



Delbert R. Benson

May 1, 1928 - June 15, 2014

Delbert R. Benson of Traverse City formerly of Cadillac passed away, Sunday morning, June 15, 2014 at his home. He was 86. He was born on May 1, 1928 on the farm near Woodville, Michigan. He graduated from Big Rapids High School in 1945.

Mr. Benson worked as a State Farm Insurance Agent from 1950 until 1992 in Cadillac. Mr. Benson retired to Florida for over 20 years and enjoyed playing golf and bridge with friends there. He loved spending time with family and had enjoyed going on ten cruises with his wife, Jackie.

On October 25, 1953 in Kalamazoo, Michigan he married the former Jacqueline J. Dorsey and she survives him along with their children: Carol (Robert) Selover of Littleton, CO, John (Julie) Benson of Tustin, Nancy Benson-Jaiyesimi of Birmingham, MI, and Joan (Michelle) Benson of Iowa City, IA; grandchildren: Lindsay, Matthew, Katie (David), Annie, Charlie (Gail), Andrew, Ben, Delana, and Daniel ; a great grandchild, Abby; a brother, Guy Benson of Cadillac; a sister, Barb (Murl) Aten of Bemus Point, NY; brother-in-law, Tom (Jeanne) Dorsey of Punta Gorda, FL; sister-in-law, Barb Gunger of Englewood, FL; many nieces and nephews and Lamson and Toogood cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents: father, Leonard Benson, mother,

Katie Fay (Lamson) Benson Toogood, step-father, Stanley Toogood; in-laws: John and Thelma Dorsey and a brother-in-law, John Dorsey.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 19, 2014 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Reverend Joel Hess officiating.

Friends may meet the family Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. His final resting place will be Hungerford Cemetery in Newaygo County. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *He was our family's insurance agent for years. Carol was a good friend. He will be missed*

Kris Sundberg - July 02, 2014 at 09:22 AM

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“ *We send out deepest sympathy to the whole Benson family. I have many fond memories of Uncle Delbert. We always looked forward to our trips to Michigan to play with our cousins, swim in the pool, ride bikes and Uncle Delbert always used to barbeque in the car port. He was a fun Uncle and our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Gayle Aten Pereira & Mick - June 18, 2014 at 01:34 PM

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“ *John and Family,*

We are so sorry to hear of our father's death. My god bless.

Pam & Bill Warren - June 18, 2014 at 08:56 AM

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“ *Joan and Michelle,*

Thinking of you and the whole Benson family. How special that you were all together in celebration just weeks ago. With love and sympathy.

Christine Scheetz - June 17, 2014 at 07:35 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to all the Benson family. I knew Delbert since I was just a small child and when I grew up he became my insurance agent. He was a good man and a good friend and he will be greatly missed by all that had the priviledge to know him.*

Bill Shier - June 17, 2014 at 10:18 AM