



Arthur Richard Benson

August 26, 1922 - August 25, 2012

Art Benson, age 89, died unexpectedly Saturday, August 25, 2012 in Bellingham, WA. He was born August 26, 1922 in Cadillac, MI, the son of the late Arthur and Anna (Swanson) Benson.

He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Michigan Tech in Mechanical Engineering. Art worked as a Mechanical Engineer for Kimberly Clark in Neenah, WI. Mr. Benson served his country during World War II in the Army, stationed in the Philippines. He married Tessa Waite on June 14, 1947 in Manton, MI. They made their home in Neenah, Wisconsin in 1950 and then moved to the Town of Vinland in 1964. Art's wife Tessa passed away in 1997. For the last 6 years Art has made his home in Bellingham, WA.

He is survived by his four children; Karolyn Benson- Williamson (husband Steve), Richard Benson (wife Barbara Luikens), Kathryn Keister (husband Bradley), Reginald Benson, seven grandchildren; Will Benson, Jennifer, Kirsten and K. Ellen Keister and Alexander (wife Alena), Nicholas and Katie Benson; one great-grandchild Catherine Quinn Hanna, sisters; Lucille Peterson (husband Joe) and Bernice Wondergem, brothers; Hartley Benson and Robert Benson, and many loving relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Tessa Benson, son Ronald Benson, sisters; Mildred Benson and Dorothy George and brother Leonard Benson.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM Saturday, September 1, 2012 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Reverend Bob Friske officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Township Cemetery, Manton. Friends may meet the family from 1:00 PM until the time of services on Saturday. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Art Benson Deacon Fund at The Church at Bakerview, 414 W. Bakerview Rd. Bellingham, WA 98226. This fund was created to aid unemployed construction workers in the Bellingham area. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *My sympathy to your family. Remember the Sipe's? Our backyards met at the corners. We lost our Dad on August 21st. Our Dad's are no doubt visiting in their heavenly home!*

Dave Sipe - September 07, 2012 at 07:00 PM

DS

“ *I have pleasant memories of living in your backyard. My father died on August 21st, so I know what you are going through. May God give you the strength to get through these days after your dad's death. Blessing to you all.*

Dave Sipe - September 06, 2012 at 09:42 AM

AW

“ *All my thoughts are with my sister-in-law, Karolyne, as she and her family remember's Art. What a wonderfully warm person!*

Andrea Williamson - August 31, 2012 at 03:36 PM

TR

“ *I wanted to express my sincere condolences at the home going of your father. My memory of him was that he loved the Lord.*

Terry L Ribble - August 31, 2012 at 03:32 PM

ML

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ll miss Art a lot. I have many memories of him from the Appleton EFree. He will be missed by many people. Our condolences to the family and his friend.

Mark & Mary Littlebrant - August 30, 2012 at 09:00 PM

KG

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Rich and I have great memories of Art and his large stature and generous ways. We benefitted from his many gifts and we're so glad we could meet him. We send our deepest condolences to the entire extended Benson family. Blessings on you as you gather to celebrate his resurrection and mourn his absence. Love you all so much.

Kathrine Gathro - August 30, 2012 at 04:45 PM

DT

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Sherry & send our heartfelt sympathy with a prayer for the comfort of the Lord for you Ellen, & your whole family at this time of sorrow.

Dave Thomas - August 30, 2012 at 03:58 PM

KS

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Art was a wonderful guy. I have fond memories talking with him (and of his sitting behind us) at Appleton E Free. I know that he's with the Lord and with Tessa. My prayer and thoughts are with you

KC Schuler - August 30, 2012 at 12:32 PM

NM

“ *I have such warm feelings about Art, and particularly fond memories of friendly banter as we sat around the table, playing cards.*

What a great man he was, in so many ways. This feels like the end of an era. My condolences to family and all who loved him.

Nancy Mickenbecker - August 30, 2012 at 12:50 AM