



## Jerry Glen Benson

February 16, 1943 - May 22, 2026

Jerry Glen Benson of Cadillac passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, May 22, 2026, at the age of 83. Jerry was born in Big Rapids on February 16, 1943, to Otto and Dorothy Benson. He worked his way through college and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Ferris State University. In 1967, he answered his country's call to service, enlisting in the U.S. Army to serve in the Vietnam War. His time spent assisting his company's chaplain held a deeply special place in his heart.

Following his military service, Jerry moved to Cadillac to open a Western Auto store. It was there that he met his wife, Mary (Ward) Benson, with whom he shared 53 years of marriage. Jerry later brought his affable personality and interpersonal skills to roles in sales at Auto Glass Specialist and as office manager at Dunbar Excavating. After retiring, he enjoyed spending the winter months in The Villages, Florida and advocating for fellow veterans. Above all, he built a life rooted in faith, family, and service to others.

Jerry is survived by his beloved wife, Mary; his brother, Jack (Linda) Benson; daughters, Anne (Brian) Koschmider and Sarah Benson (Chris Wooten); and his cherished grandchildren, Matthew, Michael, Kellan, and Abrielle. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Jerry's life on Friday, May 29th, at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Pastor Tom Reinertson officiating and full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard.

Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. and a memorial service will take place at 11:00

a.m. A luncheon will follow immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

Mitchell Street  
Cadillac, MI 49601

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church  
Cadillac, MI 49601

## Memorial Service

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church  
350 Pearl St  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
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