



## Geralynn Sue Benson

November 8, 1953 - March 16, 2024

Geralynn (Geri) Sue Benson went to be with her heavenly Father on March 16, 2024, surrounded by her family. She was 70 years old.

Geri was born in Bellingham, WA to Frank and Jackie Bouwman on November 8, 1953. She graduated from Lynden Christian High School in 1972. After high school, she continued working as a CNA at Christian Health Care Center.

On May 7, 1974, Geri married her high school sweetheart, Mark Benson. Geri stayed home to raise their five children on a small family farm south of Lynden. Geri was a wonderful, loving, and patient mother who instilled a Biblical foundation in her children. She loved gardening, knitting, crocheting, the beach, and watching her children and grandchildren in all their activities.

Geri returned to the workforce in 1990 at the front desk for Nooksack Valley Disposal. In October 1997, she began her 27-year career at Lynden Manor, as the head receptionist. Geri was well-loved by the residents, their families as well as the staff of Lynden Manor.

Geri was a longtime member of Third Christian Reformed Church in Lynden. She was very involved in her church over the years. Geri sang in the choir and on the praise team, served as a deacon, wrote the church newsletter, and attended Bible studies.

Geri will be greatly missed by her husband of 49 years, Mark; her children Melanie (Joel) Van Den Brink, Brandon (Kim) Benson, Danielle (Trevor) Jorgensen, Sheena Oldham, and Matthew (Lindsey) Benson; her 12 grandchildren; her siblings Lori (John) Schnieder, Carol (Mark) Bratt, Terri Bouwman, and Kent (Candace) Bouwman; her in-laws Linda (Bill) Solvason, Marv (Bonnie) Benson, and Richard Farrell; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Jackie Bouwman; parents in-law Bert and Cecilia Benson; sister in-law Marlene Farrell; and grandson Dylan Oldham-Redlightning.

# Tribute Wall

J(

“ *My Prayers and thoughts are with you all. Geri was an amazing soul and was the face for Lynden Manor. I am honored I got to work with her for the 4 years I was there she was always upbeat and brought that to the Manor*  
*Jack Harrison*

---

**Jack Harrison (JD)** - March 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *On behalf of the O'Hara family, please accept our condolences.*

---

**Pastor Ted O'Hara** - March 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Thinking of My cousin Geri and all the fun we had growing up. Will miss her my prayers and thoughts are with her family* ❤️🙏

---

**Dixie Hayes Cornia** - March 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Benson family.*

---

**Kristi Howe** - March 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM