



In Memory of **Brenda Nation**

October 4, 1957 - January 22, 2017

Celebration of Life

Sunday, January 29, 2017 | 11:00 a.m.

Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home

6300 West William Cannon Drive, Austin, Texas 78749 | (512) 892-1172

Driving Directions

Brenda Nation, age 59, died in Austin, Texas on January 22, 2017, after a long struggle with cancer.

Born on October 4, 1957, Brenda grew up in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and graduated from LaGrange High School. She worked for several years in office jobs, including at a law firm, where attorneys encouraged her to go to college. She graduated from McNeese State University and received her law degree from Louisiana State University in 1993. Brenda started her law career as an Assistant Attorney General for Louisiana.

For the past 15 years, Brenda served as the Regional Vice President for the American Council of Life Insurers based in Washington D. C. She had many close friends in the insurance industry and at the Council. She represented ACLI for the Texas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, New Mexico and Alaska legislatures. While Brenda was devoted to her career, she also was a fabulous cook, especially Louisiana Cajun cuisine. She loved to entertain in her beautiful home and introduced many to Mardi Gras, good wine, and king cake. Once, she even was featured in Good Housekeeping magazine for her award-winning Tangy Broiled Chicken Breasts! Talented as a scratch golfer and a decorator, Brenda was best known for her thoughtful gift-giving. Always beautifully wrapped, her presents showed how much she cared about the recipient. Brenda always spent time thinking about what other people needed and how to help them. She was also generous with people she didn't know, often picking up the check or sending money to charities and to others who just "need a little help."

Brenda met her husband Allen Corder in high school, and they reconnected at their 20-year class reunion and married three months later. Their marriage of 21 years was one of joy, fun, mutual respect and love. Brenda is also survived by her brothers, Glenn Nation and his wife Helen, and Dean Nation and his wife Connie. Others include her niece Tammy Leger and her husband Chris, nephew Hunter Leger, and brothers-in-law, Stuart Corder and his wife Allyson and their children, Andrew, Catherine and Elizabeth, Craig and Ann Corder and their son Matthew Corder, as well as her in-laws Edward and Carol Corder.

Brenda is predeceased by her parents, Benjamin and Juanita (Hasha) Nation, and by her brother, Steve Nation.

A Celebration of Brenda's Life will be held Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home. Her family would like to thank Dr. Shannon Cox at the Austin Cancer Center, Dr. Michael Kasper at Texas Oncology, and Dr. Anthony Tolcher and all the dedicated nurses and staff who helped Brenda on her journey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the START Center for Cancer Care in San Antonio, TX or to Meals on Wheels in Austin, TX.