



Brenda Ann Hafler

December 30, 2013

Brenda Ann Hafler, 50, of Tully, NY, passed away Monday, December 30, 2013 at her home. Brenda was born in Evansville, Indiana, the daughter of David and Karleen (Feldhaus) Ziliak. Brenda was a graduate of the University of Evansville where she received her Bachelors in Computer Science. Brenda was employed by Travelers Insurance as a Supervisor in their call center.

She was a member of Grace Chapel, Skaneateles, NY, where she has organized several of the church's senior dinners. Brenda was a member of Tully Rotary International and was also an advisor for the Interact club.

Brenda is survived by her three loving children, Joseph Michael Hafler, Sarah Karleen Hafler and Megan Elizabeth Hafler, all of Tully, NY; her father, David Ziliak and step-mother, Mary of Evansville, Indiana; two brothers, Brian (Michelle) Ziliak, of Utica, Kentucky and Bret Ziliak of Evansville, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her loving mother, Karleen Feldhaus Ziliak on January 20, 1989. Calling hours will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2014 at Grace Chapel, 1674 U.S. 20, Skaneateles, NY 13152.

Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. immediately following calling hours. Contributions in Brenda's memory may be made to Rescue Mission, DEPT MEM5, PO Box 11122, Syracuse, NY 13218-9903.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Brenda Ann Hafler*



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“ *My connection with Brenda and the whole Hafler family started at Immanuel Church of the Nazarene many years ago. We had ladies Bible study together and our children are similar ages. Brenda was thoughtful and compassionate. We shared many stories of all kinds. Brenda touched a lot of lives and I can see she continued to influence when she rejoined the workforce after being home with her children. While I hadn't seen her in a few years I will always cherish our times together and she holds a special place in my heart. Brenda - until we meet again! And Hafler family - this is only a temporary separation. She lives in your hearts and your memories!*

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“ I am saddened to hear the hard news about Brenda; just last week we were chatting about her upcoming trip, about Christmas around the corner and were having good time over some cake. Brenda and I started at Travelers about 10 years ago; she was very caring individual and was always interested to know about you and your family; she lived for her kids; she sure will be missed; you are all in my prayers.

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Brenda for the last 11 years at Royal & SunAlliance and Travelers. Brenda was truly a beautiful person. She was always energetic, calm, and thoughtful. A leader who will be greatly missed and who has left an everlasting impression by all those she has touched over the years. Condolences to the family and may the coming days bring comfort.

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“ Brenda was a great friend. She always thought of others and would never hesitate to offer help when you were in need. Brenda was a great support to me during a difficult time in my life. She would often share how she was praying for me and my family. We often turned to each other for support whether professional or personal. She always made me feel welcomed and I trusted her. There are so many people who will miss her sooo much. I will miss Brenda so much and still can't believe she is gone. I know you are not far and I will see you someday when I get there.

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“ I worked with Brenda the last 9 years... She was a great leader, friend and mentor.... She always talked about her kids and you knew she loved them with all her heart... My prayers go out to her family in this time... Rest in peace Brenda you will truly be missed.

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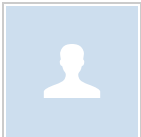
“ I was saddened to hear of her passing. I enjoyed working with Brenda and learned much from her. My prayers go out to the family.

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“ Brenda was a joy to know and a pleasure to work with. She gave her best and saw the best in everyone. She was always encouraging, positive and believed in everyone's potential. The lesson she leaves with all of us is to recognize the gifts of those around us, celebrate our own unique gifts, and to have faith.

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“ Hafler Family, my thoughts and prayers go out to you. Brenda was the first manager I had at Travelers and she was the most caring, funny and compassionate person. She taught me so much and I was looking forward to spending the next 3 weeks with her in Omaha. In almost every coaching session we had in some way her children came up in the conversation. Her children were her life!! I have so many wonderful memories of Brenda that will never be forgotten. My deepest sympathies go out to you in this time of sadness. I know all of you will do great in life and wish you peace and happiness. Peace be with you Brenda. You will be truly missed!!

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“ Dear Hafler Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. I am a co-worker of Brenda's, Brenda will be so missed, we are all so saddened by the news. Brenda was a wonderful woman, always warm, happy, funny and just a pleasure to see everyday. God bless and help you with this time of sorrow. Sincerely, Dale Lanieu

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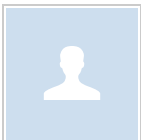
“ Brenda as everyone knows had a smile that was so infectious, she will be missed by so many. My heart goes out to her children and family and my deepest sympathies.

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“ Dearest Hafler Family - No words, only prayers for all of you during this time of shock and true sadness! We are so sorry to hear of Brenda's sudden passing. We have fond memories at Immanuel Church of the Nazarene. Hugs, love, and tons of prayers!

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“ Kind, thoughtful, generous, always caring about others; these are only a few of the wonderful things I remember about Brenda. I am fortunate to have known Brenda. My thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

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“ I met Brenda years ago while at a leadership conference for Travelers. Although we worked in different cities, and didn't see each other often, I always considered her to be a friend. Brenda was such a kind person who possessed a real passion to make a difference. I consider myself lucky to have known her. She will surely be missed.

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“ I am shocked & saddened to learn of Brenda's passing. My condolences and prayers are with her family at this sad time. My fondest memory of Brenda is at Immanuel Church of the Nazarene, when I was "praying around" for a church and attended "Friendship Day" and ended up in the room where she was the leader-she assured me that I was in the perfect church for what I desperately needed - how right she was, thank you, Brenda! And now..you're spending New Years with Jesus this year. God bless you and your family.

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“ We both joined Travelers 10 years ago. She was a great mentor in many ways whether it be with work or out of work. She was a great woman. She was like a mother hen to everyone. She truly touch many lives. I will miss you very much. Rest in peace.

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“ Brenda was the kindest, most genuine and thoughtful person - she touched many lives. I had the privilege of meeting Brenda 10 years ago when we began our time at Travelers on the same day. We sat next to each other in a classroom for 15 weeks and the bond that was created was one that Brenda frequently still reminded me of. I am so fortunate to have worked with Brenda and I loved her stories of garage sale finds that made her so happy. We will miss her! My heart aches for Joe, Sarah, and Megan - your mom spoke of you all the time such that we felt like we knew you. You are in my thoughts and prayers; she loves you and will watch over you always.

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and her family. Brenda was always a great support to me as we worked together. I will miss her.

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Brenda for the last 9 years. She was a great friend and a person who went out of their way to make others happy. She was an outstanding person and she will truly be missed. My thoughts are with her family. RIP Brenda.

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“ My heart is heavy for all of you. There are no words to express the sadness you must feel. Brenda was an inspiration to many. Her love of life and desire to help others blessed so many people. I was fortunate to call her friend for a number of years. She advised with love, praise, and truth! Her influence on my life was unmeasurable and I will be forever grateful for the gift of her friendship. She was a one of a kind friend! Joe, Sarah, and Megan, you all are in our thoughts and prayers. May The Lord be so very near to you during this time of grief and may you have peace knowing she loved our Lord and now rests with Him!

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“ We started the training class at Travelers together and she later became my manager. Through all the ups and downs, whether personal or work related, Brenda was the most loving and understanding person to be by your side.

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“ We have so many fond memories of Brenda. Kevin and I were blessed to be in a Life Group with Brenda and Scott. Getting to know Brenda was a privilege. She was a an encourager to all of us. We were also able to work with her at the Senior dinners at Grace Chapel where she served and gave so generously of her time. Brenda was always there to help with our Women\'s Retreats. She had the gift of leadership and was always willing to serve for our Lord. We will continue to pray for Scott, Joe, Sarah and Megan. May you feel Gods comfort at this time. Mary and Kevin

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“ Remembering many heartfelt conversations with a very strong soul. Her children are Blessed to have such a wonderful legacy.

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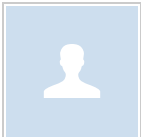
“ Brenda and Megan were two of the most fun people to spend time with. Brenda was such a kind, compassionate person. She will be terribly missed. Brenda, may you rest in peace and do the things you enjoy doing with your mother. Love you Megan and have fun and happy memories of your mother. Love to the family. Barb

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“ Brenda was a wonderful person. She was my manager at Travelers for over 2 years, but more than that, she was my friend. She was a kind and generous woman I was blessed to know, even if only for a short while. Brenda will be sorely missed.

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“ I became friends with Brenda several years ago at Grace Chapel church where we attended womens retreats, sunday school, and worked together to put on dinners for the senior citizens. She loved the Lord and helping out where needed. She was a lovely lady and I will miss my sister in Christ. May our Savior welcome her with open arms in heaven.

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“ We are in shock and completely heartbroken to hear about Brenda's passing. So many memories come to mind when thinking about her and these we will treasure in our hearts. I remember one weekend she offered to babysit for Pastor Larry and Verna's four children while they were at a retreat. I came into Syracuse to help out one day and it was just crazy, but we made it through and laughed about it later. She was a great cook and we enjoyed some good meals around her table! The last time I saw her was at Women of Faith in Rochester as we waved to each other and yelled across the arena. I know she is going to ring in the New Year in a big way with the Lord she loved so much, but our prayers are with all of you who are missing her.

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“ Brenda was a great mentor, manager and friend. She was there to help me during the hardest time in my life. This brought back so much emotion for me and I pray that her children find the strength during this extremely difficult time. She was thoughtful, generous and I'll definitely miss her. Rest in peace Brenda.

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“ There are no words to express the impact you had on my life. You were my boss, my mentor and my friend for many years. You were tough and gentle in the same breath. Heaven truly has an angel that the earth will miss. You were so much to so many. There just isn't words.

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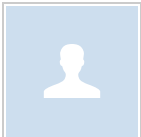
“ *I had the priviledge and honor of working with Brenda at Travelers Insurance. She and her family are in my prayers.*

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“ *Brenda was an amazing person, leader and friend. I had the honor of working with her at Travelers and she was a person who made a difference every single day. She always spoke of her love for her children and the passion she brought to work and life was contagious. Brenda was a rare gem whose shine will long be remembered by all those who had the good fortune to know her. We all miss her, but our heartfelt thoughts go out especially to her children and family. God Bless you during this difficult time, but please know Brenda will be remembered, always.*

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“ *We met Brenda and her family at Immanuel Nazarene when we lived in Syracuse from 1996 to 2003. She was a joy to know and spend time with. I (Susan) had recently connected with her on Facebook and it was fun to catch up on her family. She is celebrating New Year's in heaven with her Lord and Savior. May that fact comfort our loss.*

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