



## Retha Kaye Bennett

July 26, 1959 - December 13, 2017

Retha Kaye Williams Bennett was born July 26, 1959 in Kansas City, Kansas where she grew up and graduated from high school.

On September 17, 1975, Retha was united in marriage to William Michael Bennett and they shared over 42 years together and were blessed with three children: Michael Shane, Raven Elizabeth, and Bill Jaye.

After moving to the Fort Leonard Wood / Waynesville, Missouri area, Retha began working as a civil service employee for the United States Army in Logistics and retired after many years of service.

In her spare time, Retha enjoyed being outdoors. You could find her working out in her gardens or taking a ride on the motorcycle with Mike. She was a life member of the Freedom of the Road Riders Local Chapter 28. She also enjoyed cooking and photography, but most importantly, loved gathering with her family and friends. Everyone loved being around Retha, who was the kindest and most fun loving person.

Retha passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2017 in the University of Missouri Hospital & Clinics of Columbia, Missouri having attained the age of 58 years. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Retha leaves to cherish her memory, her husband: Mike Bennett of the home; three children: Michael Shane Bennett of Leavenworth, KS, Raven Elizabeth Bennett and husband Carson Ray Williams of Columbia, MO and Bill Jaye Bennett and wife Bliss of Waynesville, MO; two grandchildren: Taylor Jade Williams of Columbia, MO and Ella Kaye Sophia Bennett of Waynesville, MO; one brother: Jeff Williams of Kansas City, MO; other relatives and friends.

Retha was preceded in death by her mother: Sharon Williams; mother-in-law: Mary Bennett;  
and father-in-law: Bill Bennett.

Even though she is gone from our sight, her memory will live on in our hearts forever.

Services were held at 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 22, 2017 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Charles Conley officiating. The songs "Tears in Heaven", "Mercedes-Benz" and "Amazing Grace" were played.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Retha Bennett to the Shriner's Children's Hospital and may be left at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - January 08, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ *Retha Kaye Bennett*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

DR

“ Mike

*Please know you have been in my thoughts and prayers. The photo tribute shows she is loved by many. She is very beautiful. Stay Strong and GOD SPEED.*

*I believe the ones we love and those that have loved us never truly leave us.*

*Deb (Williamson) Roberts Waynesville, Mo.*

*Native American Prayer*

*I give you this one thought to keep-*

*I am with you still- I*

*do not sleep.*

*I am a thousand winds that blow,*

*I am the diamond glints on snow,*

*I am the sunlight on ripened grain,*

*I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you awaken in the*

*mornings hush,*

*I am the swift, uplifting*

*rush*

*of quiet birds in circled*

*flight.*

*I am the soft stars that*

*shine at night.*

*Do not think of me as*

*gone-*

*I am with you still-*

*In each new dawn*

*Author unknown*

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**deb roberts** - January 05, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ *Julia Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Julia Hendrix** - December 31, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ *Debbie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Debbie Thompson** - December 23, 2017 at 04:48 PM



“ *Donna Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Donna Lawrence** - December 22, 2017 at 04:04 PM



“ 347 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - December 21, 2017 at 02:52 PM

BB

“ *Betty Blakovich lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



**Betty Blakovich** - December 20, 2017 at 04:09 PM

MH

“ *A wonderful Lady that will be missed by all.*



**Mark Haggith** - December 18, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ *Karen Bennett lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Karen Bennett** - December 18, 2017 at 09:33 AM

MB

“ *Marija Butler lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Marija Butler** - December 16, 2017 at 11:27 PM

DH

“ *Debbie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Debbie Hodges** - December 16, 2017 at 10:13 PM

PH

“ *Patricia And Vern Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Patricia and Vern Hendrix** - December 16, 2017 at 06:15 PM

LR

“ Lefty an Susan send there respect an condolences to Mike An the family



Lefty an Sue Rodriguez - December 16, 2017 at 12:47 PM

JM

“ My heart hurts for you Mike.



Jerry Morgan - December 16, 2017 at 02:49 AM

JF

“ Jerry Morgan Fsmily lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett



Jerry Morgan fsmily - December 16, 2017 at 02:46 AM

JH

“ Jim Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett



Jim Humphrey - December 16, 2017 at 12:29 AM



“ *Beverly Leuthauser Brewer lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Beverly Leuthauser Brewer** - December 15, 2017 at 11:57 PM



“ *Barb Payne lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Barb payne** - December 15, 2017 at 11:01 PM



“ *Retha and I met a little more than 13 years ago through work. That was the beginning of a chapter in my life when we. became friends and I was introduced to FORR. From then on my friendship with Retha and her husband and my brother Mike continued along with an ever increasing circle of friends and family. The lord has taken one of our angels to be his, love you Retha!*



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**Mike Parsons** - December 15, 2017 at 10:42 PM

DW

“ *debra waugh ,lit a candle for retha kaye bennett, i didnt know her ,but she seem like a nice lady .sorry for your loss pray for the family*



debra waugh - December 15, 2017 at 10:24 PM

PW

“ *I shall ever miss our Rose Tequila drink! You and I became friends that night but even though we didn't see each other much you will always remain in my heart and memories. Danny never did know about the "Rose"!*



Pam & Danny Woodin - December 15, 2017 at 06:36 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cole-schonbok lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



linda cole-schonbok - December 15, 2017 at 05:20 PM

GJ

“ *Gerald And Catherine Jones lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



Gerald and Catherine Jones - December 15, 2017 at 05:08 PM

BA

“ *My mind is flooded with precious memories from so long ago and my heart is very heavy with sadness for Mike, Michael, Raven & Little Bill. Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss..*

Becky Acord-Bowser - December 15, 2017 at 04:26 PM

TR

“ *Terry Roberson lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



Terry Roberson - December 15, 2017 at 04:21 PM

DC

“ *Debbie And Allen Crawley lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



Debbie and Allen Crawley - December 15, 2017 at 04:15 PM

MF

“ *Mike, Julia & Niyana Fox lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



Mike, Julia & Niyana Fox - December 15, 2017 at 03:28 PM

MF

“ Mike And Julia Fox lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett



Mike and Julia Fox - December 15, 2017 at 03:23 PM

CS

“ Such sad news. My thoughts and prayers to the family.



Carrie Knight Schulte - December 15, 2017 at 02:05 PM

SC

“ Retha will be missed her smile and sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with Mike and the family I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm so glad to have got to know Retha.



sue covert - December 15, 2017 at 01:50 PM

CD

“ Chuck & Becky Dunne lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett



Chuck & Becky Dunne - December 15, 2017 at 11:31 AM

CH

*We will cherish all the wonderful memories we had. Sending prayers for Mike and all your Family. God Bless.*

**Chuck** - December 15, 2017 at 11:34 AM

RH

“ *ROBIN & RICK HOFFMAN lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



**ROBIN & RICK HOFFMAN** - December 15, 2017 at 11:22 AM

BB

“ *Brian And Tammie Black lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



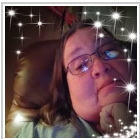
**Brian and Tammie Black** - December 15, 2017 at 11:11 AM

RL

“ *Roger & Teresa Layman lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



**Roger & Teresa Layman** - December 15, 2017 at 11:06 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I'm friends with Joe and Whitney. May God give you comfort and peace through your time of sorrow.*

**Susan Barton** - December 15, 2017 at 10:44 AM

CE

“ Cheryl Engle lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett



Cheryl Engle - December 15, 2017 at 10:32 AM

JH

“ June & Kevin Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett



June & Kevin Hamilton - December 15, 2017 at 10:29 AM



“ Julie Emmerling lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett



Julie Emmerling - December 15, 2017 at 09:04 AM

CS

“ Chris Sjoberg lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett



Chris Sjoberg - December 15, 2017 at 08:31 AM

AT

“ Anna Thornburg lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett



Anna Thornburg - December 15, 2017 at 08:20 AM

RK

*Lit a candle in memory of Retail Kaye Bennett*

Ron and Sharon Komoroski - December 16, 2017 at 06:51 AM

JK

“ Judy Keeth lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett



Judy Keeth - December 15, 2017 at 08:18 AM

DT

“ Don And Tammy lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett



Don and Tammy - December 15, 2017 at 07:51 AM



*Retha was one of a kind. She will be missed by many Sending prayers to Mike and family. Fly High Retha Heaven sure has gained one of the best Angels Love Ya Retha*

Tammy Johnston - December 21, 2017 at 10:46 PM

RO

“ Beautiful, sassy, straightforward and always willing to tell me like it is, whether I wanted to hear it or not. I will miss you, our talks and the advice you would of given me on future chats. Love you

Renee Orison - December 15, 2017 at 06:42 AM

CC

“ Mike we’re so sad to hear of Retha’s passing,this is a total shock for me.. Please call us if we can do anything for you or the kids. Mike we love and miss y’all. I wish we weren’t so far apart. We want to be there so bad.

Raven call me when you can.

Cindy and Dixon Clark - December 15, 2017 at 05:07 AM

CC

“ Cindy And Dixon Clark lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett



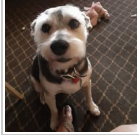
Cindy and Dixon Clark - December 15, 2017 at 04:54 AM

 Becky Jordan

“ Becky Jordan lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett



Becky Jordan - December 15, 2017 at 03:52 AM



“ *Marta Bruno lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Marta Bruno** - December 14, 2017 at 11:27 PM



“ *My deepest condolences. You're all in my prayers.* 🙏💕



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**Wendy Krull** - December 14, 2017 at 11:19 PM

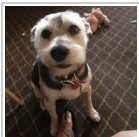
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**Reena Hicks** - December 14, 2017 at 10:54 PM



“ *She was always the life of the party, she will be missed sadly*

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**Marta Bruno** - December 14, 2017 at 10:53 PM

WW

“ *Wanda Upton Watkins lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Wanda Upton Watkins** - December 14, 2017 at 10:41 PM

KK

“ *Katherine Kimble lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Katherine Kimble** - December 14, 2017 at 10:37 PM

DM

“ *Debby Myers lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Debby Myers** - December 14, 2017 at 10:07 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Wilkinson lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Brenda Wilkinson** - December 14, 2017 at 09:55 PM

AB

“ *Angela Bennett lit a candle in memory of Retha Kaye Bennett*



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**Angela Bennett** - December 14, 2017 at 09:32 PM

AB

“ *Thanks for all of the wonderful memories, Retha. And thanks for loving my big brother so well . You are already missed. I love you and am grateful you were a part of our family for all of these years.*

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**Angela Bennett** - December 14, 2017 at 08:39 PM

 Reena  
Bennett-  
Hicks

“ *As long as I can remember Retha and Mike have been together, she was always considerate and thoughtful, and such a girlie girl. Our family will never be the same with her gone...we loved you so much Retha ♡*

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**Reena Bennett-Hicks** - December 14, 2017 at 08:20 PM