



Charlene Mary Benson

October 9, 2017

Charlene Mary Benson, 71, of Champlin, MN lived a life full of love, laughter and happy adventures. Charlene grew up in St. Louis Park, and graduated from St. Louis Park High School in 1963 and went on to study nursing at St. Mary's School of Nursing in Rochester, Class of 1966.

Charlene married the love of her life, Jim, in 1967 and were just days away from celebrating 50 years of marriage. They created three children, Jennifer (David), Michelle (Curtis) and Matthew (Tammy). They shared much laughter and created a happy home.

Charlene dedicated her life to serving others. She was a skilled operating room nurse at Mercy Hospital for more than 20 years. Charlene could be found serving communion every Sunday at St. Stephens Church in Anoka and after retirement served as a school nurse at St. Stephens.

Thoughtful, creative, and generous describe Charlene's gifts to her friends and community. Over the years, she used her crafting skills to create gifts and in recent years many beautiful quilts. She was dedicated to making and delivering quilts for the Grateful Hearts Quilters of Minnesota, Quilts of Valor.

Charlene had five great joys in life, her grandchildren. Cooper (15), Myra (14), Riley (13), Vincent (12), and Daniel (8) who thought she hung the moon. She

spent hours sewing, playing, and baking her chocolate chip cookies and made each one of them feel special.

Charlene made the world a better place with her gifts of love. She was a devoted daughter to her parents, Joe and Mae (deceased), a loyal sister to Fred (Teddy), Dale (Theresa) and Jo Ann (Gayle) and loving aunt to her 13 nieces and nephews, four God-children.

Charlene cared about her neighbors, she showed kindness and love to those who crossed her path. Her life was well lived and she was much loved.

Mass of Christian Burial for Char will be held Monday, 10/16/17, at 11 AM with visitation one hour prior at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 525 Jackson St., Anoka MN. Memorials preferred to Quilts of Valor Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
525 Jackson St
Anoka, MN 55303
(763) 421-2471

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ Jenny and the entire Benson clan,
My thought and prayers are with you in this time of change. Char was always a happy, fun and generous. When I think back to our days at St Stephens, I remember her being there more than a lot of other parents. If you need anything, I'm listed and still in Anoka.

Scott Halbach

Scott Halbach - October 22, 2017 at 01:13 PM

GL

“ Char made our quilt, curtains and table cover. They are so beautiful I think of her often because of it. She always asks for our children and always sent birthday cards and graduation cards. We will miss her greatly!! I think of how selfless she was in many ways and I hope I can follow that example and make her proud. Gloria A Benson. Yakutat.



Gloria - October 16, 2017 at 11:17 PM

KS

“ Always looked forward to meeting up with Jim and Char in Cabo. We had a lot of fun times. My thoughts and prayers are the family during this difficult time. We will miss her dearly.
Katie & Keith Salm



Katie Salm - October 16, 2017 at 11:54 AM

SS

“ Steve and Laura Swarthout purchased the Crysta I Cross Bouquet for the family of Charlene Mary Benson.



Steve and Laura Swarthout - October 14, 2017 at 10:17 AM

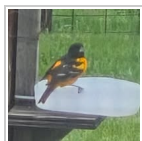
JD

“ Jim & family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May the Lord give you strength and peace as you adjust to this life change.

*A 1963 classmate,
JoAnn (Warneke) Dorrough*

JoAnn Dorrough - October 12, 2017 at 08:16 AM



“ Char always had a sweet comment for me on Facebook and I love chatting with her about our latest quilt project. I always enjoyed her beautiful flowers. I will miss her. Blessings to her family. I pray sweet memories soon replace your sadness. Mike and Sally Dea, Minden, la

Sally Rasmussen Dea - October 11, 2017 at 06:24 PM

MP

“ Char was a classmate at St Marys School of Nursing. She seemed larger than life then and still so at our 50-year reunion. It's hard to believe her smile is gone from this earth, although it is imprinted on our memories. May Char's family accept my sympathy and may God hold you close during your grief.

Mary Ann Frost Paulukonis - October 11, 2017 at 04:09 PM

AW

“ Char I am at a loss. I will miss our summer visits in our backyards and talking about all of your gorgeous flowers! You were immediately welcoming to me and my family when we moved in behind you and Jim. I will forever be grateful to your warmth and love you had for us. We will hold the memories close! Thank you for being such an amazing addition to my life.
Alex Whinnery

Alex Whinnery - October 11, 2017 at 02:10 PM



“ Dearest Aunt Char. First ever meeting the Benson family you stood there arms wide open and gave me the biggest, warmest welcome hug. I loved you immediately. Rip Aunt Char, give one of those big hugs to my mom and Oma❤️❤️

Sylvia Hakse-Benson - October 11, 2017 at 10:32 AM

VE

“ I met Char at her son Matt she was a very charming person, Deepest Sympathy from the Ellingson of Oak Ridge Drive Monticello

Veronica Ellingson - October 11, 2017 at 12:25 AM

VE

“ Veronica Ellingson lit a candle in memory of Charlene Mary Benson



Veronica Ellingson - October 11, 2017 at 12:21 AM

KH

“ It is such a shock to lose my friend Char...she was such a loving, caring person who fiercely loved her family & friends. She & I quilted together with our friends for years & she will be greatly missed every Tuesday & Wednesday and at Quilts of Valor. I will miss her smile & laugh & especially her caring heart. She always saved coupons for me from my favorite restaurant & asked about my life experiences. I wish that she & Jim and the family could have had one last cruise together, as she was really looking forward to that for Christmas, My thoughts are with Jim, who never complained about picking her up at quilting, and her family that she loved so much. Rest In Peace, my friend. I already miss you! Godspeed...quilt on, my friend! ❤️😭

Kim Holbrook - October 10, 2017 at 11:58 PM

LR

“ Char served as the queen of our DIVA GROUP and she was so good at making us feel welcome. She made sure to get around to all of the gals and greet each one at our events. Sadly, at our lunch a couple of weeks ago, she talked about her upcoming family cruise and she was so looking forward to that event. She will be missed and I am thankful that she passed through my life. Lori Reynolds

Lori Reynolds - October 10, 2017 at 09:57 PM

JB

Love and prayers to all the family. Char was a beautiful person to all the family and friends. She will be missed by all and me. Thank you Char for all my keepsakes from you. You will be in our hearts forever. Love Jo Ann

Jo Ann Boyle - October 10, 2017 at 11:58 PM