



Benita May Spellman

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Benita May Spellman, 83, of Decatur, IL, fell asleep July 5, 2020 at St. Mary's Hospital where she passed into the arms of Jesus, who delivered her to her loved ones who have passed before her.

Benita was born February 26, 1937 in Urbana, IL, the daughter of Ernest Irwin and Norin (Gillispie) Allen. She married Jack Spellman and after his passing she married Buddy B. Spellman.

Benita was a member of New Beginnings Church of God. She would often volunteer her time with Good Samaritan Inn and Salvation Army. She fostered many children over the course of 10 years. Benita held a special affection to her pet dogs.

Surviving are her children Cindy Hardcastle (Dean) of Black Canyon, AZ, Scott Spellman (Carol) of Clinton, IL, Buddy Spellman of Clinton, IL; brothers, Dr. James Allen (Mary) of Forsyth, IL, Dr. Harold Allen of Clinton, IL; 5 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; sons, Randy Spellman and Curt Spellman and one sister Doris Earles.

Private services will be held at a later date at Graceland Cemetery.

Memorials: God's Shelter of Love, and New Life Pregnancy Center.

The Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Benita. Condolences may be left to her family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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Cemetery Details

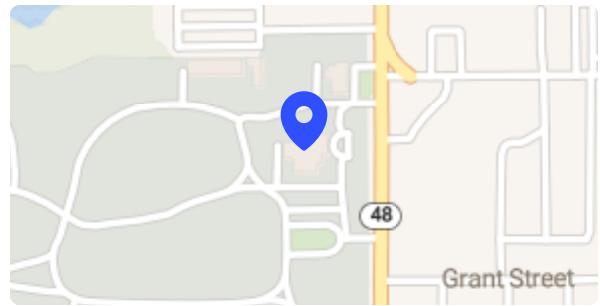


Graceland Cemetery

2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



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Tribute Wall

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DS

Deana Streight posted:

Now in Heaven gone from this world you will never be forgotten, your laughter contagious your smile so warm a friend forever thank you and Bud for accepting me as one of your foster children and thank you for. always being there as I was sick and going thru many surgeries you aware a much Blessing to all who encountered you. Being a customer to our business there are so many things to be thankful for you will be greatly missed God loaned you for awhile and we also thank him for you. Love you Robin

August 14 at 10:07 AM

DS

Deana Streight lit a candle in honor of Benita.



August 14 at 9:52 AM

LW

Linda K Wole posted:

To the family of Benita Spellman... what a precious person she was. I am so sorry for your loss and will be praying for your family! I got to know Benita and Bud as foster parents. Lots of fun foster parenting events and planning events for the kids. She loved all of her kids and did everything she could to make their lives much better. Benita and Bud also became very good friends with my parents James and Daisy Sutton while attending Maranatha Church ...my dad helped start and run the Water Street Mission and they became regular volunteers...They had a wonderful marital relationship...never left each others side...Benita loved the Lord with all her heart and always reached out to others...even by sending a card of encouragement. She will always be that special kind of friend...and will be missed dearly! Blessings Linda K Wolfe.

July 16 at 10:11 AM

LE

Laura Ekiss posted:

Benita was and will always be in my heart and I am a better person because of my friendship with her and her precious husband Bud. They were a team for Jesus and many lives have been changed because of their ministries through out the years. I loved being in their Sunday School Class that grew to about 45 people at New Beginnings Church of God. I am heart broken for her precious family that she dearly loved. I know she will be missed. I know she was loved. I know she is so HAPPY to be with Jesus and her loved ones who went before her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. May you feel Gods Love and Peace and carry on holding onto your precious memories. Love you all. Laura Ekiss

July 9 at 3:38 PM



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CH

Cindy Hardcastle shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Mother, I always thought you would outlive us all, what a shock to get the news Sunday. I remember all your trips to Arizona and how pleased you were when we bought that duplex where you had your own apartment right next to ours. The trip to Tombstone where we took that great picture of me and Dean, you, Bud and Dad, looking like desperados. You were the only one smiling-lol- the rest of us looked rough. Right before the man snapped our pic I had exclaimed "Let's all look like desperados!" The trip to Reata Pass steakhouse where Bud ordered rattlesnake for dinner! We had such great times. You are missed, Mother, but able to leave this world for a world with Jesus Christ. You always hoped for the rapture to come soon. I love you Mom.

July 7 at 10:43 PM

SL

Scott And Darla Lawrence posted:

To the family our deepest sympathy. Benita will be missed we went to New Beginnings Church where we met Benita and Bud. Was in their Sunday school class, and became closer with Benita even more after Bud;s passing. We helped her with things when she needed it.She was a special child of God. She always was smiling. Would always pray for us and so many other.She had a strong faith and loved her Lord Jesus Christ who she clung to with the passing of family she loved. One of her favorite scriptures she told me she liked was Be still and know that I am God. She wanted to make sure people know God and for them to be saved. She loved her Lord her family,her friends and her animals.We will miss you Benita until we meet again in Heaven. So sorry for your loss of a special and precious woman.With love, thoughts and prayers. Scott and Darla Lawrence.

July 7 at 3:52 AM

CR

Crystal Rentfro posted:

Bud and Benita came to Pray with me while I had back surgery many years ago. I've never forgot the comfort it brought me. They were amazing people. I am so glad she is in Heaven surrounded by loved ones so dear. You were such a special lady. I'm Blessed to have known you. Forever friends. Love, Crystal Rentfro

July 7 at 3:26 AM



Media

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