



Miss Jennifer Marie Tougas-Benlien

April 18, 1986 - July 20, 2021

Miss Jennifer Marie Tougas-Benlien, 35, of Hinsdale passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on July 20, 2021, following a long and courageous battle with Glioblastoma Brain Cancer. Jennifer was a warrior enduring multiple surgeries and treatments. She was born in Pittsfield on April 18, 1986, the daughter of Bob and Emma Pettit Benlien, she was a 2004 graduate of Wahconah Regional High School.

Jennifer was an accomplished singer, She loved singing at church and competing in many singing competitions. Auditioning for American Idol she made it all the way to the call back round that was held in Boston. She also enjoyed dancing, photography, flowers, animals, but most of all Jennifer was a devoted Christian and loved Jesus. Jennifer was a member of the Dalton United Methodist Church, First Cheshire Baptist Church, and later attended New Life Church and Open Door Church in Lee.

She was diagnosed with Brain Cancer in 2008, she took up the challenge and started to inspire and share the message to others about Brain Cancer awareness. In doing so countless individuals reached out to her and shared their stories of their own battles with her. Through this she established a large extended family that lifted each other up and supported each other through their treatments and procedures. One of her means of communication was through Facebook and she has friends all over the world. It was not uncommon for her to be called an inspiration to others. Being a devote Christian, Jennifer wanted to help and educate others while dealing with her

own ailments. Jennifer's love and compassion for people shined through even in her hardships. She had a smile that would light up a room and a bubbly spark that brought joy and laughter to those who knew her.

Her story was shared on Facebook "Auntie M Brain Tumours", "StacheStrong" and "2nd Chance 2 Live" under the name Jennifer Marie.

She is survived by her parents Bob and Emma Benlien, sisters Angelica Tougas, Jessica Benlien, Heather Bourassa, Brother In-Law Keith Bourassa, three Nephews, one Niece, Grandmother, many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends.

FUNERAL NOTICE:

A memorial service for Miss. Jennifer M. Tougas-Benlien will be held Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 4PM at the Unity Terrace at Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East St., Pittsfield, MA 01201, celebrated by Pastor Jim Guenther. For those who are unable to attend, a live webcast will be available. To view this service, please visit <http://www.dwyerfuneral.com/obituaries/permalink/10063682/LTWebcast>

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to "The National Brain Tumor Society" in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East St., Pittsfield, MA 01201, in her memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Service

JUL **29**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Pittsfield

220 East St.

Pittsfield, MA 01201

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Miss Jennifer Marie Tougas-Benlien*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - July 27, 2021 at 11:49 AM

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*We are so very sorry for your loss.
Pete & Rose Schnopp*

Rose & Pete Schnopp - July 31, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Miss Jennifer Marie Tougas-Benlien.*



July 30, 2021 at 07:45 AM

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“ *I just want to say that I am so soot for your loss. Iwill miss her beautiful flower pictures on fb they were beautiful . They made me smile. Chris f.*

chris ferry - July 30, 2021 at 12:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Miss Jennifer Marie Tougas-Benlien.



July 29, 2021 at 07:03 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Miss Jennifer Marie Tougas-Benlien.



July 26, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ I met Jenn on line, at a brain cancer group. She had so much knowledge and was so sincere, we hit it off right away. She always was so willing to help and give advice. I enjoyed our talks . U will miss her so much. Fly high Jenn, may your memory be eternal. Rest in the arms of the Lord.



Carol Bundschuh - July 26, 2021 at 10:08 PM



I meant to say "I will miss her so much". Sorry for the error

Carol Bundschuh - July 28, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Miss Jennifer Marie Tougas-Benlien.*



July 26, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Jody Angel Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of Miss Jennifer Marie Tougas-Benlien*



Jody Angel Lee - July 26, 2021 at 05:15 PM



REST IN PEACE DEAR JENNIFER MARIE... Your FAITH was so very Strong! You will always be an INSPIRATION to Brain Tumor Warriors. You are with JESUS now. No more suffering. No more pain. Just PEACE IN PARADISE... You've earned your Wings Faithful Warrior... You are Missed & Loved until we meet again. ❤️

Jody Angel Lee - July 26, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Miss Jennifer Marie Tougas-Benlien.*



July 26, 2021 at 05:02 PM