

## **GOD'S GARDEN**

God looked around his garden And found an empty space; He then looked down upon this earth And saw your tired face.

He put his arm around you
And lifted you to rest;
God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain, He knew you might never Get well upon this earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough And the hills were hard to climb, So He closed your weary eyelids And whispered, "Peace be thine".

It broke our hearts to lose you, But you never went alone, For part of us went with you The day God called you Home.

## I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God has laid you see.

I took his hand when I heard His call. I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief. Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - God wanted me now: He set me free.

# Brenda Johnson

WHO WAS BORN October 17, 1939 Minneapolis, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME February 25, 2019 Sioux Falls, SD

FUNERAL SERVICE Friday, March 1, 2019 - 2:00 p.m. Abiding Faith Free Lutheran Church Ortonville, Minnesota

> OFFICIANT Pastor Richard Larson

> > READERS Jaedyn Kirk Jeff Brown

### **CASKET BEARERS**

Tanner Brown Jamie Brown Mason Brown Richard Brown Jr. Tim Sass Doug Brown Dale Brown Terry Kirk

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS
Nancy Brown Wayne King Joann Frison
Nathan Kirk Carter Johnson

INTERMENT Hope Cemetery Odessa, Minnesota

#### APPRECIATION

Brenda's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for lunch and fellowship in the fellowship hall.

ARRANGEMENTS BY Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home Ortonville, Minnesota Brenda Jane (Brown) Johnson was born on May 14, 1959, in St. Paul, MN, to Richard and Marilyn (Pederson) Brown. She attended school in St. Paul and graduated from St. Paul Central High School.

Brenda lived most of her life in St. Paul. She and her family moved to the Ortonville area in 1992. Brenda loved to play bingo and poker, and spent many hours playing Yahtzee. Most of all Brenda enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She would do a special activity with each one of them but loved baking with all of them. Brenda never missed an opportunity to go to the Minnesota State Fair or Black Friday shopping.

She is survived by her children: Richard Brown of Hutchinson, MN; Nichole (Terry) Kirk of Austin, TX; Mike Johnson of Plymouth, MN; 10 grandchildren; siblings: Darla Brown, Randy (Phyllis) Brown, Dale (Diane) Brown, Doug Brown, and Jeff (Shannon) Brown; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceding Brenda in death are her parents, and brother, Scott Brown.

## **GRIEVE NOT**

Grieve not, nor speak of me
With tears...but laugh
And talk of me
As though I were beside you.
I loved you so...
'twas Heaven here with you.

