



## Brenda R.H. Hobbs

June 18, 1953 - November 16, 2013

Brenda R.H. Hobbs, 60 of Nashua died Saturday November 16, 2013 at the Southern NH Medical Center in Nashua.

She was born June 18, 1953 in Panama City, FL, daughter of the late Gordon and Jane (Martin) Hanchett.

Brenda was the wife of Dennis Hobbs of Nashua with whom she would have celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on November 22nd.

Brenda was previously employed with Lowes in Nashua where she held the position of switchboard operator. She was an avid reader, enjoyed camping and hiking, and played the role of "chief architect" when it came to remodeling their home.

Besides her loving husband Dennis, survivors include a step son John P. Hobbs and his wife Katie of Dover, a step daughter Christina M. Brownfield and her husband Robert of Middleboro, MA, two brothers; Gary Hanchett and David Hanchett both of Dover, NH, and two step sisters; Linda Heatlie and Pam Lankford.

Visiting Hours will be held on Wednesday November 20th from 6pm-8pm in the DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 FERRY ST IN HUDSON. A graveside service will be held on Thursday November 21st at noon in Pine Knolls Cemetery, 121 South Main Street in Hanover, NH. All may meet at the cemetery.

# Events

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**NOV**   **GRAVESIDE SERVICE**   12:00PM

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Pine Knolls Cemetery

121 South Main St., Hanover, NH, US

# Comments

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“ I had the pleasure to have worked with Brenda on the Grand Opening of Lowe's. She was one of the first person's I met. We would sit and have lunch together. Even after I left, everytime I would go back to Lowe's I would see her there and stop to say Hello. She was a Wonderful Person which I had the Great Pleasure In meeting in my lifetime.



**Dolores Kelley** - November 20, 2013 at 05:19 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Brenda 6 years ago this month. Prior to the opening of Lowe's. Brenda always had stories about the "ugly pink house" that they had recently bought. She loved talking about the renovations they were doing. She took so much pride in making her house a home. No matter what kind of day I was having, Brenda could always find a way to make me laugh or smile. She would have done anything for anyone. Hr heart was huge. I greatly admired Brenda and thought of her like a Grandma. God only takes the best and another angel has been sent to Heaven. Brenda was loved by many and will be very deeply missed. My deepest sympathies to Dennis and his family.

**Susan Lumb** - November 19, 2013 at 10:22 PM



“ All I can say is she was one of a kind. I will miss her greatly she was a very taliented person. Always looked on the better side of a day even when it stunk, I had the pleasure of working with her at lowes, for the 1st few yrs. She had a big heart ,with that I give my deepest sympathy the her family.

Liz Milner

**Elizabeth Milner** - November 20, 2013 at 01:48 PM

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“ Brenda was a very caring wonderful friend. I'll miss Brenda and our talks over breakfast at the Dream Diner My deepest sympathy to Dennis and her family. She will be sorely missed by everyone lucky enough to have known her.  
Patti Toop

**Patti Toop** - November 19, 2013 at 07:35 PM

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“ I met my Aunt Brenda over summer vacation before I went into 8th grade. Right from the start it was an adventure. I had never flown before & here I was flying from NH to CA to meet her for the first time. It was an incredible time..we "hunted" for jade on the beach, went to a Spanish mission, Hurst Castle & went camping. We talked for hours that week. And after I came home we wrote letters back & forth. I loved getting her letters. As the years went on we would talk about the adventure's that we were going to have...while we didn't go on any adventures I would daydream about those adventures for hours. Through the last several years we didn't stay in touch as much as I would have hoped. I will miss her greatly & will always have those memories. I have a feeling though....wherever my adventures take me that she may be there for the journey.

~Christina

**Christina Brown** - November 19, 2013 at 06:46 PM

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“ I will miss Brenda so much. We spent considerable time refining chicken coop designs, choosing the breeds we were going to raise in the future, and she regaled me with stories of her chicken memories from the farm as a child. A friend, a confidant, co-conspirator and a fellow subversive influence, but in addition, a very wise and humorous friend that I will remember with love. In her name and spirit, Amy G and I are making a donation to the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy to help preserve some of those rare chicken breeds we looked at. I know she would approve and get a kick out of it !!  
Lisa

**Lisa Simione** - November 19, 2013 at 05:37 PM

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“ I grew up with Dennis in Portsmouth and met Brenda through him. Dennis and Brenda graciously hosted me on a trip to Italy and Poland in 1995 where I first met her. From the very first she made me feel at home and welcome. She was always very caring, easy going and interesting to talk to. In spite of health issues she dealt with over the years, she always kept a very positive attitude. Both my wife Jackie and I send our condolences to Dennis and his family.

Jeff and Jackie Harrington



Jeff Harrington - November 19, 2013 at 08:57 AM

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Christina Hobbs Brownfield - November 18, 2013 at 10:22 PM

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“ Brenda and I were childhood friends. She lived in Portsmouth. I lived in Hanover, NH next door to her grandparents, with whom she stayed each summer. Those summers were magical! First, I was thrilled to have someone my age within walking distance, and most especially someone who shared my imagination! Brenda and I spent countless hours building palaces and make-believe-worlds for our dolls, sprawled out on the floor of her grandparents spare rooms. I'm not sure we actually played with the masterpieces... It was all about the building! During the school year, we were pen pals. How I loved to receive her letters... They were so long they were bursting thick inside the envelope. I would have to read them over several evenings, hidden under my covers long after "lights out". More magic from from my friend Brenda! She made me feel so special. I get weepy just remembering that now. As we grew older in the 1970s we made elaborate plans to move to Canada and homestead in a log cabin. We drew pictures and made lists and bought books to show us how to garden and make soap and outdoor showers and can food and be independent. Oh, the magic of so many dreams! But Brenda was ALSO about DOING! For example, long before there was Make-a-Wish, back in the early 1970s, Brenda granted the wish of a child she knew in Portsmouth who was dying of Leukemia. Brenda was only making minimum wage at the time, but she scraped up her pennies and took that child to Disney World, simply because it was the right thing to do and time was wasting. She made magic happen.

Brenda knew many disappointments in life, beginning with her mom's death when she was very very young. Fortunately, she had grandparents who taught her how to live on love, and she had Dennis after they left. She didn't dwell on the bitter things she was handed...she found a place to park bitterness and be a decent person despite it all.

I think I shall now be sad a long, long while. I hope she is now building palaces.

**pamela hoyt-denison** - November 18, 2013 at 08:31 PM

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Stephanie - November 18, 2013 at 07:19 PM

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“ Brenda was my go-to gal, my listener and advice giver when needed, and most of all, a friend. I had the pleasure of working with her at Lowes for about a year and a half when I was the front end manager. Many slow days of laughter and talks. She was so excited about her new home and the designing she was doing with it. Many times she would do a quick sketch of what she was designing and proudly show me. I was so excited for her! When it came time to find a house myself, a couple of times we were left with an offer that fell through. I remember one day telling her of my discouragement, and she just looked at me and said "Stephanie, I am telling you. Those houses were not meant to be and even though you don't believe me, the right house will come along and you will go 'wow, I am so happy the others didnt work out!'" And she was right! When I left Lowes, she created a card for me. It traveled with me to my next job and sat on display on my desk. When it came time to leave, it made its way to my dresser at home. I will always cherish it. Brenda was full of love, great stories, smiles.... She will be sorely missed. I am so sorry for your loss.

Stephanie Morgan  
Nashua

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