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**M**rs. Brenda Joyce Bankston, a beacon of love and laughter, left this world for her heavenly home on October 23, 2025, after a life rich in joy, kindness, and unwavering faith. Born on October 18, 1951, in Lafayette, Indiana to Robert Lee Hiestand and Marilyn Dorton Hiestand, Brenda's journey through life was marked by an endless capacity to give, a heart that knew no bounds, and a spirit that uplifted everyone fortunate enough to cross her path.

Brenda, as she was affectionately known, shared an incredible bond with her devoted husband, Jeff Bankston, of Dadeville, AL. Their partnership was a testament to true love and mutual respect. Together, they cultivated a family that mirrored their own values of compassion and generosity. Her legacy continues through her daughter, Dawn (Jeff) Herrington of Stokesdale, NC, and her son, Joel Bankston of Dadeville, AL. Brenda's role as a grandmother was one she cherished deeply, and the light of her life shone brightly on her granddaughters, Megan (Brandon) Holder and Madison (Michael Lewis) Herrington.

Brenda's life was a narrative of selfless service and boundless humor. Her laughter was infectious, her jokes timely, and her presence alone could transform an ordinary moment into a memorable one. She had the rare ability to find humor in the trials of life, teaching all who knew her the invaluable lesson of joy in the face of adversity.

Her dedication to her Christian faith was unshakeable, guiding her in every step and decision. Brenda's relationship with God was not just a belief but a way of life that she embraced wholeheartedly. She lived her faith through her actions, touching lives, offering support, and spreading kindness wherever she went. It was this faith that gave her the strength to be the epitome of thoughtfulness, always placing the needs of others before her own.

Brenda's love for her family was her crowning glory. She created a home that was a haven of warmth, a place where laughter echoed through the halls, and where every family member knew they were cherished beyond measure. Her selflessness was her hallmark; she gave of herself freely



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and without expectation, her thoughtfulness a gentle reminder of the beauty in everyday acts of kindness.

To speak of Brenda is to speak of a life well-lived, a journey marked by the joy she brought to others, the comfort she provided, and the love she spread. She was a treasured soul who taught us that to live is to love, to laugh, and to lend a hand. As we remember Brenda, let us honor her memory by embodying the qualities she exemplified: to be funny in the face of gloom, selfless in a world of self-interest, and thoughtful in the simplicity of our daily lives.

Brenda's story does not end with her passing; it lives on in the hearts she touched, the lives she brightened, and the family she adored. She has left us a legacy of love that will continue to inspire and guide us. As we bid farewell to Brenda Joyce Bankston, let us carry her spirit forward, spreading the light of her being in all that we do, for she was truly a gift to us all.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to be made to Children's Harbor, 434 Children's Harbor Dr., Eclectic, AL. 36024.

Langley Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Brenda Joyce Bankston.



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**Lesia Woody** posted:

To Joel and family Our thoughts and prayers are with the family :pray: Lesia Woody, Interim Executive Director & Community Action Committee Inc of Chambers Tallapoosa Coosa Board ,&Staff

October 25 at 3:44 AM



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