



Susan Isabel Benson

January 17, 1942 - February 13, 2026

Susan Isabel Benson, of Easton, Maryland, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family and close friends on February 13, 2026, at the age of 84. Born on January 17, 1942, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, she was the daughter of the late James Bennett Engle and Isabel Wilson Reed.

She was a graduate of Annapolis High School, class of 1960, and a graduate of Milford Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, class of 1965.

Susan was married to the late William Lindale Benson, Jr. at the Oxford United Methodist Church on November 2, 1968.

Susan served as an operating room nurse for 50 years. She had worked in operating rooms in Louisiana, Washington, and New York. She concluded the last 29 years of her career in the operating room at Easton Memorial Hospital and the Shore Regional Surgery Center in Easton, Maryland.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and many of her beloved cats.

Susan is survived by her sister, Nancy Howard; her niece, Debbie McKay (Rusty); her nephew, James Howard (Anna); and two great-nieces. Susan is

also survived by her two rescue cats, Nixy and Gracie.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to all of her in-home caregivers for their compassionate care and support.

A visitation will be held on Monday February 23, 2026 from 6pm to 8pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Easton, MD. A funeral service will be held the following day, Tuesday February 24, 2026, at 11 am at Oxford United Methodist Church. An hour visitation will be held prior to the service from 10 am to 11 am. A graveside service will be held at Oxford Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions may be made to Talbot Hospice and Oxford United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 23. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Visitation

FEB 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Oxford United Methodist Church
Oxford, MD

Funeral Service

FEB 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Oxford United Methodist Church
Oxford, MD

Graveside

FEB **24**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Oxford Cemetery
Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Isabel Benson*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 25 at 09:17 AM

CS

“ *My godmother, Aunt Sue, was one of the nicest and kindest women I've ever known. Always smiling and ever present and supportive through every event in my life over 57 years...including two marriages. She will also be missed for her gentle soul and for always making the BEST chocolate chip cookies. Rest in peace Aunt Sue. Love always, Cindy, Ed and Marin Sunich*

Cynthia Sunich - February 23 at 01:54 PM

MS

“ *Maxine c stewart purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan Isabel Benson.*



Maxine c stewart - February 21 at 03:46 PM

MS

“ *Maxine c stewart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Isabel Benson.*

Maxine c stewart - February 21 at 03:46 PM

TW

“ *Terri Webb sent a virtual gift in memory of Susan Isabel Benson*



Terri Webb - February 19 at 07:16 PM

TW

My condolences to the family. I have such fond memories of our travels together with AORN. A great travel partner. I am honored to say she was my friend and co-worker. I am blessed to be able to have such good memories of us together. She will be missed.

Terri Webb - February 19 at 07:25 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Isabel Benson.*



February 19 at 04:46 PM



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February 19 at 04:46 PM

CS

“ Cheryl Schmitt lit a candle in memory of Susan Isabel Benson



Cheryl Schmitt - February 17 at 11:06 PM

RH

“ I remember Susie from my very early childhood years on Defense Highway in Annapolis. She and Nancy would play with me after school. My Mom appreciated the break. We were all sad when they moved away to Oxford. Fondly, Ruth Ann Hunt

Ruth Ann Hunt - February 17 at 04:26 PM

CS

“ 4 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Cynthia Sunich - February 17 at 10:54 AM

RD

“ *Ritchie Dulin lit a candle in memory of Susan Isabel Benson*



Ritchie Dulin - February 16 at 01:05 PM

TG

“ *Susan Benson, RN, we recognize you and pay homage to your dedication to the profession of nursing. We extend our deepest sympathies to your family, friends and colleagues.*
Respectfully,
The Maryland Nurse Honor Guard

The Maryland Nurse Honor Guard - February 16 at 11:33 AM

JM

“ *Joy Murray lit a candle in memory of Susan Isabel Benson*



Joy Murray - February 15 at 10:07 PM

SB

“ *Susan was such a sweet and gentle person. I have fond memories of sharing January birthdays with her, She was a very gracious lady.*



Sally bertics - February 15 at 11:49 AM

MW

“ My heart will forever be etched with the vision of you in your sweater looking over your glasses at me giggling at whatever story I was telling you, each with a cat on our lap and the TV in the background. Driving you to Easton one day you asked me how I ended up with green hair and I told you. I finished the story with “that’s how you ended up with your goofy green haired caregiver”. Without missing a beat you said “I really like my goofy green haired caregiver“. I really liked, and loved, you too. You were always the best part of my Mondays and Tuesdays. Golly, those are big shoes to fill. I love you so much x

Melissa Wilder - February 15 at 11:29 AM

MM

Susan was an excellent nurse & I enjoyed working with her at The Surgical Center outpatient In Easton. She was caring and generous & made delicious chocolate chip cookies for all at Christmas!

Mary Mistrangelo - February 16 at 01:15 PM



“ Sandra Blount lit a candle in memory of Susan Isabel Benson



Sandra Blount - February 15 at 11:23 AM



I will miss her soft spoken voice. Watching the Hallmark movies and just being the sweet person she was. It was a pleasure being with her and will miss her greatly.

Sandra Blount - February 15 at 11:26 AM

PW

“ *Patti Willis lit a candle in memory of Susan Isabel Benson*



Patti Willis - February 15 at 10:27 AM

BD

“ *I worked with Susan at the hospital for many years , I always enjoyed our talks . RIP Susan*



Betsy Dyott - February 15 at 07:10 AM

EW

I'm Ms Susan's overnight caregiver! I enjoyed every moment! Such a sweetheart! I'm really going to miss our talks and much laughter, loved her much and always will. You're greatly going to be missed. RIP Ms Susan 💜👍

Eva West - February 15 at 09:58 AM