



## Brandie Allison Valadez

December 22, 1983 - August 6, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Zillah's own Brandie Valadez (Bounds) at the age of 41, who lost her battle with cancer Wednesday morning Aug. 6, 2025. Born and raised in Zillah, Brandie was a proud product of our schools and community, and a shining example of what hard work, heart, and hometown roots can accomplish. Brandie was born December 22, 1983, to Jay and Dennielle Bounds.

From a young age, Brandie distinguished herself as a scholar-athlete and three-sport competitor, earning two state softball championships and earning multiple state trophies in both basketball and volleyball—achievements that propelled her to a full-ride Division I athletic scholarship at Eastern Washington University, where she continued to excel and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Education.

She returned home to serve the Zillah community that raised her, dedicating the past 14 years as an educator in the Zillah School District and leaving a lasting impact on the lives of her students both in and out of the classroom; and as Head Coach of the Zillah High School Girls Basketball Program, Brandie led with integrity and distinction, earning more than 270 varsity wins and several state trophies. Shaping generations of athletes into strong competitors and even stronger individuals.

Brandie was a cherished Wife to Armando, whom were both high school

sweethearts and married on July 5, 2008.

Brandie has said it loud and to everyone she conversed with that her greatest accomplishment was being a mother to her two babies, Bella and Berklie Valadez.

Brandie finally was able to fulfill her lifelong dream in coaching Bella this past basketball season, "I've waited for this day my entire life, so I'm going to cherish every moment of it." and she did. Her personal motto—"If things get tough, figure it out... and #BStrong doing it"—has become a rallying cry not only for her teams, but for everyone

inspired by her resilience, humility, and unwavering courage during her 11 year battle with cancer.

Brandie is also survived by her father Jay Bounds of Toppenish and brother Brent Bounds and sister Brooke Bounds, both of Zillah. She was also survived by her 'Nana Nora and Poppa Mondo' whom she claimed as her second parents.

She is preceded in death by her mother Dennielle Bounds.

Brandie's values of inclusive, family-centered, competitive, and community-driven sports that fostered athleticism, confidence, and connection across all ages earned her the honor of The City of Zillah proclaiming its annual summer 3on3 outdoor basketball tournament that has drawn hundreds of teams, competitors and spectators to be officially designated and memorialized as:

The BStrong 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament In Honor of Brandie Valadez.

May her spirit be remembered for the love she had for her family and her community and her grit that rubbed off on anyone that was blessed to know or interact with her.

A Celebration of Brandie's life will be held at Zillah Middle School gymnasium August 16th, at 1:00pm followed by a social at 5pm at Perham Hall (The Warehouse) in Zillah. During the social following the service the family asks in her honor, everyone to wear pink or one of her many BStrong T-shirts that were made in her honor throughout the years.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the family to provide help during this difficult time. Contributions can be made on Venmo or left at the service.

<https://venmo.com/u/ArmandoValadez3>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 16. 1:00 PM (PT)

Zillah Middle School Gymnasium  
1301 Cutler Way  
Zillah, WA 98953

## Social

AUG 16. 5:00 PM (PT)

Perham Hall at The Old Warehouse  
705 Railroad Ave  
Zillah, WA 98953

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Perez Family lit a candle in memory of Brandie Allison Valadez*



**The Perez Family** - August 13, 2025 at 06:41 PM

MC

“ *Over the years as the clock operator for LaSalle high school girls basketball I was able to see up close the competitive fire Brandie provided to her teams, it was extraordinary. There is no doubt her example lives on in the young women she coached. We are all fortunate to have witnessed this Coach, all in every time. From my family to the Zillah Nation, our deepest condolences. Gerry McGree*

**McGree** - August 13, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MM

“ *Mary Jo Mengarelli lit a candle in memory of Brandie Allison Valadez*



**Mary Jo Mengarelli** - August 13, 2025 at 07:59 AM

RH

“ Rosie Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Brandie Allison Valadez



Rosie Hernandez - August 13, 2025 at 01:16 AM

RF

“ Our condolences to the entire Valadez family. May she rest in peace and may God give you all strength and comfort in the months that follow.

The Romero Family-Sunnyside

Ray Romero & Family - August 12, 2025 at 04:16 PM

MB

“ I'll never forget the day I met you in 8th grade. You had on you're Tommy Hilfiger overalls walking the halls! I'm glad we got to hang out together outside of school as well. Lots of memories that will forever remain in my heart. You were the strongest athlete I had the pleasure of attending school with. Every time I see a Basketball 🏀 I immediately think of you B! Until we meet again. Much love and Respect. ☐ 🙏 🏀 😊



Michelle Blanchard - August 12, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ Rest in paradise 🙏 continued prayers for her family left behind. Much love and respect always.



Simone Blodgett - August 12, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ April lit a candle in memory of Brandie Allison Valadez



April - August 12, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ Tiffany Goudy lit a candle in memory of Brandie Allison Valadez



Tiffany Goudy - August 11, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ Dana & Judy Jones. lit a candle in memory of Brandie Allison Valadez



Dana & Judy Jones. - August 09, 2025 at 12:38 AM

RP

“ *Such a caring and enthusiastic gal.  
My deepest sympathies.*

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**Raquel R Perez** - August 08, 2025 at 10:41 AM

BO

“ *Bernice G Owens lit a candle in memory of  
Brandie Allison Valadez*



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**Bernice G Owens** - August 07, 2025 at 02:11 PM

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“ *Susie Tynan lit a candle in memory of Brandie  
Allison Valadez*



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**Susie Tynan** - August 07, 2025 at 07:22 AM