



Mrs. Rhenda Gwen Benson

April 12, 1938 - February 7, 2016

Rhenda Gwen (Hays) Benson, 77, of Bloomington, passed away on February 7, 2016 at her residence. She was born on April 12, 1938 in Bloomington, as the daughter of Lyle Gwen and Viola (Deckard) Hays. She married Jack L. Benson in 1958.

Rhenda obtained her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Indiana University in 1965. She taught to third grade elementary students at Sander's School until 1985. Rhenda then went to teach at Benford Elementary, before retiring in 1994.

Rhenda was a member of the Retired Teacher's Association, and enjoyed going out to eat with her fellow retired teachers.

She is survived by her daughter, Jaclynne (Todd) Parody, grandchildren, Ivy Rose Tosti (fiancé, James "Andy" Branam) and Michael Tosti; brother, Donald Hays and cousins, Peggy Fowler, Nancy Shields, and Patricia Owens.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jack L. Benson, daughter, Susan Tosti, son-in-law, John Tosti, and sister, Marilyn Hays.

A funeral service is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Bloomington, IN 47401
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<http://www.allencares.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

 Sandi Scranton

“ To Rhenda's family...

I am one of the women in an online group she participated in who knew Rhenda as Gwen. I never had the privilege of meeting her in person but through her posts in our forum I learned of her love for, and dedication to her family. She seemed like such a kind and gentle soul and her voice will be missed.

Please accept my condolences...may she rest in peace.

*Sandi Scranton
Mt. Arlington, NJ*

Sandi Scranton - February 10, 2016 at 06:41 PM

PS

“ So sorry to hear of Gwen's passing. She was a faithful member of an on line group of women her age for a number of years. Your on line gal pals will miss your gentle posts. Sympathies to her grand children she helped raise. RIP Gwen.

Paula stark - February 10, 2016 at 06:30 AM

TB

“ Our condolences to Don and family on your loss. Our prayers are with you.

Tim and Lora

Tim and Lora Budd - February 09, 2016 at 06:55 PM

SH

“ Jackie,

We are so sad to read of Rhenda's death. Love and prayers for comfort for all of you at this time.

I am sorry I cannot come to the funeral, as we are in FL.

*Affectionately,
Shannon and family*

Shannon - February 09, 2016 at 09:02 AM

JR

“ *Just want to let you know how sorry I am for your loss. Your Mother was my 3rd grade teacher.*

Jeff Riggins

Jeff Riggins - February 09, 2016 at 08:25 AM

SH

“ Jackie,

I'm very sorry for the families loss of your mother. I am really glad I got a chance to talk to her this late summer when I seen her. Every time I was there, I remember your mom always being in the laundry room folding clothes. I thought she lived in there. Now I understand, laundry is never done! I was so lucky to be a part of your household when Susan and I was so close. My prayers are with all of you.

Shelly Beck Gillespie

Shelly - February 09, 2016 at 07:50 AM

LB

“ *Loving Brother purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Rhenda Gwen Benson.*



Loving Brother - February 09, 2016 at 12:13 AM