the Worel family**

My beautiful cousin, Brenda has been taken far too soon. She was a loving and very giving soul who cast a wide net throughout her life. Her family, friends and the countless patients and health care professionals who were part of her world, will be influenced by the sincerity which she extended to others. My thoughts are with the Hanson family.

With sympathy,

Marcia Loder

— **Marcia Loder**

My heart is grieving

— **Wendy L McLaren**

Ken, Jennifer, Nicole, Steven and families, we would like to offer our deepest sympathies to all of you.

We were so saddened to hear of Brenda's sudden passing.

We cannot imagine what you must be going through right now.

We also wanted to let you know that we can only be with you right now in heart and spirit.

Frank is recovering from very recent major surgery so we are staying pretty close to home. We want you know we would be there in person to support you however we could, but just can't right now.

Your family, is part of our family, and hope memories and good times you had with Brenda will bring you peace during this time.

Brenda was one very special lady!

Our deepest sympathies to all of you! Love Frank and Colleen

**— Colleen and Frank**

My deepest sympathies to Ken, Nicole, Jenn, Steve & families at the loss of Brenda, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and coworker. I had the honour & privilege of working with Brenda for over 15 years. Her loss will be felt by many take comfort in cherished memories in this difficult time.

**— Lynette Dunford**

My sincere condolences to the family at this difficult time.

**— Cyndie Britton**

My sympathies to all of the Hanson family on the loss of your wife, mom and grandma. Brenda and I were baby nurses together and we had a "bit" of fun together! Coffee times at the house near the hospital. Usually after nights to decompress! Nurses do that best. Everyone will sure miss her! Take care.

**— Suzanne Guenzel**

My deepest sympathy and condolences to the Hanson family, my prayers and thoughts are with you all today. May wonderful memories carry you forward and provide comfort in the days ahead.

— **Cynthia Batty**

So sorry for your loss

— **Brenda Miller**

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, I can't imagine what a difficult time this must be .. thinking of you..

— **Cory Michayluk**

Dear Ken, Jennifer, Nicole, Steven and Families,

We are so sorry for your loss. Brenda was a loving, kind and caring woman. We have many wonderful memories of her and our thoughts are with you and your family.

Our sincerest condolences,

Mark Moroz and Family

— **Mark Moroz**

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