



Eileen F. (Duran) Benson

March 7, 1949 - May 22, 2021

Murrells Inlet, SC

Eileen F. (Duran) Benson, 72, passed away suddenly at home on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Born in Boston, Mass on March 7, 1949, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Annette (Hicks) Duran. The youngest of 10 children, she was raised in South Boston and a graduate of Cardinal Cushing Central High School. While raising her four children, Eileen earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at Bridgewater State University. As a teacher for many years in the City of Brockton, both in Catholic and public schools, Eileen was tough, but fair, caring very deeply for her students and their families.

Eileen and her husband Leo enjoyed a wonderful retirement together living in Murrells Inlet, SC. She loved walking along the marsh walk, going to the beach, water aerobics, reading, attending mass, playing cards with her sisters, doing puzzles, watching sports, and traveling the world. She loved spending time with family and friends, but most of all her beloved grandchildren: Amelia, Logan and Hanley.

Eileen was preceded in death by her sisters Margaret "Peggy" Bagtaz and Ruth Duran, as well as her brothers Jimmy, Jay, John and Daniel Duran. She is survived by her sisters Marylou Yanovich of MA, Annette Grealish of NC, and her brother David Duran of OK. She was Auntie Eileen to numerous nieces and nephews who she shared many fun memories and loved very much.

She is survived by her best friend and the love of her life, her husband Leo. They were looking forward to celebrating their 52nd anniversary on June 8th of this year. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children Kelly Benson of Canton, MA, Joseph Benson and his wife Laurie of the Netherlands, Kevin Benson and his wife Ashlye of Holyoke, MA, Lisa Benson and her husband Maurizio Rapisarda of Quincy, MA.

A celebration of Eileen's life will be held this summer in Massachusetts.

For those wishing to honor Eileen's memory, donations can be made to organizations that were close to her heart: The Epilepsy Foundation or The Brockton Education Foundation.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Oh, Eileen, I was shocked to hear of your passing. Oh the memories I have of our fun times on O Street when we were kids. I will miss you and your beautiful spirit. Thinking of Leo and the rest of the family. Love Melissa and Steve Daly

Melissa Daly - July 26, 2021 at 01:32 PM

BZ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. We have many memories of conversations with Eileen at Downey and Spellman softball games. May she rest in peace. We hope that the memories of the life you shared with her will help to ease your sorrow.

Bob and Claire Zamagni - May 27, 2021 at 09:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eileen F. (Duran) Benson.



May 25, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eileen F. (Duran) Benson.



May 25, 2021 at 07:53 PM



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May 25, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ *My heart was broken learning about Eileen’s sudden passing. I had been her nail tech for many years. We shared our life stories, drama and Asian cooking experience with each other. I saw her last two weeks ago when she mentioned how excited she was going to see all the children and grandchildren in a few weeks. Eileen you will be dearly missed and it had been a honor to have known a beautiful soul as you. Until we meet again. Leo and family please stay strong*



Ht Tra - May 25, 2021 at 08:33 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen F. (Duran) Benson.*



May 24, 2021 at 07:49 PM

SU

“ So many memories of getting into mischief in our high school days at Cushing! She always had that sparkle in her eyes as she convinced me " We won't get caught" Just follow me"! Sneaking around the basement tunnels of CCCH, Glee Club even though we didn't have a decent voice between us, working back stage for school plays. So many sleepovers at D Street I felt like part of the Duran family. Having a wicked crush on Danny and her threatening to tell him! Somehow we lost touch for awhile, but reconnected after we'd both had kids. Leo and Graham hit it off from the start. The bond was still there as we shared so many visits with each other over the years, especially the times at their beautiful retirement home in Murrels Inlet. The Dead Dog will never be the same! So many sweet times sucking down V&T's or Bloody Mary's as we watched the "show" along the marsh walk. Still wear my Bubba's Love shack hat and now will wear it with a smile, a tear and a nod to one of the sweetest joys of my life, my friend Eileen. Though we differed poliitically, we forgave each other for being 'misguided" (wink, wink). Until we meet again. Love you!



susan - May 24, 2021 at 06:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eileen F. (Duran) Benson.



May 24, 2021 at 05:59 PM

LA

“ Linda Adams lit a candle in memory of Eileen F. (Duran) Benson



Linda Adams - May 24, 2021 at 04:55 PM

JH

I was heartbroken to learn of my dear friend Eileen's passing. I remember when Jim and I first meant Leo and Eileen. We started talking about where we all were from and all said Massachusetts, then when they told us Brockton we asked where cause we had lived there once as well. Well we found out we lived about 2 blocks from each other. We all became fast friends. Meeting for dinner and drinks every Friday and talking about our kids and grandchildren. Leo and Jim talking Boston sports. I can't believe you are gone my friend. I will truly miss you! Until we meet again! Love you and Rest In Peace. ❤️ Stay strong Leo and family! ❤️

Judy and Jim Hunter - May 25, 2021 at 10:43 AM