



## Benita Jay Bowman

July 5, 1946 - July 19, 2020

Benita Jay Bowman, 74, of Bristol, TN passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2020 in the Johnson City Medical Center, Johnson City, TN. She was born in Boston, MA on July 5, 1946, a daughter of the late Benjamin Franklin Jay and Dorothy Crosby Jay. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Julia Jay and Susan J. Binkley; her step-mother, Mary Henson Jay; and one step-sister, Carla Black.

Benita had made her home in Bristol most all of her life and was of the Methodist faith. She had worked as the office administrator at Glenwood, Shelby Hills, and Mountain View Cemeteries for over thirty years. She truly loved her job! She was an avid reader and spent many hours reading novels and also enjoyed traveling on Sunshine Bus Tours. Benita was a very strong, independent, and self sufficient woman.

She is survived by one son, Johnny Lee Bowman, Jr. and his wife, Colleen, of Abingdon, VA; one daughter, Benita Julia "Julie" Barr and her husband, John, of Bristol, TN; three grandchildren, Cameron Jay Barr, Riley Lauren Blackstone, and Raelin Grace Bowman; one sister, Victoria J. Henson and her husband, Jim; one brother, CSM Ret. USA Joseph C. Jay and his wife, Miriam; a brother-in-law, David Binkley; one step-sister, Marilyn Oliver; two step-brothers, Paul Henson and his wife, Debbie, and Phil Henson and his wife, Sondra; two special friends, Bobbie Vincill and Carol Taylor; and several nieces and nephews.

A private committal service and interment was held at Glenwood Cemetery, Bristol, TN with Rev. Jim Henson officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to Ballad Hospice House, 280 Steele's Road, Bristol, TN 37620. Condolences for the family may be sent and viewed by visiting [www.BlevinsCares.com](http://www.BlevinsCares.com). Ms. Bowman and her family are in the care of Blevins Funeral & Cremation Services.(276) 669-6141.

# Comments

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“ Julie Barr lit a candle in memory of Benita Jay Bowman



julie barr - August 15, 2020 at 07:16 PM

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“ Benita first introduced me to the Tennessee READS program at the library. She walked me through how to sign up and recommended books to read. I appreciate her doing that! I will always remember her for her dedication to work and her love of reading. She was a very strong and independent woman.

Tammy Gilbert - July 30, 2020 at 02:51 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Bennie...very fond memories of growing up with Jay family in High Oaks...prayers for the all the family...  
Dianne DeBusk

Dianne DeBusk - July 26, 2020 at 11:18 PM

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“ “Nana B” was a part of my family too. Celebrating holidays or an occasional family dinner in Abingdon often included Nana B. She was always ready to discuss a trip she took or her latest read. She was kind and thoughtful. Things will not be the same without her company, but so thankful to have known and spent time with her. Much love to Johnny and Julie for sharing her. John and Shannon Sakalas

John & Shannon Sakalas - July 25, 2020 at 03:05 PM

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“ I am so sorry to learn of Benita’s death. She was one of the sweetest and most supportive women I have known. My deepest sympathy to Julie and Johnny.

**Gretchen Lampe** - July 25, 2020 at 09:53 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about Ms Benita passing. I haven’t seen her in several years since I left Internal medicine but I was one of the nurses that took care of her there. She was always a sweet lady when she came in. Prayers for the family.

**Leslie Francis** - July 24, 2020 at 07:13 PM

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“ Frank And Carolyn (Plank) Hunt lit a candle in memory of Benita Jay Bowman



**Frank and Carolyn (Plank) Hunt** - July 23, 2020 at 09:33 PM

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“ Johnny,Julie,and family, So sorry to learn of your mom's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time. Bobby and Lue Rogers

**Bobby and Lue Rogers** - July 23, 2020 at 08:43 PM

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“ Love and prayers for God's peace to comfort your entire family!  
Ken & Pam Ols (Huntsville, AL)  
Friends of Joe and Miriam Jay

**Ken & Pam Ols** - July 23, 2020 at 01:50 PM

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“ Sending love and condolences from our family to yours. -Janice Hoelscher

**Janice Hoelscher** - July 23, 2020 at 01:38 PM