



## Brenda Bowden

June 1, 1923 - July 17, 2024

Private family graveside services for Brenda Bowden, 101, of Gilmer, Texas, will be held at Sunset Memorial Park under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home.

Brenda was born June 1, 1923, in Derby, England, to William and Elsie Maud Slack. She entered into eternal rest on July 17, 2024, in Gilmer, Texas.

On March 18, 1946, she came to New York on The Queen Mary and was joined on her wedding anniversary by the love of her life, Irvin Bowden. Together they shared fifty-three years of marriage.

She was employed by Upshur Rural Electric for forty years as an office clerk, retiring in June 1988.

An active member of The First Baptist Church, she was a member of the Rachel Sunday School Class and a member of the Prime Timers Senior Choir.

She leaves to cherish her legacy, her brother-in-law, T. J. Bowden; numerous nieces and nephews; longtime dear and personal friends, Jim and Ellen McPeek; and the retired girls at Upshur Rural Electric.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her beloved husband, Irvin

Bowden, who died on April 21, 1997.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 304 Buffalo St. Gilmer, Texas 75644.

The family would like to thank The Wesley House and Traditions Hospice for the love and care given to Brenda.

Please visit Brenda's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ I worked with Brenda at Upshur Rural Electric, she was always so sweet to me. I loved her stories and talking about Irvin. She will be missed.

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**Deb Howell** - July 26, 2024 at 08:06 PM

RW

“ We were first introduced to Brenda by Jean & O.D. Oliver, who came as Pastor to our church at Littleover Baptist, Derby, England. We visited her whenever we were in Texas & had frequent telephone conversations. We found Brenda very friendly & she enjoyed hearing about Derby, her home town. Brenda, rest in peace with your Lord.  
With our love, Rita & Stan Walker, Derby, England.

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**Rita & Stan Walker** - July 20, 2024 at 03:33 AM

SA

“ I have a lot of fun memories with Brenda. Too many to list. I loved hearing her say squirrel. She really messed that up. Once she was putting on lipstick while sitting across the desk from Bill Johnson and he joking with her told her that she looked like a monkey putting on lipstick. She handled it well. We would joke with her about buying something and then not liking it and returning it. She was a great worker. I remember her calling home to check on her kitten that she loved so much. Brenda —God will welcome a lovely lady❤️.

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**sandy** - July 18, 2024 at 11:12 PM

DM

“ I remember taking care of Mrs. Brenda at the Wesley house. She is for sure one if those people that you never forget. She was a lovely lady and never afraid to speak her mind which is one of the things I absolutely adored about her. Rest in peace sweet lady! 💕💕

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**Dorothy Lea Moss** - July 18, 2024 at 01:58 AM

SH

“ I'm going to miss you, (My Queen). It has been an honor and privilege. Knowing and caring for you.

Love you always Meika

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**Shameika Hendrix** - July 17, 2024 at 08:16 PM



“ I worked with Brenda at Upshur Rural for many years. Such a special person. She was so proud of her English background and to be a WW2 war bride. My prayers are with her family.

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**Clayton Venn** - July 17, 2024 at 08:04 PM

CS

“ Oh how I adored Brenda!  
We first met when I was a VOE student employee at Upshur Rural Electric.  
She was always happy to give me advice.  
I was so entertained by her stories of coming to America, her kitty “Muffin”, and many other entertaining tales.  
I know her family will greatly miss her.

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**Carolyn Studdard** - July 17, 2024 at 06:14 PM