



Jacqueline Preston Benedict

February 10, 1928 - October 8, 2019

Jacqueline Brown (Preston) Benedict, long time resident of Charlotte, NC, formerly of Binghamton, NY, died peacefully in her sleep October 8, 2019. Mrs. Benedict was a graduate of Binghamton North High School and spent her career as first a legal secretary and later as a paralegal. She worked for many years for Rollin Twining of Twining, Nemias, Hill and Griffin in estate law, later moving to Charlotte and working in the Patent Law department in IBM. She is a past president of the Binghamton Chapter of National Secretaries and recipient of the Kathryn K. Bell Award for her outstanding skills as a legal secretary. She also served as Educational Secretary in the Binghamton chapter of Legal Secretaries. She was a member of St. Paul's Church in her youth and later of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Hillcrest, NY where she raised her children. She married her high school sweetheart, Kenneth R. Preston, in 1946 and was widowed in 1971 after 25 very happy years. She later married Lawrence R. Benedict and was again widowed after 33 years. She was also predeceased by her parents John Francis (Louise) Brown, her sister Frances Louise Brown, and brother John Joseph Brown and brother in law, Paul Herman Preston. She is survived by her siblings, Elizabeth Stein and Thomas (Kathy) Brown, and her sister-in-law Ann Brown. She is also survived by her five children, David Lee (Suzanne) Preston of Charlotte, Susan Elizabeth (Lawrence) Davern of Charlotte, Timothy Oliver (Phyllis) Preston of Albany, NY, Philip James (Fotini) Preston of Valrico, FL and Bridget Preston Costner of Charlotte. She is also survived by her grandchildren Christine Burns, Valerie (James) Molyneaux, Holly (Carlos) Caulder, Amy Davern, Bridget (John) Miller, Cara Preston, James Preston, Jessica (Andy) Mitrano, Joanna Koulis, D'Arcy (George) Astridge and Devon O'Grady. She is also survived by her great grandchildren, Veronica and Michaela Preston, and Jordan Koonce, Zoey, Tucker and Bayleigh Caulder, Taylor (Ryan) Cox, Christopher Ewen, and Elizabeth Ewen, Kevin, Ian, Ben and Sean Preston, Andrew Preston, Kenrick Mitrano, and Lily Astridge, as well as two great great grandchildren, Luke and Peyton Cox. She also leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

She will be remembered for her talents at the piano for over 80 years, her artistry on canvas, in the gardens, in stitchery and at the sewing machine. She was a financial supporter of St. Jude's Children's Hospital for many years and the family requests that

donations be made to St. Jude's in her name in lieu of flowers. Visitation will be held in the chapel of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Charlotte on Monday, October 14 at 12:00 p.m. with a funeral mass following at 1:00 p.m., followed by a private family memorial.

Comments



“ She was the kindest person I knew. She was so good at everything she did. I hope everyone could be more like her. She really knew how to make you laugh. I love you Nana.

bayleigh - February 13 at 08:18 AM



“ Jackie was one of my favorite friends, and although we list touch with each other, I found myself quoting her often and telling some of her entertaining accounts, usually ending in "people are funnier than anybody."
She was a very caring and compassionate person...and she had a great sense of humor. She will be missed and I look forward to seeing her in heaven at some future time. God bless her family and comfort them as they say goodbye.

Becky Harris Teague - December 04, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ To the family of Jackie Benedict:

Il worked with your Mom for several years at IBM Corporation in the Patent Legal Dept. here in Charlotte. I enjoyed working with her over the years. She shared her experience and was so helpful to me. I appreciated her so much. I lost contact with your Mom after she retired.

Sorry to hear of your loss. She was a great lady.

Peggy Gates - December 01, 2019 at 09:24 PM