



Janet Barber Benton

November 2, 1944 - October 8, 2021

Lakeland-Janet Barber Benton, 76, passed away Oct. 8, 2021.

Janet was born on Nov. 2, 1944 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. She grew up in Bay Head, NJ and Haddonfield, NJ. Later she moved to Florida and fell in love with Willard Russell Benton. They later married June 30, 1966 and had two sons.

Janet was a loving wife, mother, grandma, great gram and friend. She will be remembered most for her fun spirit, thoughtfulness, determination and creativity. She always put the ones she loved first.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Marion Barber; her brother, Robert "Buzz" Barber 2nd; and her husband, Willard Benton. She is survived by her sons; Christopher and Peter, grandchildren; Caitlyn and Cameron, great grandchildren; Liam, Caleb and Bradley.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am, Friday 10/15 at Gentry Morrison Southside Funeral Home, 1727 Bartow Rd. Lakeland, FL 33801. A celebration of her life will be held at her home address after the service.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet Barber Benton*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 13, 2021 at 09:57 AM

JM

“ *Janet my precious, life-long friend & college roommate, I will miss you but I will carry you in my heart forever. You were so loving, thoughtful and always so much fun! Loved my memories of being college roommates, driving in your MG to Daytona Beach for vacation & my numerous visits to your home. Remembering your fun loving spirit & all the happiness your friendship has given me. You were such a blessing in my life!*
Love, Janice Mello

Janice Mello - October 14, 2021 at 07:06 PM

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“ *Love, Janice & Cliff Mello purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Janet Barber Benton.*



Love, Janice & Cliff Mello - October 13, 2021 at 08:09 PM

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“ There are many people that we meet in our lives, but only a very few will make a lasting impression on our minds and hearts. Mama Benton, I will never forget the love you shared and the advice provided. You will always have a special place in my heart. Love and prayer to all during this time of mourning. Love Susan Hagood

Susan Hagood - October 12, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janet Barber Benton.



October 12, 2021 at 10:30 AM

ML

“ Janet my friend I will miss u so very much u were a great friend caring loving person always there when u needed someone to talk too fly high my beautiful angel

mary lou - October 12, 2021 at 06:52 AM

NN

“ Chris and Pete,
So sorry to hear about Janet. We always had a great time at Youth Fair!
Prayers to you and your Families.
Nell Nelson

Nell Nelson - October 11, 2021 at 07:07 PM