



## Marilyn Jean Benner

December 19, 1930 - April 30, 2015

Marilyn Jean Benner, 84, of Toledo, Ohio passed away on Thursday April 30th, 2015 at Heartland of Waterville Nursing and Rehab, in Waterville, Ohio. She was born on December 19, 1930 in Toledo, Ohio to Arthur and Francis (Snyder) Eller.

Marilyn grew up in Toledo, Ohio. She graduated from Whitney Vocational High School in 1949 with a degree in cosmetology. After high school Marilyn married James Leo Benner in 1950. They were happily married for 38 years until James' passing. Marilyn enjoyed everything about life with her interest in nature serving as a volunteer for the Toledo Zoological Society several years, gardening, and feeding the wildlife in her yard. She enjoyed long road trips, the Ohio State University and Pittsburg Steelers football teams, and most importantly being a wife, mother and grandmother.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband James, grandson Timothy Benner, sister Donna (Eller) French and brother Richard Eller. Marilyn is survived by her six sons Steven John (Debra), Michael James (Karen), John Phillip (Karen), James Allen, Richard Joseph (Janice), Thomas Edward Benner and her daughter, Laura Ann (James) Kerste; 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren with 2 more on the way.

Visitation will be held at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road,

Toledo, Ohio on Friday, May 8th from 2 – 8 p.m. The funeral will begin in the mortuary at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 9th followed by a mass at 10:00 a.m. from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 2255 Central Grove, Toledo, Ohio. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial donations in Marilyn's memory may be given to Make-A Wish Foundation, 1745 Indian Wood Cir #130, Maumee, OH 43537 and The Toledo Zoological Society, 2700 Broadway Street, Toledo, Ohio 43609.

Condolences may be shared at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Ave  
Toledo, OH 43615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614  
(419) 865-1295  
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Your all in my prayers, so sorry for your loss.*

*Molly Stroh*



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**molly stroh** - May 08, 2015 at 12:45 PM



“ *I remember growing up with my second family, Mrs. And Mr. Benner always made me feel welcome in there home. A great women. Even though I haven't seen you guys in 30 years, I fondly remember the times with your family. Sorry I can't be there, but I am thinking of you all. Love you guys.*

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**Ed Nauman** - May 08, 2015 at 09:39 AM



“ *Laura Kerste lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Jean Benner*



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**Laura Kerste** - May 06, 2015 at 09:02 PM



“ Mom and I were staying a weekend with our neighbors on Sand Lake one summer. My Mom and I shared a room. The 1st night there, when it was time to go to bed, we settled all in and it was very quiet. All of a sudden we heard the Biggest Bull Frog Croak that I have ever heard. Well, my Mom started laughing and she got me laughing. We could not stop Laughing. And that darn old Bull Frog went all night! We had little sleep that night. I will never forget it. I Love laughing with you Mom and Miss it greatly! I Love You. Your Daughter, Laura Ann Kerste

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**Laura Kerste** - May 06, 2015 at 09:01 PM



*I can picture that.*

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**James A Benner** - May 07, 2015 at 01:38 PM



“ *Some of Moms favorite things...*

- *Peppermint Patties*
- *Watching the woodpeckers at the feeder.*
- *Feeding the chipmunks on her front porch.*
- *Mixed Nuts (She always passed the can to me when only peanuts were left).*
- *Long car rides up the river or along the lake shore.*
- *Christmas and decorating the house.*
- *Her roses. Especially Charlies Rose.*
- *Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, and the Ohio Lottery Cash Explosion game shows.*
- *The weather station with the news ticker repeating itself 24hrs. a day.*
- *Watching the night sky and asking what the names of the planets shining were.*
- *Spotting the International Space Station floating overhead. (JIM, TOM. HURRY UP OR YOU WILL MISS IT!).*
- *Menards Home Improvement store*
- *Mercedes Benz convertibles*
- *Big Ben Roethlisberger*
- *The Ohio State University Football (RUN, RUN, RUN. GET EM, GET EM, GET EM. That can't be legal. can it?)*
- *Watching golf on T.V.*
- *Knefflies with peaches, Bean Soup, Baked Salmon and Rudy Hot Dogs Chilli Mac*
- *The Glendale Garden Cafe*

*I could go on forever. I will miss these little things*

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**James A Benner** - May 04, 2015 at 10:42 PM



“ *James A Benner purchased the Pure Faith Pillow for the family of Marilyn Jean Benner.*



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**James A Benner** - May 04, 2015 at 10:04 PM

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“ As I sit here in mom's house a strange eerie feeling sweeps through me. Sure, everthing is the same but somehow different. The clock still tics an hour behind, the smell of freshner fills the air and SammyLou has retreated to his normal postion under the roll top desk, seeking out the last rays of the daily sunshine streaming through the window.

*Yet it's all different.*

*The quiet is deafening, the lump in my throat feels the size of a grapefruit, and my heart pounds in rage against my chest.*

*The pictures on the wall which previously brought great happiness now seem to stare at me as memories of time gone by. The plants are wilting, mostly due to lack of care, but I somehow cannot shrug the thought that they are reflective of a dying atmosphere.*

*The caretaker is not returning. SammyLou squint at me and I can read through his half open eyes..."When is Mom coming home?"*

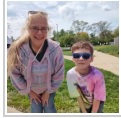
*I peril in the thought that the answer is never, I gather him up for comfort. I'm not sure who needs each other the most right now. The T.V. is off for turning it on would only highlight the insuccnificance of the make believe in comparison to the hardship and pain of reality.*

*Knowing that Mom will not return fills me with sadness beyond description. I know that over time these feelings will fade, replaced by fond memories of when we laughed, cried and fought together. As a caregiver for my Mother the past 26 years since the passing of Dad, her absence will leave a huge void in my life which I'm not sure how to replace right now.*

*I love you Mom. I will miss you. But I will never forget you. You will forever be in my heart.*

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**James Benner** - May 03, 2015 at 11:15 AM



*So sorry Jim for your loss of your mom. Nothing can fill that void and I know no words can comfort, but know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Teri Hill-Waller** - May 04, 2015 at 07:44 AM