



Ms. Benn Edney fass

October 23, 1928 - May 15, 2014

Benn Edney fass quietly passed away Thursday morning, May 15th, 2014 at her home after 15 months of declining health. She was the daughter of R. Hubert & Evelyen Edney, born on a snowy day, October 23rd, 1928 in Asheville at Aston Park Hospital. She graduated from St. Genevieve's-of-the-Pines and attended Salem Academy. She was active in her youth in ACT, St. Mary's Church & all things involving her daughter.

She loved to travel from an early age and visited Cuba, Mexico, the Caribbean, Canada, Europe, Australia and New Zealand as well as many states from Hawaii and the San Juan Islands off the coast of Washington State to Maine and many states in between. A favorite trip was a week's cruise on the Mississippi Queen up the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Vicksburg and back with her daughter and fiancé.

She made her home here in Asheville, but had lived in Mobile, Alabama; Fort Lauderdale and Jacksonville, Florida and Texas briefly.

She was an entrepreneur, instrumental in establishing Kentucky Fried Chicken in Asheville in the early 60's and establishing Mail Boxes Etc. in Asheville in the mid 80's. She continued the family's generational interests in commercial real estate also.

She loved her home and yards of over 50 years and held many wonderful and memorable parties inside and out. She was the consummate hostess. Benn had exquisite taste in decorating and collecting. She was a fine artist both in pastels, watercolor & oil as well as china painting many lovely and personal pieces of art. She was enamored of Peanut's Woodstock and spent decades building her unique collection.

She is predeceased by her parents, her brother, R. Hubert Edney, Jr., her brother-in-law, Robert A. Rabbino and her sister-in-law, Louise Rabbino Pappin. She is survived by her daughter Benn Edney Fass, Jr and fiancé John T. Pickering, sister-in-law Evelyn C. Rabbino, nephews Roscoe H. Edney III, Robert A. Rabbino, Jr., and William C. Rabbino and nieces Debra Edney James and Jane B. Rabbino Miller, and their beautiful families.

She was beloved by those who knew her and adopted her daughter's friends as her own and their children, too. She will be missed by her diverse and multi-generational friends throughout the Asheville community and the world.

The family is very grateful to her excellent doctors, especially Dr. Michael Messino at Cancer Care and his special staff, her compassionate caregivers Karen, Kody, Renae and Eunice, and CarePartners Hospice.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave., is assisting her family. Visitation will be at Morris Funeral Home on Monday, May 19th from 6 to 8 p.m.

Graveside service will be in her family plot at Calvary Cemetery in Fletcher, Tuesday May 20th at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Benn's honor to Carolina Day School, The St. Genevieve's – Mother Potts Memorial Scholarship, attention: Ashly Maag, 1345 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC 28803.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Episcopal Churchyard

2840 Hendersonville Road
Fletcher, NC 28732

Previous Events

Family will Receive Friends

MAY 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
<http://morrisfamilycare.com>

Graveside Service

MAY 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Episcopal Churchyard
2840 Hendersonville Road
Fletcher, NC 28732

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Benn Edney Fass*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Dear Benn,
I often crossed paths with your mother during my "Asheville Years" (1968-1975) and will always remember her grace, wit, and charm (especially to this out-of-his-element Yankee).
Best to you and yours,
Brad Steinbauer*

Brad Steinbauer - December 09, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ *This extraordinary woman was a friend to me and I'm a better person for knowing Benn Fass.*

Sofia Mannos - June 20, 2014 at 06:19 PM



John and I thank you so very much Sofia. XOXOX

Benn E. Fass, Jr. - June 21, 2014 at 08:24 PM

AN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Although, I do not know your family personally, I would like to share some encouraging thoughts from the Bible. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3-4 states, And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death and we will be able to see them again once they resurrected as per John 5:28-29. May these words give you a new hope.

Ana - May 24, 2014 at 09:10 PM

SD

“ Benn,

You are in my thoughts, prayers and heart. Your mom was the true "southern lady" and will always be missed.

Susan Doloboff DiChiara

Susan Doloboff DiChiara - May 20, 2014 at 09:39 AM

BJ

Thank you so much Susan. It means a lot to John and I. XOXOX

Benn E. Fass, Jr. - June 21, 2014 at 08:25 PM

BF

“ 3 files added to the album *More of Mom!*



Benn Edney Fass - May 18, 2014 at 09:10 AM

ED

Words are inadequate to describe the influence Benn Sr. has had in my life. Not only was she there beaming and supporting me at every milestone, she marked each occasion by throwing a fabulous party in my honor. And an honor it certainly was. She has given me her time, attention, gifts too numerous to name, sound advice, unconditional love and the greatest example of what a strong, generous, beautiful, elegant lady is - she embodied it. I am so blessed to have been one of the lucky people to have loved her and been loved by her. Benn, you live forever in my heart until I see you again. Love always, Elana

Elana Bradfield Dasher - May 19, 2014 at 09:03 AM

BJ

Elana, thank so you so much for the very heartfelt words. It means the world to John and I. XOXOX

Benn E. Fass, Jr. - June 21, 2014 at 08:26 PM

RM

“ *Renae McIntosh lit a candle in memory of Ms. Benn Edney Fass*



Renae McIntosh - May 16, 2014 at 05:18 PM

RE

Ms. Benn was one of a kind. I have so much admiration and respect for her. She has touched my life in ways I could never have imagined. Much love, always

RenaeMcIntosh - May 16, 2014 at 07:49 PM

BJ

Thank you so much Renae. We are blessed to have you in our lives and John and I are so grateful for your kind words and love. XOXOX

Benn E. Fass, Jr. - June 21, 2014 at 08:26 PM