



Laverne "Pooch" Benefield

October 21, 1936 - May 17, 2018

Laverne "Pooch" Benefield, 81 of Thebes died Thursday, May 17, 2018 at Integrity Healthcare in Anna, Illinois.

She was born on October 21, 1936 in McClure, Illinois to Johnny and Ella Burchyett Kaufman. She married Earl "Fuzz" Benefield on December 10, 1955.

Laverne worked on the assembly line at Davis Electric in Cape Girardeau for over 30 years before retiring to take on a much more important job, babysitter for her grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Christ Church of the Heartland in Cape Girardeau.

Laverne is survived by her husband Earl Benefield; 2 daughters, Connie (David) Newell and Lisa (Guy) Lesch; 4 granddaughters, Stacy (John) Davis, Kelli Holloway, Ashley (Matthew) Follis and Lindsay Newell; 8 great grandchildren, McKenzie, Bryce, Kylie, Kiersten, Mallory, Blayne, Adalyn and Kinleigh; 4 brothers, John (Roberta) Kaufman, Donnie (Joanie) Kaufman, Lloyd (Kay) Kaufman and Curtis Jacobs; 3 sisters, Roberta (Jack) Stevens, Marcia (Jimmy) Scherer and Judy Sander; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 brothers, Thomas "TD" Kaufman, Bill Kaufman, and Jackie Kaufman and 1 sister, Mary Watson.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Monday, May 21, 2018 at Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral services for Laverne Benefield will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday at

the funeral home with Pastor Zack Strong officiating. Interment will follow at Lindsey Cemetery in McClure.

Memorial contributions can be made to Lindsey Cemetery and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **21.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Cape Girardeau
829 N. West End Blvd
(4 blocks north of Southeast Hospital)
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 335-3223
crain@crainsonline.com

Service

MAY **22.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Laverne "Pooch" Benefield*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I have so many good memories with Pooch in High School and the senior Trip. I am just out of the hospital and can not attend funeral. She will be missed. Sue LaBuyere*

Sue LaBruyere - May 22, 2018 at 09:33 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Laverne "Pooch" Benefield.*



May 18, 2018 at 04:32 PM



“ *I remember spending nights with th girls and Aunt Poochie would show us the exercises she would do to keep her girlish figure. She was always so much fun. It amazed me when we would get up for school or whatever and eat our breakfast and the girls would fix their coffee! I had never seen anyone younger than our parents drink coffee! Aunt Poochie it was an honor to know you* ❤️

Terrie Benefield Harter - May 17, 2018 at 05:27 PM