



Circa 1959

## Brenda (Zupke) Brady

Brenda was a member of the (Commercial Art) graduating class in January of 1959. On February 28, 1959, she married her high school sweetheart, Michael Brady, Cass Tech (Commercial Art) class of 1956. On January 10, 1960, they welcomed their first son, Matthew, into their young family.



Circa 1990

Michael worked as an advertising photographer while Brenda stayed home raising a total of three sons. Second son, Cameron, was born May 21, 1962, and Adam joined his brothers December 14, 1967.

As the family grew, Brenda found weaving was the right outlet for her artistic talents. She was able to weave blankets, pillows, shawls, placemats, and runners, at home while providing a stable environment for her sons. Brenda sold many of her creations through local galleries, and juried shows. She was known for her creative use of colors and textures. Brenda was featured in the Grosse Pointe News on September 6, 1979.

Brenda's wonderful sense of humor was passed on to her sons, as was her love of people. The neighborhood children would come running up to her yelling, "Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Brady" then telling her of their latest adventures.

When youngest son, Adam, graduated from high school, Brenda started college to become an occupational therapist. She finished her first semester with all A's and used her achievement to encourage her husband to go to college. This eventually allowed Mike to earn more money as his career had evolved into producer-director of educational videos for the Macomb Intermediate School District. To further sweeten the deal, Brenda paid for his first classes at Wayne State University.

Brenda had just turned 50 in December 1990 and on January 11, 1991 was visiting her dying sister Nancy at St. John Hospital in Detroit with her mother, Veronica, when an aneurysm exploded in Brenda's brain stem.



Brenda,  
Brenda's Mom  
(Veronica Zupke),  
Husband, Mike