



## Jeannette Emily Benson

May 30, 1986 - April 12, 2020

Jeannette Emily Benson, 33, of Wilmington, Delaware, suffered a sudden cardiac arrest on February 28, and died on April 12, 2020, at Seasons Hospice Unit at Christiana Hospital. Jeannette was born May 30, 1986, and attended St. John the Beloved grade school and St. Mark's High School, where she was an honor student and a member of St. Mark's soccer, cross-country and track teams. A standout soccer player, she was a member of the Hockessin United Soccer Club. In her senior year of high school, Jeannette received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy by then-Senator Joseph Biden. She attended the Naval Academy for two years where she played on the women's soccer team and performed with the gospel choir, then decided to return to Wilmington to finish her studies at Goldey Beacom College and graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration, Human Resource Management. One of Jeannette's many accomplishments of which she was most proud was completing the Marine Corps Marathon. In addition to being an accomplished athlete and student, Jeannette enjoyed art and creative writing. Most of all, Jeannette loved animals and enjoyed working as a volunteer with rescued cats. Jeannette had a kind heart and smile that will be sorely missed.

Jeannette is survived by her parents, Mary Jane and Barry Benson of Wilmington; sister, Renee Benson (Derek Burrows) of Bear; brother, Mark Benson (Jennifer) of Newark; niece, Katherine and nephew, Liam; brother, Joseph Benson (Pam) of Orange, VA; nephew, Joseph; uncles, Richard Benson (Cecilia) of Gibbstown, NJ and Gerald Czekala (Sue) of Manitowoc, WI; numerous cousins and friends; and her beloved cat, Raiden.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, services and burial will be private. A memorial service in honor of Jeannette will be held at a later date for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in memory of Jeannette be made to an animal rescue organization of your choice or Seasons Hospice, 220 Continental Dr. Ste. 100, Newark, DE 19713. To send an online condolence, visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com)

# Cemetery

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Private

# Comments

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“ Dear, Mary Jane, Barry, Mark and family,  
Mere words do not seem adequate to express our condolences on Jeannette's passing. Although we have not seen her since her high school days, we remember her wonderful spirit, her friendliness, her enthusiasm, and her incredible ability to kick a soccer ball even on the sidelines while watching her brother's games. Please know that we are thinking about all of you during what must be a heart-wrenching time in your lives.  
Love and hugs to all of you, Mark and MaryAnn Gladnick

Mary Ann Gladnick - April 19 at 08:14 AM

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“ We are so very sorry to read of the death of Jeannette at such a young age. We have many memories of her from St. John's and St. Mark's. May the memories of times spent together as a family help to fill this incredible void that you all must feel. May she Rest In Peace .  
Sincerely,  
Michele and Bob Shaw and Family

Michele Shaw - April 16 at 09:02 PM

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“ Dear Barry and Mary Jane. My brother Art Bookout just let me know of Jeannette's death and I am profoundly sad. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers as you live with this heart breaking loss. So many years of knowing each other even without being in touch year by year. My love to you. Jean Dougherty

Jean Dougherty - April 16 at 12:17 PM

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“ I only had the opportunity to know Jeannette for a short period of time, but during that time, I saw a genuine young lady with a sweet and loving personality. Rest in Peace, Sweet Lady! Condolences to the Family and Friends!

Gail McInerney

Gail McInerney - April 16 at 10:33 AM