



Mrs. Janet (Gee) Godsey-Bentsen

August 30, 1942 - September 23, 2023

Coming to the end of her journey on earth, Mrs. Janet (Gee) Godsey-Bentsen (“Mama Jan”) has returned to her heavenly home.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy in Tyler with The Reverend Mark Braaten officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Jan was born August 30, 1942, in Longview, Texas to Floyd Stayton Gee and Lenora C. Vandiver Gee. After moving to Tyler, she attended Tyler Junior College.

The longtime Tyler resident led a long life with many accomplishments and friends. She was community-oriented and volunteered with many organizations, including Mother Frances Hospital, the American Red Cross, and the City of Tyler Police Department. While serving with the Red Cross, Jan was a first responder after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center (Twin Towers) and spent 16 weeks at ground zero while exposed to hazardous toxins. She received many honors and acknowledgments related to her community service.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Bentsen, Sr. and her brothers Floyd S. Gee Jr. of Abilene, TX and David Robert Gee of Myrtle Beach, SC and James F. Gee of Sherman, TX. She is survived by two children, Mary McCool Like (Steven) of Phoenix, AZ and Jimmy Don Moore (Aleta) of Jacksonville, TX, as well as two step-children, Barbara Bentsen DeCesare (Kent) of Chicago, IL and David Bentsen Jr. (Julie) of Sherman, TX. Her extensive family includes 21 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren as well as her loving and special friends, Rosie and Bill Bellenfant of Tyler, TX.

In memory of Jan, donations may be made to Hope Cancer Center of Tyler, 721-A Clinic Drive, Tyler, TX 75701 (www.hopcancertexas.com) or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

SEP 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PA

“ Mary and Jimmy (and family) so sorry about your Mom, sorry I couldn't make it to visitation or the service as I couldn't get off work, but want you to know I'm there with ya, love you all and sorry I don't get to be there for you. Paula

Paula Allums - September 28, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Janet (Gee) Godsey-Bentsen.

September 27, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Janet (Gee) Godsey-Bentsen.



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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Janet (Gee) Godsey-Bentsen.



September 26, 2023 at 08:44 PM