



## Mary Joy (Benzino) Barnes

March 30, 1949 - December 8, 2024

Mary Joy Barnes 75, of Town of Tonawanda, formerly North Tonawanda, entered into rest after a long illness Sunday, (December 8, 2024) at home surrounded by family under the care of Hospice Buffalo. Mary Joy was Born in Buffalo, New York on March 30, 1949 to Eugene and Bertha Benzino. Mary Joy was predeceased by her husband Donald J. Barnes.

Mary Joy was the loving mother of Lisa Barnes, Tina (Mark) Hyzy, Lori (Fred) Mallone, Robert (Patty) Barnes, Steve (Mila) Barnes, dear sister of Eugene (Terry) Benzino, Carol (James) Barrus, Dion (Cheryl) Benzino, Teresa Benzino, P. Tina Mills (Benzino), Peter (Julie) Benzino, Ellen Benson Benzino, Eugenia (Fred) Fucci, Devoted grandmother to 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

Private Memorial mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Mary Joy's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org/> . Mary Joy's selfless act was to donate her body to the University of Buffalo with the hopes it may contribute with finding answers and helping others.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Joy was my very first childhood friend at age 4. We all lived on Longmeadow Road until my family moved away. We returned when I was in fourth grade and my first stop once we got back to Buffalo was at the Benzino house. Joy and I had many adventures together. She was so much fun. Once she and I played Dr and Nurse and Petty/Tina was our patient. You’ll have to ask Petty what we did to her because to this day, she says that she was the patient who almost wasn’t. Mind you I was four and Joy was six. I cannot call Joy Mary because she is always Joy to me and she brought such joy to my childhood. Rest in peace and please know that I love you and all the Benzino’s. Teresa and Gene you were always my favorite babysitters.

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**Jody Korn** - December 11, 2024 at 12:10 AM

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“ I will always remember how Mary got her name..when she was born , she had a smile on her face and her hands were folded like she was praying.

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**Carol Barrus** - December 10, 2024 at 09:06 AM