



## Brenda Holmes

November 30, 1954 - April 4, 2026

Brenda Holmes was born November 30, 1954, to the late Stanley and Sallie Smith. She passed away on April 4, 2026. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Edward Holmes; her children, Margot Smith and Ryan (Georgina) Holmes; two sisters, Doris (George) White and Beverly Clayborne; one aunt, Virginia Smith. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jordynn Smith, Jalynn Smith, Vivian Holmes, and Olivia Holmes; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and brother- and sister-in laws. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Betty Dowd.

She became a devoted member of Shiloh Baptist Church, where she confessed her faith in Christ at an early age and was baptized. Throughout her years of membership, she remained actively involved, participating in Sunday School, Children's Fellowship, and the Children's Usher Board. She received her education in Lexington, Kentucky, attending Constitution Elementary School, Lexington Junior Middle School, and Tates Creek High School, where she proudly performed in the marching band. After graduating from high school, she pursued higher education at Eastern Kentucky University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. She later continued her studies at Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky, where she obtained a Master's Degree in Education. She devoted 29 years to teaching elementary school, beginning her career at Arlington Elementary before transferring a few years later to Booker T.

Washington. After many rewarding years there, she continued her journey at SCAPA at Bluegrass, where she completed her teaching career. Even in retirement, her passion for nurturing young minds never faded; she taught Vacation Bible School and volunteered with the Read to Succeed and BMW programs. During this season of life, she also cultivated a deep love for photography and poetry, through which her faith and walk with God grew ever stronger. She found great joy in sharing her poetry with others, hoping her words would bless them as she felt blessed. Above all, she treasured time with her family—especially her grandchildren—and held close every moment, big or small, that they shared together.

Her impact on others stretches far and wide and will continue to be felt for years to come. She will be missed by so many who knew her. Her love was patient, her love was kind, her faith was unwavering and because of that we are better for having known her, forever touched by the grace and strength she shared so freely

# Cemetery Details

**Lexington Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## Church Service

APR 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church  
237 E Fifth St  
Lexington, KY 40508-1511  
(859) 252-5315

*Visitation Tuesday April 14, 2026, 12:00 PM until time of service at the church.*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Holmes.*



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April 13 at 03:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brenda Holmes.

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April 13 at 03:05 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Brenda Holmes.*



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April 13 at 01:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Holmes.*



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April 12 at 04:27 PM

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“ *Brenda and I went to college together at ECU. She was always so pleasant. I can say her smile would light up a room. As God would have it, her son, Ryan ended up in my English class at Bryan Station High School. He was just like Brenda very quiet and polite. My prayers are with the entire family. I want Ryan to know that I still have the same number, and that he can call me anytime.*

*Barbara Ward*

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**Barbara Ward** - April 12 at 02:08 PM

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“ *The Robinson family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Brenda Holmes.*



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**The Robinson family** - April 10 at 07:08 PM

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“ *The Robinson family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Holmes.*

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