



## JoAnn Benson

September 28, 1932 - May 5, 2023

JoAnn Benson, long time resident of Darien and Stamford, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on May 5, 2023. JoAnn was born on September 28, 1932 in Laurel, Nebraska.

JoAnn is predeceased by her loving husband of 60 years Ellsworth F Benson, daughter Dana Zeiss, her parents and two brothers.

She is survived by her daughters Heather Benson and Jill Riith of Stamford and her son in law Andrew Zeiss of Stamford. She is also survived by her grandchildren Erik Zeiss of Stamford, Bryan Zeiss (Jenn) of East Haven, Michael Riith of Norwalk, Morgan Zeiss (Mike Belaineh) of Boynton Beach, FL and her great-grandchildren Kaleb Belaineh, Ava Viera and great granddaughter due August 25.

JoAnn was a very well-loved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. If she wasn't in her garden, you could find her curled up next to her fireplace with a book and her beloved dog Corky.

JoAnn was an avid gardener and dedicated member of the Shippan Garden Club. She was an active member of the Noroton Presbyterian Church. She spent 25 years working for the March of Dimes as the vice president in charge of training.

A funeral service will be celebrated at 1:30pm on Wednesday, May 17th at Noroton Presbyterian Church, 2011 Post Road Darien, CT.

In lieu of flowers, we are asking donations be made to the Humane Society of Westport in JoAnn's name.

If you wish to make an online remembrance for the family online, you may sign the family guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome) .

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 17. 1:30 PM (ET)

Noroton Presbyterian Church  
2011 Post Road  
Darien, CT 06820

# Tribute Wall

KZ

“ Rest in peace now, JoAnn, your exemplary work here is done. We/I thank you for your many many years of service, kindness, and friendship. May your family find comfort in knowing the many lives you touched, were made better in some way.

Kathy Zimmerman - June 21, 2023 at 06:25 PM

KE

“ So sorry to hear of JoAnn’s passing. She was one of my favorite people at the MOD National Office. She was loved by staff and volunteers alike. Jo taught me a lot. Rest In Peace with Ellsworth. Much love, Karen Emanuel

Karen Emanuel - June 21, 2023 at 11:20 AM

JM

“ We visited my parents in Stamford often, and always had a great time with JoAnn and Ellsworth. We have nice memories of seeing them and other members of the Stamford Wine and Garden Clubs, especially during the holidays and long Fourth of July weekends. JoAnn and Ellsworth were exceptionally kind to my children – and that’s something you always remember. My daughter Lucy did her first horseback riding on Prince. My son Ben especially loved JoAnn – when he was very young (and didn’t know any better) he called her “Jo-Baby”.

So many great memories.

We will miss you “Jo-Baby”.

Love,

Jason, Jen, Lucy and Ben Miller

Jason Miller - May 15, 2023 at 03:56 PM

PW

“ We will always remember Jo as elegant, kind, girlish and sympathetic. She was a treasured member of the Shippan garden club and I am so glad she received a special honor a short while ago. Our condolences to the family . May her reunion with her beloved Elsworth be joyous. Patti and David Watkins

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**patti and David Watkins** - May 15, 2023 at 07:04 AM

AA

*I am very saddened at loosing my good friend Jo who was a stable in my life for many years. I admired her positivity, sense of fun and style and her young mind. May Jo Rest In Peace knowing that she left a positive mark on so many lives.  
My thoughts are with her family.  
Annette Atkinson*

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**Annette Atkinson** - May 19, 2023 at 03:18 PM

MF

*I fell in love with JoAnn the first moment that I met her at the March of Dimes when she interviewed me for a position as her administrative assistant. That was 40 years ago! JoAnn was never just my boss. She was a mentor and a friend who inspired me every day. I actually looked forward to going to work knowing that she would be there.*

*JoAnn Benson was absolutely beautiful inside and out, and I often thought that if more people could be like her, the world would be a much better place. JoAnn did not just inspire me with her grace and elegance; she was a positively amazing speaker who could make people laugh and cry at the very same time.*

*JoAnn was a true treasure in my life, and I am a better woman today for having known and loved her.*

*Maureen E. Ford, Rancho Palos Verdes, California*

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**Maureen E. Ford** - July 08, 2023 at 06:50 PM