



Jennifer Benford

August 10, 1945 - December 23, 2021

Jennifer Murphy Benford passed away at home on December 23, 2021, after a battle with Alzheimer's. A graveside service will be held on December 27, at the Phil Campbell Cemetery at 11:00 a.m., with Pinkard Funeral Home directing and Bro. Terry Buster officiating.

Born at home on August 10, 1945, in the Union community, Jennifer lived most of her life in Franklin County. As a baby, she moved with her family to central Florida, where her daddy was a migrant truck driver in the orange groves during the harvest seasons of 1945 and 1946. Growing up, Jennifer attended Union and Phil Campbell schools. She married Terry Benford on July 26, 1962, and they moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for about a year. After returning to Phil Campbell, she attended trade school in Hamilton and became a licensed cosmetologist. She worked as a beautician for over 40 years and was much beloved by her clients.

Nicknamed Jitterbug by her daddy when she was very young, it was eventually shortened to Bug and it is what she was called by friends and family for the rest of her life. In 1990, she got her favorite name of all "Grandbug."

Jennifer was an active member of First Baptist Church of Phil Campbell, where she served as a preschool teacher for many years. An outstanding

cook, Jennifer loved preparing meals for her family and friends. She also loved the beach, Alabama athletics, and spending time with her family. Her beautiful smile could light up a room and she will be greatly missed.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur Belton and Loretta Oliver Murphy; brother, Tim Murphy; sister, Joan Wilson; and her mother-in-law, Sallie Benford. She leaves behind to cherish her memories, her husband of 59 years, Terry; children, Cindy (John) and Josh (Tessa); grandchildren, Brooks and Allie Grace Merrill, Brandtley and Kinsley Benford; brother, Birvin Murphy; sisters-in-law, Jackie Hutcheson (Tommy), Sarah Nix and Janice Anderson; brother-in-law, J.M. Benford (Joan) and Billy Wilson, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Pall bearers will be Bruce Swinney, Phillip Fleming, Wyatt Hutcheson, Randy Ergle, Brooks Merrill and Robin Wilson.

The family would like to thank the caregivers from Burns Rehab and Hospice of North Alabama for the wonderful care over the last few weeks. Also, many thanks to our friends and family for the calls, visits, food and most especially prayers over these last few weeks.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, First Baptist Church of Phil Campbell or a charity of personal choice.

Our hearts are broken but we do not mourn as those who have no hope. 1 Thessalonians 4:13. We are grateful for the promise of Jesus. We will see her again.

Cemetery Details

Phil Campbell Cemetery

Phil Campbell, AL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Phil Campbell Cemetery
Phil Campbell, AL

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Jennifer was my special friend and classmate. We had some special times together and I had the honor of introducing her to Terry who was my childhood friend and more of a brother since we grew up as neighbors in Batestown. Jennifer was so thoughtful of my family always coming to help us. I love you so much and will see you again. Rest In Peace💕💕

AliceArrington - January 04, 2022 at 02:19 PM

MM

“ Jennifer was a very special lady. I always enjoyed getting to visit with her when my husband,Horace, and I would go to Cindy and John's home to attend the Alabama football games. She almost always brought a special dish for us to enjoy. Rest in Peace Jennifer ,you will be greatly missed . Mart T .Merrill

Mary T. Merrill - December 25, 2021 at 11:21 AM

GC

“ Jennifer and I became friends in 1965. She was such a sweet and kind young lady with a smile that was contagious. She did my hair up until she had a stroke and was unable to work. Jennifer was such a beautiful soul and there is no doubt God picked a beautiful flower. Fly high precious Angel I will see you again. I pray that God will bless her loving family in these difficult days ahead🙏

Glennith Cochran - December 24, 2021 at 08:57 PM

BS

Terry, so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you buddy.

Berry Stalcup - December 27, 2021 at 04:29 PM

GC

“ *Glenneth Cochran lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Benford*



Glenneth Cochran - December 24, 2021 at 08:39 PM

DM

“ *To know Jennifer was to love her. She had one of the most beautiful and warm smiles that she shared with all her clients. Love to all the family. Dora McCreless*

Dora McCreless - December 24, 2021 at 07:55 PM

RG

“ *Terry, Reba and I still remember our activities on Saturday night with you, Jennifer and Cindy before Reba went into labor at 3am on Sunday. Jennifer was a special light in all our lives.*

Robert Glasgow - December 24, 2021 at 02:04 PM

DB

“ *Debbie Benford lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Benford*



Debbie Benford - December 24, 2021 at 01:49 PM

MB

“ *Michael Benford lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Benford* ”



Michael Benford - December 24, 2021 at 01:47 PM