



Brenda Kay Franklin

December 13, 1947 - January 13, 2026

Brenda Kay Franklin, age 79, of Arab, Alabama, passed away peacefully on January 13, 2026, at MMCN, surrounded by her family.

Born on December 13, 1947, Brenda was the daughter of Cora Lee Criscoe and Ronald Spencer Young. She lived a full and spirited life, known for her love of family and friends, a good adventure, a good story, and most of all, her cherished pets.

In her younger years, Brenda embraced life with energy and humor—driving fast cars, riding slow horses, and raising her two sons on the family farm. She had a playful streak and a talent for mischief, always ready for the next adventure.

Later in life, Brenda became affectionately known as “Nona,” a role she treasured deeply. She found her greatest joy in sharing her adventures with her grandchildren and creating memories that will be remembered forever. She also found comfort and peace in her Christian faith and attended church whenever her health permitted.

Brenda is survived by her son, Mike Franklin, and daughter-in-law, Sam Franklin; her grandchildren, Avery Franklin, Chase Conley, Caycee Franklin, and Bradleigh Shell; her great-grandchildren, Emma, Madelyn, Cayson, and

Carson; and her cousins, Alisha Gail Riley and Dottie Ransom.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cora Lee Criscoe and Ronald Spencer Young, and her son, Kenneth Wade Morgan.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 16, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, with Joey Staton officiating. Visitation will take place from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Watson Morrow Cemetery. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel assisting with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Watson - Morrow Cemetery (Morgan County)

1161 Morrow Mountain Rd
Somerville, AL 35670

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Funeral Service

JAN 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Brenda Franklin and I loved her just like she was a mother to me and we done a lot together and she will be missed very much and I wished I knew about it I would have been there but I just found out about it. I am so sorry for y'all's loss for the family and friends and she was a wonderful person inside and out and I love her so much!!! God bless the family.



Lisa Alldredge - February 05 at 08:11 PM

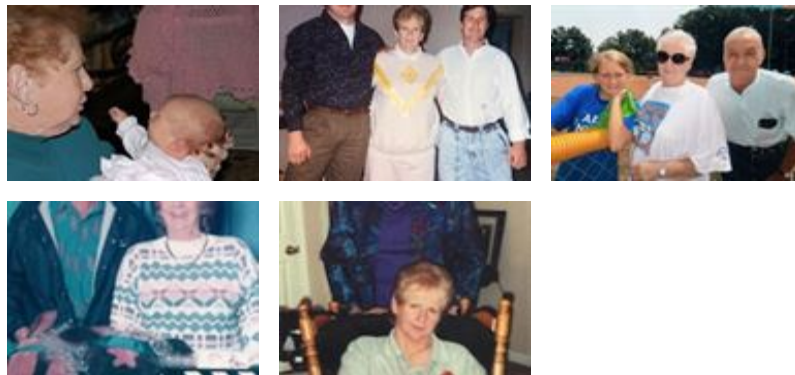
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“ I worked with Brenda many years ago at Martin's Market in scant city she was always happy funny and smiling she was the high light of my day you never had a bad day with Brenda she will be truly missed sending prayers to her family ❤️

Tara Brown - January 17 at 03:15 AM



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Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - January 16 at 11:44 AM

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“ *Estelle Phillips lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Franklin*



Estelle Phillips - January 16 at 09:31 AM



“ *Kim Johnson lit a candle in memory of Brenda Kay Franklin*



Kim Johnson - January 14 at 03:58 PM

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“ *Aunt Brenda there's so many Memories with you and Joeys mom An our kids.Our days of riding horses to just hanging with you.I'm so glad it was where I could help take care of you and stop and get your favorite Cheese burger from Milners.I love you sweetheart GO REST HIGH ON THAT MOUNTAIN NOW♡*

Sherry Staton - January 14 at 03:40 PM