



## Judith Ann Benson

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Judith Ann Benson, a beloved sister, aunt, and friend, passed away on March 13, 2026, at the age of 81. Judith (Judy) lived a life marked by service, leadership, and deep connections with family and community.

Born on April 23, 1944, to James Russell Benson and Mary Alleen Walker Benson. Judy grew up with strong values that guided her throughout her life. She graduated from Monticello High School in 1962 and went on to attend Arkansas College (now Lyon College) and graduated in 1966.

Judy devoted her professional life to helping others. She began her career as a teacher with the Hampton School District in Hampton, Arkansas, before transitioning to Arkansas Social Services, where she served as a caseworker, county director, and field supervisor supporting multiple counties. In 1973, she continued her career with the Social Security Administration, with roles that took her to New Orleans, Camden, El Dorado, and West Memphis. After more than 30 years of dedicated service, she retired in July 2004.

Outside of her professional life, Judy was deeply involved in her community. She was an active member of Camden Business and Professional Women for many years and proudly served as its president. Her commitment to

mentorship and leadership extended to her work with the Girl Scouts of Conifer Council., where she first served as a troop leader, and later as a member of the Conifer Council Board of Directors where she served 10 years the last six as President, leaving a lasting impact on countless young women.

Judy had a creative spirit and a love for life's simple joys. She was a talented seamstress and quilter, and she enjoyed traveling and sharing her experiences with others. She was also a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church in Searcy, where her faith and fellowship were important parts of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Frankie Carrington and Mary Newberry.

Judy is survived by her brother, James Russell Benson Jr.; her sisters, Mattie Seward (David) and Jeanne Farris; and many nieces and nephews who will cherish her memory.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Searcy on March 27 at 3:00 p.m.

Burial will follow at Whitefield Cemetery in Ogemaw, Arkansas (Ouachita County) on Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services, First Presbyterian Church Searcy, or Charity of your choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 27. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
400 West Arch Avenue  
Searcy, AR 72143

## Burial

MAR 28. 2:00 PM.

Whitefield Cemetery  
Ogemaw, AR

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was going through a sad time and Judith welcomed me and my children into her home for a couple of days. I never told her how special those days were to me.

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**Virginia Dell Scott** - March 23 at 04:18 PM

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“ Although I hadn't seen Judy for many years, way back to our time at Lyon College, then A.C., I have many fond memories of her and her fun, outgoing personality that made everyone want to be around her....so very sorry to hear of her passing.

*Betty (Monroe) O'Brien*

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**Betty Monroe O'Brien** - March 19 at 06:15 PM

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*Thank you Betty for your kind comment.*

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**Mattie Seward** - March 22 at 04:34 PM