Willard Benson

November 15, 1917 - March 9, 2012

Willard Benson,94, a Moses Lake resident since 1949, passed away Friday, March 9, 2012 at home surrounded by family. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Guarding Angels Cemetery. Celebration of Life service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1020 South A Street, Moses Lake. 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. A full obituary will be posted soon.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **15**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

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MAR **16**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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Service

MAR **17**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1020 S. A Street
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

Dear Norm, Linda and Karen: Sorry to hear about your Dads passing. Although never having him in High School, getting to know him later was a pleasure. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Dave Hopkins##imported-end##

March 29, 2012 at 12:40 PM

Dear Family,
I am sorry for your loss. I so enjoyed Willard and Dorothy. I got to know them through the Sons of Norway. I have been blessed to have known them both.##imported-begin##Janet Needham##imported-end##

March 21, 2012 at 05:50 PM

Mr. Benson - truly a refined gentleman. He was one of our MLHS Class of 55 advisors (as well as my home room teacher). Along with Mrs. Helen Bator and Ms Lorraine Bodine they help guide our class from freshmen year through seniors to many successful fund raisings; examples, the very first Sadie-Hawkins Dance at MLHS which became a tradition, an all-school carnival, and other events. As advisors, they were always invited to our Class reunions, and he attended them all. A great teacher. In later years, he remained socially active, and as former student, my husband and I enjoyed attending dances at the Senior center with him. He was in his 90's!##imported-begin##Jeanette (Ehlert) Enzler##imported-end##

March 21, 2012 at 01:32 PM

We feel for your loss. Bill and Mary Ann##imported-begin##Bill Dress##imported-end##

March 20, 2012 at 12:17 AM

Your Dad was one of the sweetest men I have ever had the good fortune to meet. He had that rare combination of strong and gentle. While working at Hearthstone we became good friends. I would rub this head for good luck . . . thinking one day that it might offend him I walked by his place in the dining room and just said "hi." He called back after me, "Don't you need a little good luck today!" He'll be missed by many. A true gentleman. Connie Fesler##imported-begin##Connie Fesler##imported-end##

March 17, 2012 at 12:41 PM

I never had the pleasure of getting to know Willard as well as I would've liked to. But knowing Norm as well as I do, I'm sure there's a lot of Wilard in "Stormin' Norman" who I am thankful to call my friend.

So, to you Norm and Linda and the rest of the wonderful Benson family I share with you this remembrance written by Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral...he writes,

"ALL IS WELL"

"Death is nothing at all,
I have only slipped into the next room..
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.
Call me by my old familiar name,
Speak to me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference in your tone,
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of shadow on it.
Life means all that it ever met.
It is the same as it ever was, there is unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near,
Just around the corner.
All is well.##imported-begin##Larry Godden##imported-end##

March 16, 2012 at 07:22 PM

Norm, Linda and family our hearts go out to you at this time. Your father
certainly was a very caring involved & loving man. He knew how to raise a
wonderful son & family also. God bless you all. Boyd and Maralyn Lindholm##imported-begin##Maralyn Lindholm##imported-end##

March 16, 2012 at 01:30 PM

Norman & Karen,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. What wonderful memories we have of your Dad. It was always a treat to go visit the "Bensons" with our parents. Going to the horse shows, Sons of Norway potlucks, and tubing down the flume were all great fun. Willard was always willing to help and drag us along.
Regrettably, we will be unable to attend the service on Saturday, but do want you both to know we will be there in spirit.
May God grant you peace and comfort.
Jim & Mary##imported-begin##Jim & Mary kaiser##imported-end##

March 16, 2012 at 10:16 AM

Norm and LInda

Mr. Benson was a great man. He always said I was one of his best math students. I learned a lot from him. It always saddens us to lose someone but he is in a better place. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Kathy & George Garrett##imported-end##

March 16, 2012 at 07:45 AM

Norm and family:
We have such fond and very special memories of your Dad, especially during the early fifties when we were all teaching in Moses Lake. Such fun times. We loved his quiet humor and ready smile.
Please know our love and prayers are with you.

Jim and Carol##imported-begin##Jim and Carol Adamson##imported-end##

March 16, 2012 at 12:51 AM

We so enjoyed our friendship with Willard and Dorothy while living in Moses Lake. God's comfort and hope to all the family in the days to come. When death does it's worst, that's when God does His best! May our Good Shepherd surround you with His resurrection strength. God's Peace, Pastor Kevan##imported-begin##Pastor Kevan and Priscilla Smith##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 06:47 PM

Rest in Peace, Willard. You are a man whom I have admired and respected for many, many years. You were, indeed, one of the "good ones." You will be remembered for a very long time!!##imported-begin##Glen Uhlenkott##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 05:05 PM

Our deepest sympathies go out to all of you.....we carry fond memories.

Raymond, Harold & Helen Swear##imported-begin##The Swear Family##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 01:46 PM

Dear Benson family and friends.... Over the past few years I was able to come over to the Assisted Living Facility and get reacquainted with several of the influential adults from my upbringing in the Columbia Basin/Moses Lake.... Alice Bergeson Walker, Margaret Nielsen, Pearl Hansen, Elda Wright, Ilene Butterfield, Mrs. Covey, Mary Ellen Smith, SO MANY OTHERS.. and certainly not the least of whom were Mr. Bensen and his girlfriend, the former Mrs. Trask were such interesting friends to reconnect with. And now, that grand ole gentleman, Willard Benson has passed into the next phase of life. I know God has great blessings for Willard for the tireless service he performed for so many of us in Moses lake as a confidant, positive encouragement and inspiring teacher. When Morgan Hansen passed-on Alice and I came up to sing at his funeral. After his service Mike, Charlie and Larry Butterfield, and Alice and I went to see Willard. Our crowd was welcomed into Willard's apartment. He and his sweetie couldn't have been more gracious and accommodating. He asked me why I was so silly to be waiting so long to marry my wonderful sweetheart, Alice. Mr. Benson was so right, again. I am now a newlywed from 10 weeks ago. Thanks for the wake-up call, Mr Benson. And, may the Lord bless us all till we meet our dear loved ones at Jesus feet. Alice and I would have been so pleased to be with you all at Emanuel Lutheran to honour Willard's memory. Alas, it didn't work-out. But our hearts and prayers rest with each of you who love and miss Mr. Benson.. Sincerely, yours.. David and Alice Oman.. Utah##imported-begin##David Miles Oman##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 02:44 AM

Norm and Karen, Sorry you lost Willard. He will be missed by many espically Aunt Lucia. It was always such a nice feeling to know they had so much enjoyment when they were together.##imported-begin##Bob Trask Jr.##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 08:28 PM

We wish to extend our condolences to the entire family on the loss of Willard. We have known Willard for 30 years and have had the utmost respect and admiration for him. He was truly a man of integrity. We especially enjoyed his sense humor. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Dawn and Clayton Viebrock##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 02:54 PM

My thoughts and prayers are with your family in the loss of your dad.
He was a great man##imported-begin##Evelyn Brown##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 09:55 AM

Norm, Linda and all the family of Willard Benson, sorry for your loss, Your dad was always a Special Friend. God Bless you all at this sad time, know he is it a better place. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Love to all
Barb and Larry##imported-begin##Barbara Poff & Lawrence Pff##imported-end##

March 12, 2012 at 09:51 PM

Norm & family, may God be with you as you deal with the loss of a great man! Willard always was friendly and made me smile. Last time I saw him was at a Sons of Norway dinner. He always had a smile and never forgot the good food I prepared for the ALM luncheons. May the Lord comfort all who are grieving at this time.##imported-begin##Wendy##imported-end##

March 11, 2012 at 10:29 PM