



Teddy "Ted" Benson

February 19, 1930 - May 31, 2012

Teddy "Ted" Benson, 82, longtime Warden resident passed away Thursday, May 31, 2012, at home surrounded by loving family. Ted was born in Santa Fe, Oklahoma on February 19, 1930, to Cloyd and Lucille Benson.

As a young man, he joined the Marines and served for 1 ½ years. He later re-enlisted in the Air Force on July 21, 1948, and served his country for another 20 years, retiring on September 1, 1968, at the rank of Master Sergeant. He was stationed in China and England during his early years of service. Ted shared with us his many interesting, funny, and sometimes heart stopping stories about his adventures and dangers he faced while flying his many military missions around the world. In January 1969, he went to work for the East Columbia Irrigation District and worked 21 years for the company, retiring for good on March 3, 1990. Through the job, he became friends with many farmers in the Warden area. They allowed Ted and whoever he brought with him to hunt pheasants on their land, something he loved to do and share with others.

He spent his retirement years fishing, hunting, and camping when he wasn't enjoying time with family and friends. He loved the family celebrations, gatherings and events like our family reunion on Flathead Lake in Montana that brought together family members that hadn't seen each other in many years while others met for the first time. He also enjoyed his daily walks with

his devoted companion, Candy.

Ted is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Phyllis; son, Steve (wife Kim); daughter, Pamela (husband David) Shipley; daughter, Cindy Alvarez; and son, Terry (wife Barbara). He is also survived by two sisters, Francis Covington and Pasty Roberts; eleven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter; Peggy Lynn, three brothers; Jackie and Darrell Benson and James Gibson, and a son-in-law; Frank Alvarez. He now reunites with them and his two Air Force buddies (Dave and Hawk) who left us all too soon and whose company he missed dearly.

Our hearts still ache in sadness and secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. Special thanks go out to Assured Hospice and their staff for their caring work; to doctor Scott Mounts and his staff, and Annie Anderson. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Assured Hospice in Moses Lake.

The memorial service and gathering will be held at the Warden Community Church, 201 W 3rd Street, on Saturday, June 16 starting at 2:00 PM. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **16**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Warden Community Church
201 W. 3rd Street
Warden, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Steve, Kim and family,

I am so sorry to hear about your loss! Ted was a great man and I enjoyed knowing him! He was so sweet and friendly and I loved hearing all of his wonderful stories. You're all in my thoughts and prayers.

Jessica Kofoed-Malstrom##imported-begin##Jessica Kofoed-Malstrom##imported-end##

June 11, 2012 at 05:43 PM



“ *I knew Ted as a ditchrider and friend many years ago, he had a good story to share of live experiences. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Glenn Leland##imported-end##*

June 11, 2012 at 11:05 AM



“ *It's always sad to lose someone close to you or whom you've known for many,many years.I send my sincere condolences to Ted's family and many freinds.##imported-begin##Don Trupp##imported-end##*

June 07, 2012 at 09:51 AM



“ Pam and the Benson family, so sorry to hear of your loss. It is never easy to loose a loved one especially one of our parents. my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. RIP Mr. Benson.

Pam Hastings & Family##imported-begin##Pam Hastings##imported-end##

June 06, 2012 at 06:29 PM



“ To the Benson Family
So sorry for your loss. Ted was a good man and I'm glad I had the pleasure of knowing him.

Lew##imported-begin##Lew and Sharma McCullough##imported-end##

June 06, 2012 at 12:02 AM



“ I thought of Ted as a second father and loved all of his family as my own. Loved to bird hunt with him and listen to his words of advice, or one of his great stories told in his way that no other could match. Now god gets the pleasure of listening to Ted's funny stories. A good man who will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Michael Bender##imported-end##

June 05, 2012 at 07:12 AM



“ You made Warden and my life a great place to live RIP Mr.Benson##imported-begin##Raul A. Diaz & Family##imported-end##

June 04, 2012 at 02:05 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to Steve and his family, from the Loss Prevention Department of the WA State Liquor Control Board, on the passing of their father, Ted Benson. What a wonderful legacy Mr. Benson has left for all of them.##imported-begin##Laurel and Keith Lewellen##imported-end##

June 04, 2012 at 01:42 PM



“ Thinking of you all sending love and prayers.##imported-begin##Debbie and Kelly McGrotha##imported-end##

June 04, 2012 at 12:45 PM



“ My heart goes out to you, my second family. All who knew Ted will miss him. Thinking of him brings back so many memories of his great sense of humor and the funny stories he could tell. God bless.##imported-begin##Steve Kimble##imported-end##

June 03, 2012 at 07:35 PM



“ Just want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Jenny and jim Harrington##imported-end##

June 02, 2012 at 12:11 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Sincerely,
Doug & Sandi Berg##imported-begin##DOUG & SANDI BERG##imported-end##

June 01, 2012 at 06:57 PM



“ *The years of working with Ted were good years. Went on a few good hunting trips. We wish for all of you in the family our prayers. We know how much you will miss him. Just know that you will have our prayers. May God stay very close to all of you. Jack Virginia Howe*###imported-begin##Jack Howe###imported-end##

May 31, 2012 at 10:36 PM