



## Brenda L. Crabtree

March 13, 2007

Crabtree, Brenda L. - Age 44-1/2, of Murfreesboro, died on March 13, 2007 from cancer. She was preceded in death with the murder of her 18-year-old son, Keith Crabtree Dawson; the homicide victims of loved ones she supported; and the hundreds of murder victims forgotten every day.

Determined and driven, there was not a mountain in her path she would not and could not climb; the bigger the obstacle, the greater her desire. She was a staunch advocate for crime victim's rights and there wasn't an attorney or talk show host she couldn't stand with toe to toe.

A wife, a mother, a daughter, a sister, and a friend, Brenda always pitched in wherever she was needed. She was fun, witty, devoted to those around her, and, like it or not, always ready with a quick retort.

Active in drug and alcohol recovery, Brenda, with six-teen years of sobriety, was always a phone call away for anyone in times of need.

Brenda is survived and missed by her husband, Steve Dawson; son, Eric Dawson; parents, Dee and Betty Crabtree; brother, Steve Crabtree; mother-in-law, Granny Franny Dawson; three nieces and nephews; hundreds of friends and family who loved her, and even a few who didn't, but still admired her honesty and resolve.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 18th from 3-6 pm at Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home in Murfreesboro. Chapel services will be held on Monday, March 19th at 10:00 am at Jennings and Ayers with Dr. John Todd of First Presbyterian Church in Murfreesboro presiding. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery will follow.

In lieu of flowers, Brenda would like you to laugh, not take things too seriously, and say, "I love you," to the people in your life because life is too short. Give them a hug and tell them a joke as well.

Memorials may be made to the Susan Gray School Playground Fund, Vanderbilt University, VU Station B 357727, 2301 Vanderbilt Pl., Nashville, TN 37203-9700 or Cumberland Heights Patient Assistance Fund, P.O. Box 90762, Nashville, TN 37209. Jennings and Ayers, 820 S. Church St. Murfreesboro, TN 37130 (615) 893-2422 [www.jenningsandayers.com](http://www.jenningsandayers.com)

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