



Brenda Joyce Rowe

July 21, 1947 - August 19, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Brenda Joyce Rowe

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – DONGOLA

106 NW Front Street, Dongola, Illinois

Brenda Joyce Rowe, age 78, of Dongola, passed away on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at home surrounded by her family.

She was born on July 21, 1947 to Walter Clayton and Betty June (Fields) Johnson in Cairo, Illinois. On May 1, 1965, she married Kenmore Rowe and has spent over 60 years together in wedded bliss.

Brenda was a graduate of Dongola High School. She stayed home for a few years to care for her children while running a daycare in her home. For most of her life, Brenda was a CNA. She enjoyed taking care of others and this was her strength. She also helped care for children in the nursery at the church for many years. Brenda was of Baptist faith and a member of the First Baptist Church of Dongola for over 40 years.

Survivors include her husband, Kenmore Rowe; one daughter, Shelly (Brian) Pender; one son, Clayton (Laura) Rowe; five grandchildren, Beth (Tom) Whitney, Krista (Austin) Woolverton, Bryce (Wendy) Rowe, Ryan (Amanda) Rowe, and Aaron (Katie) Rowe; five great-grandchildren, Haisley Whitney, Kora Woolverton, Grant Rowe, Ainsley Rowe, and Clayton Rowe; two sisters, Linda (John) Nicholson and Sharon (Roger) Menees; as well as nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Along with her parents, Walter Clayton Johnson and Betty June Fields Johnson Lingle, Brenda is preceded in death by her brother, Gordon Johnson.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 2:00 PM with Rev. Mike Cole officiating at the Dongola First Baptist Church with visitation taking place from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the church.

Interment will follow the service at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Dongola.

The family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Christian Chapel Cemetery

Dongola, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (cst)

First Baptist Church of Dongola
203 E. Cross St
Dongola, IL 62926

Funeral Service

AUG 25. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

First Baptist Church of Dongola
203 E. Cross St
Dongola, IL 62926

Interment

AUG 25. 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM (cst)

Christian Chapel Cemetery
Dongola, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brenda Joyce Rowe.*



August 21, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ *Our dearest special friend we will miss you so much but until we meet again we will try to stand by Ken and the rest of your family until God let's us reunite in heaven>*

Bob and Sandy Richardson - August 20, 2025 at 09:12 PM



Joyce was extra special to us! She and Ken (we are so sorry for you loss) helped so much with our mother. (Marella Kaufman) A true GODSEND! We pray for your peace as we know she has peace being with our Lord. God bless you all

Jim/Karen Kaufman - August 21, 2025 at 08:52 PM