



Edwin "Eddie" Albert Benson

December 9, 1957 - January 27, 2014

Edwin Albert Benson II, better known as "Eddie," enjoyed his 56 years to the fullest. A lover of animals, he lived on a farm in Kankakee with his many pets — dogs, cats, horses, chickens and even a pig named Wilbur. It was here he was at peace with himself and the world. Like his maternal grandfather, Karl Kangas, of Rockford, he loved the outdoors and was especially interested in fishing and horseback riding. All who knew him considered him a friend — one who would give his last dime. Now in eternal peace, he passed away Monday (Jan. 27, 2014) at home after a long struggle with cancer.

Born on Dec. 9, 1957, in Chicago, to Judge Roger (Nancy) Benson and Marlene Benson, of Bourbonnais, he was the oldest of four children. His three surviving siblings are Eydie (Scott) Beaver, of Rockton, Lisa Benson Toulon, of Chicago, and David (Rose) Benson, of Bourbonnais, were proud to call him their brother and uncle to their children. He is also survived by his step-brother Richard Milton, of Bradley, and step-sisters Linda Johnson, of Gilman, and Barbara Milton, of Las Cruces, NM. He was "Uncle Eddie" to Jennifer and Amy Beaver, Alex and Nicholas Toulon, and Kyle, Kordell and Kelsi Benson; nephew to Ronald Benson and special friend Anna Swinford, of Bradley, Russell and Sandra Benson, of Kankakee, Gordon and Carroll Benson, of Rockford, and Kathy Carr, of Virginia Beach, Va.

When he graduated from Bishop McNamara High School in 1976, he

immediately went to work in the family business, Security Lumber & Supply Company in Bradley.

In addition to his parents, siblings, nieces and nephews, he is survived by his cousins, Chris (Rosemarie) Benson, of Bourbonnais, Curt (Julie) Benson, of Stoughton, Wis., Jeff (Tabitha) Benson, of Rockford, Jan (Michael) Samuelson, of South Carolina, Sherri Carr Paulauskis, of Virginia Beach, Colleen Jones and Michael Schale, of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Edwin A. and Florence Benson, and stepgrandmother, Cornelia (Connie) Benson, all of Kankakee; maternal grandparents, Karl and Sylvia Kangas, of Rockford; step uncle, Judge Fred Carr, of Virginia Beach; step aunt, Denyse King, of Florida; and "special aunt" Isabelle Diercouff, of Kankakee.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and from 10 a.m. Saturday until the 11 a.m. funeral service at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory, Kankakee. In lieu of flowers, his family requests that memorials be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley (www.hkvcares.com) or to the Kankakee County Humane Foundation (k3chs.tripod.com) .

He was a friend to all who knew him. Family, friends and pets will sadly miss him. In celebration of his life, adopt a pet, fill out an organ donation card, or do an anonymous good deed.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
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Funeral Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TW

“ Another memory is when you kept asking me questions about God, and you kept saying that it must be all made up. I knew this was over my head so I contacted George Miller and He came to talk with you on a Wednesday, I remember because my husband and I where traveling to Alabama, I text you to see if George had come, you said yes and that you got saved. I went crazy with excitement. Called your sister and she started crying she was so happy. So I know that you are with Jesus and having no pain and are talking up a storm. I will see you on the other side some day soon. Love you Ed

Tonya Wenzelman - February 07, 2014 at 02:12 PM

TW

“ I Loved driving you to Church, your eyes would light up when attending Church even though you would usually fall asleep. All the way to Church you would write me on your board or when you got your new phone speaker, asking me questions while I am driving. I thought don't you know I am trying to drive. Never said it, but thought it. I know that not being able to communicate by talking was so hard. But you took it all with a grain of salt. You handled your last days the same way. Will miss you Ed.

Tonya Wenzelman

Tonya Wenzelman - February 07, 2014 at 02:07 PM

TO

“ Sorry for you loss , Sharyn and Tom Piasse



tom - February 03, 2014 at 11:14 PM

JG

“ I went to high school at Mac with Eddie. My brother and I became great friends and enjoyed so many good times with Eddie. Always had that great smile. So sorry to the family. "Love ya' Eddie"
Jerry (& Terry) Glenzinski

Jerry Glenzinski - February 01, 2014 at 07:40 PM

TM

“ We are so sorry, Sincere condolences
from Tom and Mary Maass

Tom Maass - February 01, 2014 at 06:57 PM

RY

“ So sorry for your loss. Eddie was a good friend and will be sadly missed.
Phil (Mick) & Barb Young



R. Young - February 01, 2014 at 03:33 PM

AL

“ Ashley Love lit a candle in memory of Edwin
"Eddie" Albert Benson



Ashley Love - January 31, 2014 at 04:16 PM

LL

“ Larry Love lit a candle in memory of Edwin
"Eddie" Albert Benson



Larry Love - January 31, 2014 at 04:15 PM

TP

“ Sorry for your lost, one of my memory's with Eddie was around ten or so years ago on a hot July summer afternoon. Eddie and my brother (Paul Gatlin) came over to go swimming and it was a fun day all around. If you new Paul he had the ability to be at the right place when there's food around. Eddie and I were sitting talking when he asked if he could play a joke on Paul. So he started filling Paul head with the notion that he had to leave and Paul new that I would be starting the grill soon and he was trying and saying everything he could to make Eddie stay. It got to the point that Paul was offering money so Eddie got up and started for his car knowing Paul had to go to get his car. Eddie let Paul get in the car and as he was setting there Eddie yelled out hey Paul how do you want your steak. Be leave me Paul tried the rest of the afternoon to dunk Eddie, it never happened. Your in our prays and thoughts, Tim & Pam Pourroy
This pass November Paul lost his battle with life

God Bless

Tim Pourroy - January 30, 2014 at 01:58 PM

VL

“ I'm so very sorry to the Benson family for your loss. Eddie and I went to grade school together at Steuben Elementary and I remember his smile even to this day. He was a such nice person. May your wonderful memories of him help comfort you through this most sorrowful time. Rest in Peace, Eddie.

Viki Likander - January 29, 2014 at 06:46 PM

JL

“ Benson family: I am sorry for your loss, you are in my prayers. Eddie was a good kid.
Jim Lund

Jim Lund - January 29, 2014 at 05:28 PM

LC

“ Laurie Wojnowski Coleman lit a candle in memory of Edwin "Eddie" Albert Benson



Laurie Wojnowski Coleman - January 29, 2014 at 01:42 PM

BM

“ Roger i cant put into words the feeling about your sons passing. i sure he is in a better place. we are not suppose to bury our children. when we do its a very hard thing. our prayers are with you and Nancy as you go through the emotions that will follow. Buck n Dee McClure

Buck & Diane McClure - January 29, 2014 at 11:01 AM

SJ

Roger and family, we were saddened to hear of Eddie's passing. We remember when he went to Stuben school with our children, and was a friend of our son, Eddie. This has been a long struggle, and you have our deepest sympathy. Prayers for all of you, may God bless you. Stan and Karen James

Stan James - January 29, 2014 at 08:56 PM