



Daryle L. Bens

January 15, 1933 - November 28, 2025

Daryle L. Bens, 91, of Gloversville, passed away on Friday, November 28, 2025, at Wilkinson Residential Healthcare Facility.

She was born in Milton on January 15, 1933, a daughter of Harold and Mamie Hendricksons Barchard and was a 1951 graduate of Ballston Spa High School. Later, Daryle attended Nathan Littauer School of Nursing in Gloversville, graduating in August 1953.

She began her nursing career in the pediatric ward at Nathan Littauer Hospital. After her children were born, Daryle worked for Dr. Louis Tremeante until his retirement and later for Dr. Martin Smith, until his death. Then she became a charge nurse at the Nathan Littauer Hospital Extended Care for five years. Daryle returned to the Hospital and worked in the emergency department until retiring in 1993. She was a devoted nurse and was well-respected by patients and co-workers.

At one time, Mrs. Bens worked part time as an aide at Park Terrace School in Gloversville.

She was a former member of Fremont United Methodist Church. Later in life, Daryle participated in the RCIA program and became a member of the former Sacred Heart Church in Gloversville. She was involved in the religious education program there and later was a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Mrs. Bens was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, formerly in Gloversville.

Daryle enjoyed music, attending the theater, baking and cooking. Above all, she cherished spending time with her family.

Daryle was married to Robert "Bob" Bens on November 28, 1954. Sadly, he died on June 25, 1988. In addition to her parents and husband, Daryle was predeceased by her brother, Hugo Matson.

Survivors include a son, Kurt Bens (Kelly) of Gloversville; a daughter, Holly (Richard) Szumowski of Whitehouse, TN; a brother, Keith (Robin) Potter of Lexington, VA; a grandson, Tyler Capparello; three sisters-in-law, Dorthea Langr, Karen Springfello, and Judith Provost; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, December 5, 2025, from 4-6 pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106, (corner of Route 29 and Black St.) Johnstown, NY. A prayer service will follow at 6 pm at the funeral home with Rev. Matthew Wetsel, officiating. The FulMont Chapter of the Nurse's Honor Guard will conduct a service at 6:30 pm at the funeral home. Cremation will take place at Park View Crematorium in Schenectady and final burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gloversville at a later date.

UPDATE: SPRING BURIAL INFORMATION

A graveside service will be held at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gloversville on Friday, April 10, 2026 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Matthew Wetsel, officiating.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
111 County Highway 106
Johnstown, NY 12095
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Prayer Service

DEC 5. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Nurses Honor Guard Service

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Final Burial

APR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Prospect Hill Cemetery
Gloversville, NY 12078

Tribute Wall

DV

“ To the Ben's family, with deep sadness I just found out of your mom's passing, I enjoyed caring for her in her home and visiting her at the nursing home. Her wit was with her always. I know she's resting well now with her husband.
Kirk you were a good son Love your friend Darlene Vogt

Darlene Vogt - December 22, 2025 at 07:44 AM

LD

“ Liz Desmoines purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Daryle L. Bens.



Liz Desmoines - December 04, 2025 at 04:52 PM

LD

“ Liz Desmoines planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daryle L. Bens.

Liz Desmoines - December 04, 2025 at 04:52 PM

TS

“ Tim, Steve, Dave Szumowski purchased the Multi color Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Daryle L. Bens.



Tim, Steve, Dave Szumowski - December 03, 2025 at 04:31 PM

BB

“ My sympathy to Daryl’s family. I am a graduate of NLH, class of 60, and worked with her. She was a great nurse and person. May she RIP.

Barbara Bulger

Barbara Bulger - December 03, 2025 at 11:22 AM

RG

“ Holly,

I am so sad to learn of “Mother Bens” passing. Our years together at Nathan Littauer Hospital were such precious times. She was such a wonderful nurse and, such a great lady. It’s times like these that memories are such precious treasures....thinking of you and Kurt during this difficult time, may your Faith and family be of comfort. Rest in Peace dear “Mother Bens”.....

*Ron Gray
Malta, NY*

Ronald Gray - December 02, 2025 at 09:37 PM

GI

“ Kurt, Holly and family,

We are so sorry to read of your mom’s passing. She was such a nice person. Sending our condolences to you all.

~ Abby & Mike Gisondi ~

Gisondi - December 02, 2025 at 07:44 PM

MJ

“ *Holly and family: I remember your mother growing up. She worked with my mother at NLH.*

Your mother will be remembered by her kindness and beautiful smile.

I know that all of you will have many memories that will give you strength and comfort during this time, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bill, Marj and Abby Jones



Marj Jones - December 02, 2025 at 07:43 PM

SL

Holly, so sorry to hear of your Mom,s passing -great lady always fun to be around ,oh did I mention she was also a great nurse caring, empathetic again sorry for your loss.

sheila lewis - December 03, 2025 at 09:09 AM

TA

Holly - so sorry to hear about your Mon's passing. She was my aunts roommate at Wilkinson before my aunt passed away on Nov. 1. I would go over and say Hello to her and tell her I worked with you. Offering my sympathy.

Trish Anderson - December 03, 2025 at 10:15 AM

KA

Dear Ben, Holly, and family,

Sorry to read of the loss of your Mother. I didn't know her personally ,but her life story was filled with caring and active acts of kindness! Kurt, your care giving for her in these last years will not be forgotten. Deepest sympathy to you and Holly.

Karen Visconti-Ameduri

karen ameduri - December 04, 2025 at 04:38 AM

EY

Kurt and Holly,

I'm so sorry to read of your Mom's passing. She was a great person & nurse and so fun to be around ! I can still hear her laugh :) Memories are what we have to hold on, keeping them alive in our hearts always. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Ellen Bradford (Murphy) Yates

Ellen Bradford Yates - December 04, 2025 at 01:53 PM