



Brenda J. Keenen

August 13, 2025

Brenda J. Keenen, (“BJ”), 76, of Ronks, PA, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

Born in Morgantown, PA, she was the daughter of the late Christ G. Lapp and Arlene E. (Myer) Lapp.

Following in the proud family tradition of hospitality, Brenda poured her energy, quick wit, and trademark feistiness into Brenda’s Snack Counter at the Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market. For more than 20 years, she greeted locals, tourists, and family with a smile, a listening ear, and generous plates of Pennsylvania Dutch and short-order favorites such as crispy fried chicken, chicken corn soup, and homemade baked goods. Combining her entrepreneurial spirit with her longtime interest in crafting silk flowers, she also designed and sold colorful wreaths and arrangements at BJ’s Bowtique. A devoted member of Grace Church, her faith in Jesus Christ was the cornerstone of her life. She cherished time with her family and especially looked forward to the annual Lapp family beach trip to Ocean City, NJ - enjoying the boardwalk, shared meals, and the togetherness it brought.

She is survived by her husband, Glen E. Keenen; her son, Nicholas J. Hoefel (his wife Lindsey); her three granddaughters, Ellie, Reagan, and Colette of Lititz, PA; her three sisters, Judy A. Eisenberger of Leola. Lois K. Tothoro of Palmetto, FL, June M. Rutt of Leola; and her brother Glenn A. Lapp of Lititz,

PA.

Brenda was preceded in death by her daughter Faith M. Fenton and her brother, Dale E. Lapp.

A memorial service will be held at Lancaster Alliance Church, 210 Pitney Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601, on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Friends are welcome to greet the family starting at 10:00 a.m. Interment will immediately follow the service at Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery, 1916 E. Lincoln Highway, Lancaster, PA 17602.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation to: Grace Church Lancaster, 911 Rohrerstown Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Cemetery Details

Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery

Lincoln Hwy East
Greenfield Road
Lancaster, PA

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lancaster Alliance Church
210 Pitney Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

Funeral Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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210 Pitney Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

Burial

AUG 19 (ET)

Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery
Lincoln Hwy East
Greenfield Road
Lancaster, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Brenda J. Keenen*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - August 19, 2025 at 02:10 PM

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“ *Oh I was shocked to read of Brenda's passing . Sending my condolences to her husband and family she is again with Faith .. may she rest in peace .. Karol (employee from Hummer's Meat at Bird-In-Hand market) and yes she made the best chicken !*

Karol Weiss - August 17, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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Flashback memories of Brenda include her making and serving the delicious stuffing at our Christmas meal at Grace Church Lancaster alongside her parents, Christ and Dolly Lapp, who provided the turkey, etc. Brenda's gifting in decorating also is a daily reminder from the wreath on our door. Our love and sympathy to Bud and family. Galen and Elsie Wiley

Galen and Elsie Wiley - August 19, 2025 at 07:54 AM