

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



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*Brenda Joyce
Eckhoff*

December 30, 1943

January 29, 2026

Brenda Joyce Eckhoff

Brenda J. Eckhoff, 82, of Smithton, Missouri, passed away Thursday, January 29, 2026, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Missouri. She was born December 30, 1943, in Arbyrd, Missouri, the daughter of Parker Thompson and Pearl (Johnson) Thompson, who preceded her in death.

On March 9, 1962, she was united in marriage to Donald Eckhoff. He preceded her in death on October 30, 2022.

Brenda was raised in the St. Louis area and was a proud graduate of Shrewsbury High School, Class of 1961. She later attended SBU, where she met the love of her life, Don. They made their first home in Kansas City before settling in the Sedalia/Smithton area in 1969.

Brenda served as office manager for Mac & Jack, Don's business, and later worked in the JCPenney jewelry department. She went on to dedicate many years to AAA in customer service, retiring in 2009. Brenda's greatest devotion, however, was to her faith and family. A life member of Maplewood Church, she faithfully participated in countless church activities over 56 years of membership, including Bible Study classes, and she was widely known as a devoted prayer warrior.

Brenda loved time at the lake and enjoyed snow skiing, but her favorite moments were those spent with her family, especially her grandchildren, who all adored their "Grandma Brenda." She carried deep pride in her family's service to our country. Brenda often spoke with gratitude of her father's honorable service in World War II and his Purple Heart, and she was proud of the many loved ones who have served our nation in the Armed Forces.

Brenda is survived by her three daughters, Joy Dickinson, Gaye Hiller (Bart), and Tammy Fowler (Andy); her goddaughter, Tresa Killion (Richard); her grandchildren, Jessica Ensz, Brian Dickinson (Rose), Kayla Helt (Justin), Danielle Schroeder (Andrew), Cara Moulton (Andy), Robbie Stevenson (Hanna), Chris Dickinson (Jen), Lacy Stuenkel (Zach), Bobby Shane (Jessi), Tia Link, Gentry Borgman (Keenan), and Mya Fowler; 18 great-grandchildren; and two additional great-grandchildren expected.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Linda Ayres; her son-in-law, Rick Dickinson; and her great-granddaughter, Sadie Rae Stevenson.

Celebration of Life Service

5:00 p.m.

Friday, March 13 2026

Maplewood Church

25396 Highway O

Officiant

Dr. Eddie Brown

Special Music

"Goodness Of God"

"Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus"

Memorial

Missions Fund at Maplewood Church