



Geraldine "Jeri" K. Benson

January 1, 1951 - March 19, 2013

Please note: Calling hours for Monday from 4 - 7 p.m. will continue as planned however, due to weather conditions the family will also receive friends from 11:00 a.m. Tuesday until time of service.

Geraldine K. "Jeri" Benson, 62, of New Castle, entered into the presence of her Lord Jesus, Tuesday morning March 19, 2013 at I.U. Health University Hospital in Indianapolis following a lengthy illness.

She was born January 1, 1951 in New Castle, a daughter of Adam and Sophie E. (Hensley) Copp.

Jeri was a 1969 graduate of Walter P. Chrysler High School and also attended Ball State University. She was an office administrator with Commonwealth Life Insurance Company for 29 years, retiring in 2003 due to her illness. She was a member of Park Place Free Methodist Church where she especially enjoyed decorating the church. Jeri enjoyed watching food and cooking shows on television, riding with her husband on their motorcycle, gardening and growing flowers. An avid shopper, she treasured the time she spent with her family and her church family. Jeri also enjoyed taking care of her Schnauzer, Zachariah and her Miniature Pincher, Tyrus Nebo. She was especially fond and loved her great nieces and great nephews, Dustin, Emily, Madison, Evan, Joshua, Kaitlyn, Ashley and Douglas and her great-great-niece, MacKinze. Jeri deeply loved her Lord.

She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 40 years, Rick Benson; her mother, Sophie Copp of New Castle; a sister, Dianne (husband: Jim) White of

New Castle; a brother, Tim (wife: Marianna) Copp of Knightstown; a brother-in-law, Bobby (wife: Marcia) Benson of New Castle; nieces and nephews, Brenda, Dawn, Angie, Kimberly, Addam, Charity and their spouses; many relatives in Tennessee and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, as well as her father and mother-in-law, Eugene and Maxine Benson.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Hickman and Rev. Ted Malone officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition. Friends may call from 4 – 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Park Place Free Methodist Church with envelopes available at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Jeri Benson.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ To the family of Jeri...I am so sorry for your loss. May God give you strength during this difficult time. I just lost 4 close family members in this past 2 yrs so I understand your pain! Jeri was a wonderful lady and I thought alot of her. I've known her since she worked at Commonwealth and also walking around Baker Park with our dogs. I will see her again in Heaven one day and I will know her by her beautiful smile. Rest in Peace dear friend.

Marilyn J. Ward-Sullivan - April 25, 2013 at 03:50 PM

RR

“ Our sincere sympathy to Jeri's entire family. She was a very sweet person (very personable) we lived on 26th street growing up and our father's were real good friends. Jeri also helped my mother a lot with her insurance. Rick, all the good times you and Jeri had throughout the years will forever be in your heart. We are so sorry for your loss. The Ragan family.

Ron and Donna Ragan - March 30, 2013 at 08:37 PM

PW

“ I will remember Jeri as the loving and caring person she was. No matter what she always had a smile,she went through a lot on this earth, she was strong and courgaous. Now she is with her heavenly father and is happy and free from pain.I will miss her dearly but I know We will see her again . Sorry I couldn,t be with you but I am with you in my heart and in my prayers. I pray that God will help you through the weeks and months to come. Just lean on him I love you all Pam and Bill

Pamela and Bill Walters - March 25, 2013 at 01:39 PM

BD

“ My thoughts and prayers go to you and yours at this time. I remember so many fun times when we were growing up when I would be at my Grandpa's on 27th street. May God Bless all of you.

Becky Davis-Harris - March 24, 2013 at 10:40 PM

ST

“ With deepest sympathy love you all

Samuel Tullock - March 24, 2013 at 10:07 PM

AF

“ Jeri was a dear friend to my parents and I. Her and Rick have lived beside us for many many years...She watched me grow, and did everything she could to help me along the way..she took me to church, offered advice, shared stories, laughed often, and hugged much...she was a best friend to me..I will miss her very much..I know that she is with her Lord now and that comforts my soul, as i'm sure it will to the many of us that have been touched by this amazing woman..Rick and family will continually be in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace Jeri..I love you..

April Foster - March 23, 2013 at 05:21 PM

LE

“ To the entire Benson family and especially my cousin Rick, I am so sorry. My heart is broken along with yours. So sorry I can't be there with you. Hope you feel my love and hugs over the miles. LeAndra

LeAndra - March 21, 2013 at 10:37 PM

JP

“ *To the Benson family and Sophie, Diane and Tim. I was so sorry to read about Jeri's passing. I remember so well of her and the family visiting here every year when we were children. Thanks for posting obituary in the local paper.*

Jackie Painter - March 21, 2013 at 05:57 PM