



Mary Helen Benson

November 25, 1926 - February 23, 2013

Mary Helen Benson age 86 passed away at her home in Northridge, CA on February 23, 2013 with her family by her side. Born in Altoona, PA to the late John and Esther Steinbeiser. Mary was preceded in death by her beloved husband Sam, son David, brother Jack and great granddaughter Chloe. She is survived by her daughters Kathy Higgins, Beverly(Gianni) Serpi, grandchildren Lisa Shannon and Chad Higgins, great-grandchildren, Blaize, Noah, and Adam Higgins, along with her sisters in law Ann, Barbara, Romaine, and many nieces and nephews. Mary was a member of the Red Hats Society, San Juan Capistrano Guild, and Bereavement Group of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Northridge.

Vigil will be Friday March 1, 2013 at Utter McKinley S.F. Mission Mortuary viewing from 5:00pm-8:30pm with a Rosary at 7:00pm. Mass will take place Saturday March 2, 2013 11:00am at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research in Mary's honor. Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Mary's life after the Funeral Mass at her home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Helen Benson*

October 07, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Mary Helen Benson*

October 05, 2023 at 03:41 PM

HC

“ *The Mary's Family, The past few months getting to know Mary and her beautiful girls again was such a pleasure. You see Mary and her husband Sam were friends of my Grandparents so, we spent many hours sharing fond memories of card games and parties, Mary maintained her sense of humor through to her last days she brought up the fact that she remembered a joke my grandfather used to tell containing the words "tim buck too" although we could not remember it right away she eventually did. Brought a huge smile to our faces. Mary never showed that she was worried about anything she always made sure everyone else was o.k. as we took care of her. She found great joy in her dog Lucy, and enjoyed visiting with the gals from the red hats. I really enjoyed watching cars chases with her and showing her how to make "dimples", she would agree to let me leave for the day if I left my dimples with her :). I let her know she had a beautiful smile and if she kept her fingers in her cheeks she would soon have them herself.....I'm sure she has them know. I know she has met up with all of her friends in Heaven and they are having a fabulous a party, you know if Mary is happy Everyone is happy as she would say. I am happy I got a chance to meet Mary again and also meet her wonderful family: Bevvver, Kath., Tish, Katie, Shannon, Chad, Lisa, Blaze, Alona...Mary was blessed to have you all in her life as I could tell you all loved her bunches!!!!*

Heather Prentice Russo - Simi Valley, CA - Caregiver - March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Aunt Mary, I will miss you Always! Our memories are a life time!*

Mike & Cathy McQuade - Bayville, NJ - Nephew - March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ We had many long talks and good times together. I was blessed to be with you until your passing. I will keep my promises to you, RIP. I know you are having a great time now that you have reunited with those who went before you.

Patricia Schell - Morrisville, PA - niece - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ "Good night, Little Mama ~
Good night, Little Baby"

I love you!

Bev - Chatsworth, CA - Daughter - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Many fond memories of family vacations in Ocean City, Maryland & OBX, North Carolina. Rest in Peace....
Geneva & Family

Geneva Frick - Newark, DE - niece - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Mary Benson was the very best of friends, a fill-in Mom, a wonderful help-mate at all times over the years...and a great party animal at all our Christmas and other holiday get-togethers. She was much loved and will be much missed. Good-bye, Mary. God will surely keep you in the hollow of His Hand.

*Love forever,
Lu Agan*

Lu Agan - Glendale, OR - long-time friend - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Dear Mary,

You will be missed by your many friends and family who have loved you through the years. I'll especially miss our "coffee mornings" with several of our Red Hat Sisters! We had fun chatting and enjoying our special visits. I'll miss your beautiful smile when we arrived and your warm welcome. You are in safe hands now. Rest well!

Love, Gail

Gail Boudreaux - West Hills, CA - March 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Sleep with the angels, Mom.
Your loving daughter*

Kathy Benson Higgins - Camarillo, CA - Daughter - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Mary,
I didn't know you as long as many of our Red Hat sisters. One memory I have of you is getting your angel costume ready for the Granada Hills parade. We worked on fitting your costume and you had such fun riding in AngelaUWyris car during the parade..
Rest in peace, Mary, I love you. Judy*

Judy Child - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I first met Mary many years ago at the Y in the pool. She was full of wit and laughter which made everyone around feel good. We both became members of the Red Hat Scarlet Skinny Dippers. Each time we were together she always wanted to know about how the family was doing and see the latest photo of our granddaughter. She had concern for others. She was a very special lady that will be greatly missed.

Anita Carson - Northridge, CA - Red Hat Sister - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM