



## Brenda Shepherd Betz

July 19, 1944 - April 27, 2024

In the early morning of April 27, Brenda Betz passed from this life after a short illness. She is survived by her son Russ Betz, grandsons Dylan Betz and Dominic Barberio, and great granddaughters Ava and Gemma Betz, as well as by her brothers Edward and Rick Gondella. She was pre-deceased by her daughter Gwynne Betz, and grandson Ryan Betz.

Born in Alexandria, Brenda was a lifelong resident of Northern Virginia, and though she traveled broadly, she could imagine living nowhere else. She was close to her family, to whom she was devoted.

She spent her working career with the United States Civil Service, where she was a valued member of her team, always performing at the highest standards, rising to Contracting Officer. After retirement, she brought her talents to several government contractors, bringing the same high level of achievement to everything she did.

Brenda will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She will be remembered as a giving and loving presence in the lives of all of her family and friends. She was kind and always ready to help, always there when she was needed, always ready with a supportive word or a shoulder to cry on.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you direct contributions to Capital

Caring Health (<https://www.capitalcaring.org/get-involved/donate/>)

# Cemetery Details

## CRANFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY

9912 Old Colchester Road  
Lorton, VA 22079

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Dr  
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516  
(703) 971-7400

## Viewing

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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MAY 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

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MAY 2. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Brenda Shepherd Betz



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**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - May 01, 2024 at 10:29 AM

CE

*So very sorry I could not attend but was glad I could watch the webcast in real time. Beautiful wonderful stories about Bunny. Rest in Peace*

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**Charlotte Entwisle-Payne** - May 02, 2024 at 02:02 PM

SB

“ *Very sorry I could not attend but joined on the live stream. Momma Betz was an amazing feisty lady. Prayers to the family and friends. I am grateful our paths crossed in this lifetime and will forever be thankful for my long time friendship with your beautiful daughter. Now you are together again. Rest easy 🙏*

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**Sandy Beahm** - May 02, 2024 at 03:20 PM

CE

“ I don't know where to begin. You will be missed. You touched a lot of lives Bunny. I'm praying that on the other side we are reunited with ones we've lost because nothing would make you happier than to see Gwynne. And that's what I wish for you is peace. Bunny became a part of our family when she was young. Having Rusty sealed the deal and after that they were forever a part of our family. Through that Gwynne became my cousin too. You were friends with my mom and dad and we spent countless hours at the ballfields together. You always wore that beautiful smile on your face! But when you got mad....whew watch out! Lol We really got close in the last year after losing Gwynne, you helped me through some rough spots as well and you will always have a special place in my ♡ Rest in eternal Heavenly peace aunt Bunny ♡♡♡

Charlotte Entwisle-Payne - May 02, 2024 at 07:30 AM

RG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rick Gondella - May 01, 2024 at 02:15 PM

RG

This is how I remember my sister. Bunny loved to laugh.

Rick Gondella - May 01, 2024 at 02:33 PM

CE

Beautiful

Charlotte Entwisle-Payne - May 02, 2024 at 07:18 AM

RG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rick Gondella - May 01, 2024 at 01:58 PM

CT

“ Cheryl LeFebvre Todd lit a candle in memory of Brenda Shepherd Betz



Cheryl LeFebvre Todd - May 01, 2024 at 12:15 PM

DW

“ Mrs Betz was a classic  
Never a dull moment on Caledonia St. She loved Bingo and people.  
Many great memories.



Douglas Williams - May 01, 2024 at 02:55 AM

LF

“ Bunny was such a loving soul, I did not get to see her very often but every time I did I felt that love. She was honest and real, qualities that are hard to find. Condolences to all who knew and loved her <3



Levi Frazier - April 30, 2024 at 01:56 PM

SG

“ Mrs. B was a huge part of my life and my brother, Tom’s for many years! All the years that we got into the most trouble for one shenanigan after another! She graciously opened her home at all hours of the day and provided us and our friends a safe place to hang out, watch Top Gun, and play Trivial Pursuit. She was always in the shadows making sure we kept the poor decisions to a minimum. She also sold Avon back then and we never went without the coolest toiletries! Mrs. B was truly a special lady and we are so grateful that she was there to influence our young lives. She was a quick wit and never shied away from giving us boys some verbal jujitsu to keep us laughing. I can only imagine the things she heard and saw all those years but she never gave up on any of us Mount Vernon boys and girls. I’m going to miss her and will cherish the memories she afforded me. I imagine she is right now having a good laugh with Gwynne and my brother Tom. Tom is surely trying to convince her to sell the purple people eater (couch) and keep Junker (crazy dog) away from the party!  
Thanks for everything Mrs. B!! You were amazing and I won’t forget you! RIP!

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**Steve Greer** - April 30, 2024 at 10:12 AM

KM

Nicely said Steve. She was the best and the world is a little less bright without her in it.

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**Karyn Meletis** - May 02, 2024 at 11:50 AM

JT

I concur what Steve Greer said about Mrs Betz. Her heart and house was open 24/7. Mrs B thank you for allowing the MV crew and me be a small part of your life. For the most part, you kept us out of trouble.

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**jeff Thomas** - May 02, 2024 at 01:21 PM