



Susan H. Benton

August 2, 1954 - March 23, 2025

In Loving Memory of Susan H. Benton

A Life Well-Lived

EARLY LIFE AND EDUCATION

Susan Helma (Lichterfeld) Benton was born on August 2, 1954, in Buffalo, NY USA.

Susan was the second eldest of 5 children of Else and Guenther Lichterfeld.

Susan

graduated from Canisus College with her master's in social work.

CAREER AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Dedicated her life to social work with Catholic Charities and Hospice Buffalo for most of

her career. She also spent a brief time at Radio Shack as a store manager where she

met her future husband, Ross Benton. Susan was involved with adoptions at Catholic

Charities and remained friends with many of the adoptee families. Her career at

Hospice Buffalo she took to heart and felt that helping people transition to death was an

important responsibility. She impacted numerous families going through the final care

and grieving process. Her family and friends were important to her, and she

would drop
anything to help resolve an issue or challenge. She listened with no
judgement and
there was nothing that you could not talk to her about.

FAMILY AND PERSONAL LIFE

Susan married Ross on August 15 th , 1987 in Buffalo, NY and they
honeymooned in
Canada. Susan and Ross had 2 children, Rebecca and Paul. They called
North
Tonawanda home for most of their kids' childhood.
Susan's interests extended beyond her professional life. She was a devoted
mother
and wife. Enjoyed gardening and home improvement projects. She would
often be
seen up on a ladder painting or otherwise improving their living space. Susan
and Ross
were active members of Payne Avenue Christian Church in North Tonawanda
where
Susan was in the choir. Susan loved being a grandmother (Omo) who spent
her days
planning fun outings and reading many books. Her biggest joy in her life was
being a
mother and grandmother. You would often see her travelling to her siblings'
houses,
who each had a special connection with.

A LEGACY OF LOVE AND WISDOM

She retired from Hospice Buffalo in the Summer of 2019 and 10 months later
was
diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia. Susan Benton passed away peacefully
on
Sunday, March 23, 2025, at Elderwood Nursing Home on Grand Island where

she was
cared for during the last two years of her battle with dementia. Some of her
Hospice co-
workers participated in her care.
She is survived by her husband Ross, children Rebecca (Ryan) Lewis and
Paul (Hoa)
Benton. Susan had 2 grandchildren, Mason Lewis and Adrianna Lewis. Her
siblings,
Margaret (Dick) Thomas, Mark Lichterfeld, Heidi (Jeff) Hill, Lisa (Selwin)
Lichterfeld,
Sister in Laws Greta Lichterfeld and Ruth (late Bill) Misko, Mother-in-Law
Leah Benton.
As well as her nieces, Kristen, Allison, Leslie, Kwayah, Sarah, Rachel.
Nephews, Evan,
Callum, Steven, Nathan and Galen. Also, many cousins and friends who will
miss her
dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents Else and Guenther
Lichterfeld and
her father-in-law R. Paul Benton.
A memorial service will be held on Saturday March 29, 2025, at Wattengel
Funeral
Home on 533 Meadow Drive in North Tonawanda, NY from noon until 4PM
with a
service to be held at 4 o'clock at the funeral home, where friends and family
will gather
to celebrate Sue's remarkable life. Interment and service will be at 11:00 on
Monday,
March 31st, 2025 at Acacia Park Cemetery Chapel, 4215 Tonawanda Creek
Road,
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Hospice Buffalo.

Susan Benton's memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing her. Her life was a shining example of what it means to live with purpose, passion, and love. Rest in peace, dear Sue; your legacy will continue to inspire us all.

Cemetery Details

Acacia Park Cemetery

4215 Tonawanda Creek Rd N.
North Tonawanda, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440
wattengelfh@gmail.com
<https://www.wattengel.com>

Services

MAR 29. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Committal Services

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Acacia Park Cemetery Chapel
4615 Tonawanda Creek Road North
North Tonawanda , NY 14120

ASSEMBLE AT ACACIA PARK CEMETERY CHAPEL

Tribute Wall

JM

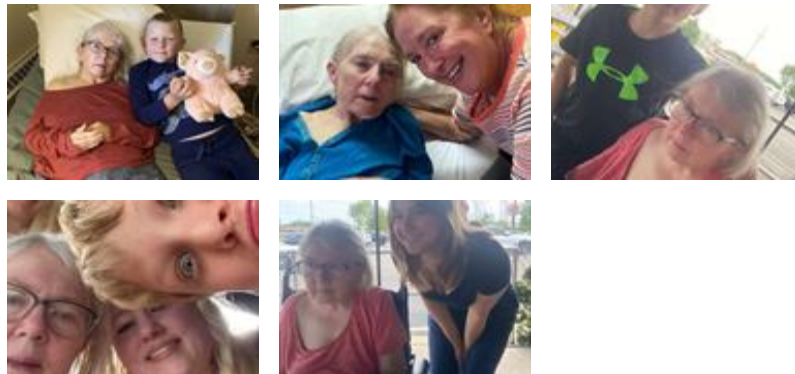
“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Judi Massis-Leventhal - April 24, 2025 at 01:25 PM



“ 87 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wattengel Funeral Home - March 28, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ Susan I'm so sorry you left but I'm so thankful I met you while you were here. You are a tremendous asset in social work at Hospice and I'm so thankful that I was able to work with you. Rest in peace my friend

Jen Worling - March 25, 2025 at 03:00 PM

EJ

“ I have fond memories of working along side Sue, caring for Hospice patients and families. She was always a bright light, leaving a lasting impression on the hearts and souls of those lives she’ touched.



Erin Jaeger - March 24, 2025 at 08:54 PM

LG

3/27/2025 hi Ross and whole family it's Lisa Geraci from Payne avenue Christine church I'm so truly truly truly sorry about sue sue was a beautiful person too me sue will be truly truly truly missed my deepest sympathy my condolences too you all thoughts and prayers are with all of you love ❤️ Lisa Geraci

lisa Geraci - March 27, 2025 at 08:51 AM

MD

“ Payneavechurch@gmail.com

Marcy DiPasquale - March 24, 2025 at 06:51 PM

KO

“ I had the pleasure of working with Sue during some of her years at Hospice. She was a wonderful woman who truly cared for her patients and families. My deepest condolences to her family. She loved you all dearly ❤️

Kathryn Oliver - March 24, 2025 at 06:50 PM

AS

“ I had the pleasure of working as a Social Worker with Sue at Hospice. She was so genuine and kind to her coworkers and clients. My deepest condolences to all her loved ones. She will be dearly missed.

Angela Spampata - March 24, 2025 at 06:35 PM

JM

My deepest sympathy to Sue's entire family. I am so saddened to hear of Sue's passing. We were friends in the early 80's until I moved to Texas. Sue and I had so much fun together and I will always remember Sue's kindness, generosity, sense of humor and friendship. May her memory be for a blessing.

Judi Massis-Leventhal

Judi Massis-Leventhal - April 24, 2025 at 12:39 PM

YF

“ Your IR Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan H. Benton.

Your IR Family - March 24, 2025 at 05:02 PM

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“ Your IR Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Susan H. Benton.



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