



Brenna Rae Allen

May 30, 1974 - November 11, 2013

She Was My Everything

Brenna Rae Allen, 39, found peace on November 11, 2013. She was born on May 30, 1974 in Amarillo, TX, daughter of Debra White. Brenna graduated from Rockford East in 1992. She obtained her Bachelor Degree in Mortuary Science and Funeral Service from Southern Illinois University, and her Masters Degree in Social Work from Aurora University. She was formerly employed as a Licensed Funeral Director at several funeral homes in the state line, and most recently employed as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the Chicago suburbs. Brenna's smile could light up a room. She was generous and caring, always reaching out to others even at the expense of herself and her own well-being. She gravitated toward professions in which she could help people, and worked hard to make a difference in the lives of the people that she served. Brenna was motivated, and rarely let anything stand in the way of her goals. She had an excellent sense of humor. When she wasn't at work, she could be found outside taking photographs in the forest preserve. Her cats were her children; she was devoted to them and loved them greatly. Above all, she enjoyed being with her mom. She loved surprising her with small gifts, spending time with her and doing things to make her mom smile. Brenna's smile, her laugh and her compassion for others will leave a void in the lives of those who loved her. Survived by her mother, whom she loved dearly, Debe; grandfather, James Unbehaun; her cats, Konnor and Kate, and numerous friends. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Marilyn

Hutto, and her cat Kiki. A Celebration of Brenna's Life will be Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, 1340 South Alpine Rd. Rockford. Rev. Dr. Ron C. Meyer will officiate. Visitation from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment in Arlington Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NE

“ *Nell lit a candle in memory of Brenna Rae Allen*



nell - February 26, 2014 at 12:46 AM

RV

“ *My condolence to you Debra and friends. She was a best friend and can't believe she is not around anymore. Rest in peace my love. Your Dutch friend will always love you. Debra, here is my e-mail: rmcovalkman@nestrx.nl . I hope you are surrounded with lots of love and support. Love from Brenna's Dutch friend, Remco*

Remco Valkman - December 07, 2013 at 02:23 AM

PB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of this devastating news. I am sending my deepest sympathy, to Debe. Brenna taught me a lot and one was to enjoy life and have some fun. You will be in my thoughts as I regret not trying to reconnect with you sooner and with more effort. To all the fun times we had together, skipping school, eating at our favorite place, Taco Bell, to driving around doing donuts in the winter time. You always knew how to make a person laugh. R.I.P. Brenna*

*With Love,
Peggy Decker Balentyne*

Peggy Balentyne - November 19, 2013 at 12:30 PM

PM

“ I will always remember Brenna as a fierce athlete who was very skilled with a soccer ball. In the classroom she would keep to herself for the most part but then would hit a one liner and you'd stop and laugh, we all would. She had a great sense of humor, always said hi or the famous head nod of "wsup". She will be missed. My deepest and sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Peg McMahon - November 17, 2013 at 08:13 PM

PM

“ I went to high school with Brenna. I remember her as an excellent soccer player. I had her in a couple classes as well, where she was quiet and always willing to help. She had a way of coming into a room, and everyone knew she was there, she had that presence that made you take notice. She will be missed. My sincere condolences and prayers are with her friends and family during this difficult time.

Peg McMahon - November 17, 2013 at 06:39 PM

VI

“ Debe,
May memories of Brenna and the love of family and friends surround you and give you strength in the days ahead. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Vicky Owen (Kerry Ingredients)



Vicky - November 17, 2013 at 12:33 PM

HE

“ My heartfelt condolence goes out to the family of Brenna. I’m so saddened to hear of your lose. We can certainly look forward to a time when death will be done away with and we won’t have to deal with sadness such as this. Isaiah 25:8 says, “He will swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe the tears from all faces.” Jehovah God has promised a time when death right here on earth will be no more. Until then though, continue to rely on the “God of All Comfort” to get you through this difficult time. -2 Corinthians 1:3, 4.

Heather - November 16, 2013 at 09:22 AM

RL

“ Hi Debe,
I know that nothing anyone can say will change the way you are hurting right now, but I hope that her beautiful memory will help you to ease your pain! Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and if you need anything, please don't hesitate to let me know! My heart goes out to you! Love and Hugs!
Renee' Lovgren (Kerry Ingredients)



Renee' Lovgren - November 15, 2013 at 03:33 PM

BS

“ Bruce Samuelson lit a candle in memory of Brenna Rae Allen



Bruce Samuelson - November 15, 2013 at 11:03 AM

AS

“ Debe my heart goes out to you. There are no words that can ease your pain at a time like this. She was a beautiful young woman. You are in my prayers. I am here if you need anything at all.



Angie Stowers - November 15, 2013 at 09:24 AM

CY

“ We will dearly miss Brenna! Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Debe, as you grieve her passing. Her memory will forever shine bright in our hearts and minds, especially my memory of first meeting her at camp 26 years ago! So glad I was able to be a part of her life for so long. Blessings, Colleen, Matthew, Ryan and Jacob Yaeger

Colleen Yaeger - November 14, 2013 at 04:15 PM

GF

“ Debe- my heart is breaking for you during this time of loss. There are no words to say to ease your pain. I hope that you lean on your loved ones during this heartache and that eventually time will help heal your pain. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Gina Fisher
(Kerry Ingredients)*

Gina Fisher - November 14, 2013 at 11:29 AM

DW

“ Good Morning, Baby Girl. I will never stop missing you.
Love ,
MOMs

Debra White - November 14, 2013 at 09:49 AM

PB

*Debra ,
I am so sorry! I am late in finding out this devastating news and give you my deepest sympathy.*

Brenna was so fun to be around in High School , she was an awesome soccer player. She taught me a lot of things and one of them was to have fun in life and to not always stick by the rules. She would go out of her way to help anyone in need, very caring and thoughtful. You will be missed Brenna! It's my regret that we never reconnected. EHS 1992

Peggy Decker Balentyne

Peggy Balentyne - November 18, 2013 at 10:32 PM

KD

*Debe,
I am so sorry for your loss. My heart aches for you in this time of immense sorrow. I will keep you and Brenna in my prayers. If I can be of any comfort or help please let me know. I hope you can find peace and strength in the joy and laughter the two of you shared.*

K Dyer

K Dyer - November 21, 2013 at 04:15 PM

RV

Dear Debra, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I feel so sad that she is gone and wish that I could give you a hug. I hope you have all support and love for now and later. You are always welcome in Holland. Just to make sure: remcovalkman@nestrx.nl Lot of love from her friend in Holland, Remco

Remco Valkman - December 06, 2013 at 05:35 PM

NE

I am truly sorry for you loss. Brenna was a good person and a friend. I was so heartbroken when I found out just yesterday. I would really appreciate if you can find time to talk to me. My email geetwo1022@gmail.com or my fone2245957899. From:brenna's coworker and friend at friendship village.

nell - February 26, 2014 at 12:43 AM