



Lois Benjamin

March 16, 1949 - October 24, 2016

Lois Benjamin, 67, of Frederick, MD died on October 24, 2016 at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis.

Lois was born on March 16, 1949 in Queens, NY, daughter of the late Morris Benjamin and Bertha Starkoff Benjamin. At five months old she developed polio. This disease was the catalyst for her highly motivated life and her devotion to assisting others.

She attended Hofstra University and graduated with her undergraduate degree in 1970. She then obtained her Master's degree from Hofstra in 1972. She then pursued a career as a Regional Coordinator for the New York State Education Department for 31 years when she retired in 2004. Lois' experience with polio fueled her desire in assisting others with disabilities. Thus, she began her career as a Rehabilitation Counselor in Queens, NY assisting adults with disabilities to gain employment. She retired as a Regional Coordinator overseeing the Long Island Region and Managing the Nassau County office. During her retired years she served as the President and Secretary of her Home Owner's Association in Worman's Mills Conservancy. Ms. Benjamin is survived by her devoted spouse, Edwin Sullivan of Frederick, MD, and his daughters Amy Sullivan-Hicks of Charlotte, NC and Jill Sullivan Weaver of Raleigh, NC; her brother and sister in law Melvin and Carol Benjamin of Bowie, MD; her beloved nieces and nephews, Lisa and Bill Szarka of Matticuk, NY; David Benjamin of Arnold, MD; Melissa and Jay Dabas of Winchester, VA; Sarah and Jonathan Seibold of Crofton, MD; Wendy

Diehl and Roberta Stambaugh of New Market, MD; and great nieces and nephews, Dexter, Anna, Brenton, Avi, Willow, Gavin, and Sajan.

She is preceded in death by her brother Bernard Benjamin.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 11 AM at Trappe United Methodist Church on Main St. in Trappe, MD. Burial will follow at Oxford Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford, MD

Previous Events

Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trappe United Methodist Church
29421 Maple Avenue
Trappe, MD 21673

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I just became aware today of the passing of my dear friend Lois. She and I worked together at the Hauppauge Office of OVR many years ago, and were close friends and colleagues. Whenever we accidentally met while doing field work, we jokingly would say, "We have to stop meeting this way". My heartfelt condolences to her family. May her memory be for a blessing.

Burt Schwartz

Burton Schwartz - May 06, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ *Lois Benjamin*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Lois Benjamin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Lois Benjamin*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

MM

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Lois. Best wishes in this difficult time.
Love,
Matt Mugmon*

Matthew Mugmon - November 02, 2016 at 12:36 AM

DM

“ Doreen Merta lit a candle in memory of Lois Benjamin



Doreen Merta - October 28, 2016 at 02:06 PM

OC

“ We express our heartfelt condolences to the family. Lois worked in our Hempstead office for many years. She shared her respect for, and dedication to the work we do and taught us many lessons. She was an inspiration to those of us who worked with her and to the countless number of people she helped by providing rehabilitation services. We honor her and cherish her memory.

OVR/VESID/ACCES-VR
Nassau County Office

OVR/VESID/ACCES-VR Garden City - October 28, 2016 at 01:25 PM

EG

“ Carol & Mel, I'm so sorry to hear about Lois but so happy to have seen her at your party. She was a beautiful, brave lady. I share in your sorrow and love you both. Ellie

Ellie Goldman - October 28, 2016 at 11:18 AM

DS

“ Lois was an excellent supervisor, very supportive of her staff, and very true to the values of Voc Rehab. She didn't just embrace the values of equality and inclusion, she lived them. She will be missed.



Daljit Singh - October 27, 2016 at 04:29 PM

MD

“ Michele Delany lit a candle in memory of Lois Benjamin



Michele Delany - October 26, 2016 at 12:30 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lois Benjamin.



October 26, 2016 at 12:11 PM

RO

“ Rebecca, Rachel & Mike Ostrow purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lois Benjamin.



Rebecca, Rachel & Mike Ostrow - October 26, 2016 at 10:03 AM

VF

“Lois was a fierce warrior, not only for herself but for so many others. We shared a love for Dr. Leroy Ramsey, our driver's ed teacher, friend and mentor, as well as dedicatee of our Class of '66 Yearbook. We also shared a love for word games and would often chat in Pogo Scrabble rooms. I would read her blog posts- always so witty, informative and positive. Although distance separated us, thanks to social media we were able to stay in touch. Lois, you are so loved and will be missed. Rest in peace, sweet angel.
Love, Vicki (Elie) Fuller

Vicki Fuller - October 26, 2016 at 07:12 AM

JM

Lois was a wonderful classmate at Plainviw-Old Bethpage High School. I will never forget her great sense of humor - her vast presence in the lives of her friends & family will surely be missed! May she rest in eternal peace.

jane mcgilloway - October 26, 2016 at 09:36 AM

LK

“A unique, fierce fighter for herself and those who could not fight for themselves. A woman with courage, humor and joy, playfulness and a beautiful singing voice. Many memories of playing Clue and singing songs into the wee hours with the Benjamin family. She was a role model for many.

Lauren Komack - October 26, 2016 at 05:40 AM

HE

“ A true friend, Lois was always ready to offer her support for anyone who asked. She was an inspiration to us all to be the best we can be, at all times, to everyone. We spent many hours together volunteering and when we would both get punchy from brain-freeze, she could always make the situation even more amusing. Lois' strength, grace and dignity never ceased to amaze me. And she was a keen observer and ever-optimistic. I will miss her smile, her laugh, and her unwavering dedication to others. I miss you dear friend.

Heidi Sproat



Heidi - October 25, 2016 at 06:56 PM

KC

“ Lois was one of the most positive people I knew. We shared a table at our 40th high school reunion. She was an amazing person who never complained. Peace to you, sweet soul.

Kathleen Kilgus Chamberlin - October 25, 2016 at 06:51 PM

VE

“ Vicki Eaton purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Lois Benjamin.



Vicki Eaton - October 25, 2016 at 04:15 PM

VE

“ *Lois was a lovely lady who I greatly admired for her intelligence, strength and wonderful sense of humor. She will be missed by many.*
Vicki Eaton. ”



Vicki Eaton - October 25, 2016 at 03:21 PM