



Brenda Joyce Cope

June 11, 1951 - October 3, 2025

Brenda Joyce Cope, 74, of Gilmer, Texas, passed away peacefully on October 3, 2025. She was born on June 11, 1951, in Carrollton, Missouri, to Russell Edward and Mary Virginia (Cochran) Labarge.

Brenda was a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend whose love for life touched everyone around her. She is survived by her beloved children, Cassidy Jennings, Courtney Jenkins and husband Scott, Christopher Cope, and Creighton Cope; and by her treasured grandchildren, Jackson Jennings, Camden Jennings, Gavin Jennings, Cameron Cope, Carter Cope, and Collin Cope.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Mary Virginia Labarge; her sisters, Mary Ann Johnstone and Linda Maxfield; her sister-in-law, Pat Labarge; and her brothers, Jimmy Labarge and Bobby Labarge. Brenda spent many years working for Gilmer ISD as a bus monitor, where she found great joy in working with children. Her caring heart, playful humor, and warm smile made her a favorite among students and staff alike.

Outside of work, Brenda loved spending time with her family and friends—laughing, listening to music, and filling every room with her spunk and sassiness. She had a gift for making people feel loved and at ease, and her memory will forever bring smiles to those who knew her.

Brenda will be deeply missed but fondly remembered for her strength, laughter, and the love she shared so freely.

A Celebration of Life open house will be held from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm at 216

Henderson St., Gilmer, Texas 75644.

Please visit Brenda's online registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 11. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Home
216 Henderson St.
Gilmer, TX 75644

Tribute Wall



“ Tracey Howell lit a candle in memory of Brenda Joyce Cope



Tracey Howell - October 12, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ Brenda was the best sister in law that a girl could ever have. I have so many wonderful memories from back in the day. She was loved by all of us and will be truly missed. Patricia Mackey

Patricia Sigmon Mackey - October 11, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ Debbie Brown lit a candle in memory of Brenda Joyce Cope



Debbie Brown - October 08, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ Angelica Navarro lit a candle in memory of Brenda Joyce Cope



Angelica Navarro - October 07, 2025 at 08:03 PM

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“ I remember Brenda being an avid Chief's fan, it was always a good time watching the game with "coach" Brenda. I always loved poking at her about her northern way of cooking, sugar in everything. She will be deeply missed.

Scott Jenkins - October 07, 2025 at 07:58 PM