



Carol Lynn Benda

June 16, 1949 - March 4, 2020

Highland Lakes - Carol Lynn Benda, age 70, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at her residence while surrounded by her loving family. Born and raised in Staten Island, New York to the late John and Caroline (Richards) Oleniec, Mrs. Benda studied cosmetology and graduated from McKee Vocational and Technical High School in 1967, where she was honored as Queen of her prom along with her husband, Mark as King. While in high school, she was part of the Miss Government Organization. This enabled her to meet Mayor Lindsey at Gracie Mansion to see the seat of the New York City government. Mrs. Benda was a member of Girl Scout troop #5-55 of Staten Island and eventually became a Girl Scout Leader and had fond memories of marching in the Memorial Day parade in a Chinese Dragon with the Girl Scout Troop. She moved to Sussex County in 1972 and became active with the Vernon Ambulance squad and was an EMT. She served as a driver, crew chief and the squad's treasurer. Mrs. Benda was an active member in the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church in Wantage and helped to run the annual food booth that the church runs at the New Jersey State Fair/ Sussex County Farm and Horse Show. Mrs. Benda was employed as an accounts payable supervisor for Diagnostic Retrieval Systems in Oakland. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Mark Benda, Sr.; her son, Mark Benda, Jr. and his wife Vicky and their daughter, Chloe of Bethel, Connecticut; her son, Craig Benda and his wife Holly of Highland Lakes; her daughter, Lara Stigler and her daughter, Valentina of Hamburg. Funeral service will be held at

9 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020 at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage. Interment to follow at St. Vladimir Russian Orthodox Christian Cemetery in Jackson. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Sunday, March 8, 2020 from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the church with Parastas immediately following at 6:30 p.m.. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made in Carol's name to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Vladimir Russian Orthodox Christian Cemetery

316 Cassville Road
Jackson, NJ 08527

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church
102 Route 284
Wantage, NJ 07461

Parastas

MAR 8. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 9. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Wantage, NJ 07461

Tribute Wall

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“ *My crew chief ,mentor friend.Always smiling.You know she is an Angel*

Edward Phipps - March 26, 2020 at 10:53 AM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear of Carol's passing. She was so full of life and such a sweetheart. My memories of her will be of always laughing when I was around her. To Mark, Lara and Valentina my sincere sympathies. Rest in peace Carol.*

Barbara Bartro

Barbara Bartro - March 09, 2020 at 09:57 AM

EK

“ *I was so saddened to hear of Carol's passing. We were the best of friends for many years in Vernon Township, from working together on the VT Ambulance Squad, sharing our love of hand made crafts by participating in many area craft shows and carpooling together in the years we both worked at Bergen Brunswig.*

Carol was always an incredibly caring, generous and gracious friend with an infectious laugh. Her passing comes far too soon in life and she will truly be missed!


Sincerest condolences to Mark and kids at the loss of one very special lady.

God will now take excellent care of her while we all keep that wonderful spirit of Carol close to our hearts and memories!

*With deepest sympathies,
Eleanor (Yosco) Kamieniecki*



ELEANOR KAMIENIECKI - March 06, 2020 at 06:50 PM

 Andrea
Cocula

“ I am sooo sorry to hear of Carol's passing. She will be missed by many. I served with Carol on the Vernon Twp. Ambulance Squad. Carol was a pillar of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church and gave many hours to the church's events. Rest In Peace Carol.

With Sympathy ~ Andrea "Bunny" Cocula.

Andrea Cocula - March 06, 2020 at 11:17 AM

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Joanne Hosbach - March 06, 2020 at 08:51 AM