



John David Benson

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Interment services for John Benson, 75, of Longview will be 11:00 am Wednesday, June 18th at Rosewood Park Cemetery. Memorial services will be 2:00 pm Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Pat Sparks officiating. Mr. Benson died Sunday evening at a local medical center.

John was born July 2, 1932 in Bayard, Nebraska to James Calvin and Dorothy Waggoner Benson. He graduated from high school in Ada, Oklahoma and received his B.S. and M.B.A. degrees in general business from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

He joined Texas Eastman on Nov. 7, 1960, as a personnel assistant in Industrial Relations and later was made an industrial relations representative, then a senior industrial relations representative before being named director of Professional Employment & Wage Administration. He later became director of Employment and Wage and Salary Administration, then director of Wage and Salary Administration. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Longview and served as a first lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

John was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Letty. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, David and Tanya Benson of Dallas, Brian and Jamie Benson of Chicago, and Kyle and Mary Carroll Benson of Houston; his granddaughters, Taylor Grace and Maci Lynn Benson of Chicago, and Caroline Stewart Benson of Houston.

The family will receive friends at Rader Funeral Home Tuesday evening 7 to 9 pm.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Fredonia St., Longview, TX 75601.



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Anonymous posted:

We extend our sympathies to you in the loss of your father. He was a good man who was a friend and servant to others. We will miss his service and faithfulness to First United Methodist Church.##imported-begin##Shane Best##imported-end##

June 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To John's beloved family,Your dad was so very special. He not only was my colleague at work, but also a very dear friend. He hired me at Eastman and I worked with him for about 20. I was also privileged to eat dinner with him, the Johns, and Bob on Wednesday evenings--a very special group of friends. Sharing a love of sports--especially Arkansas Razorbacks--made our friendship even stronger. Be assured his love for Letty and his boys was always the best part of his life! May your memories and love for your Dad sustain you during this time. May God wrap his arms around you and give you comfort.##imported-begin##Carol Kinsey##imported-end##

June 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Goodbye, Good Friend.I cherish the memories of our long friendship.Nancy Day van Morkhoven##imported-begin##Nancy Day van Morkhoven##imported-end##

June 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My our prayers help you in this time. I was in the class of 1973 with David. God bless you.##imported-begin##Pat Moore Applewhite##imported-end##

June 17 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

David, Bryan, Kyle, and family, we are so sorry for loss! John hired David into the Eastman family and his department 28 years ago. He and Letty treated us - a newly married young couple - as family. It was also my privilege to work with John in Cardiac Rehab. John's sense of humor, honest friendship, and true compassion are gifts he gave to everyone he knew. Please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time, your parents were a blessing in our lives. May God comfort you, and the wonderful love and memories your family was built on sustain you.##imported-begin##David & Kathy Buroker##imported-end##

June 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

David,I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I knew John very well through work at Eastman. He was a good man. May you find peace through God in your time of need.##imported-begin##Mickey Mehrens##imported-end##

June 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

JOHN BENSON WAS A DEAR FRIEND.WE BECAME FRIENDS AT FIRST METHODIST AND SHARED A LOVE FOR RAZORBACK FOOTBALL.HE WOULD TELL ME ABOUT THE "OLD DAYS" BEFORE THE FRANK BROYLES ERA.JOHN WAS A FINE CHRISTIAN MAN.OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. DAN FISCUS##imported-begin##DAN FISCUS##imported-end##

June 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Brian, I'm so sorry for your loss. Before my Mom died, I was in Longview quite a bit and enjoyed seeing your Dad at Carlitos. My thoughts are with you and all of your family.Tricia Berry##imported-begin##Tricia Berry##imported-end##

June 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathies for your loss. May your memories carry you through this time and time to come.##imported-begin##Nona Dockery##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Brian, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Know that you and your family will be in my prayers.
Kevin###imported-begin###Kevin Connolly###imported-end##

June 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We have known John and Letty for many many years both at Eastman and at the FUMC. David, Bryan, Kyle, all of you gave wonderful remembrances of your dad at the Memorial Service today. Letty taught our daughter in Kindergarten at Trinity. After Letty died John came by to see me in the TV room at the FUMC every day he ushered I run the TV ministry and I always looked forward to his visits since I am hidden in my cubby hole under the stairs. I kidded him about him being one year younger than I was. I will miss his visits. Oh, yes we live in Maxey Acres and he came by to visit several times in the past years.###imported-begin###Frances & Lewis Etter###imported-end##

June 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I graduated with John at Ada High in 1950..went on to O.U. wile John went to Univ of Ark. A lot of wonderful memories, and Our my wife Marilyn & myself prayers are with you during this tough time..May God Bless all of you.###imported-begin###BEN D. STEEN###imported-end##

June 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

John was a school buddy and this friendship continued. Letty and John visited in Austin. We had many things in common and enjoyed our time together. He was proud of his sons. Bless all of you.
Marian###imported-begin###Marian Dozier###imported-end##

June 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My husband Jack and I were classmates of John and graduated in his class of 1950 from Ada High School. John and I were in Sunday School Class together at the First Christian Church of Ada growing up and during highschool. He was such a nice person and we were sorry to hear of his death.###imported-begin###Barbara Albright Caldwell###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Carol and I were in Wisconsin when John died and had to miss the memorial service. John and Letty were so nice to us for over 40 years. We were crazy about them. David, Kyle, and Brian - they loved you so much.##imported-begin##Jack and Carol Park##imported-end##

June 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

David,I was so saddened to learn of the death of your Dad. I know that you will miss him and all the good cheer he brought into this world. May you find comfort in your many wonderful memories of him. My prayer is that our Lord will give you comfort during this time of sorrow. Sandy Davenport##imported-begin##Sandy Davenport##imported-end##

June 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Brian, Jamie, Taylor, Maci & Family,We are saddened to hear the news of your father. We wanted you all to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and if there is anything that you all need, please do not hesitate to let us know.Love,The Hudgens Family, Robert, Wendy, Grant, Pierce & Faith##imported-begin##Robert Hudgens##imported-end##

June 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. The Benson family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this tough time. God Bless.##imported-begin##Matt Bustos##imported-end##

June 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Brian,I'm sorry to hear about the lost of your father. My prayers go out to you and your family##imported-begin##Michelle Robinson##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Brian, This is such a sad time for you and your family. Please remember the good times you had with your dad. Life is short, isn't it. Fondly, Betty Ann BA Fuller##imported-begin##Betty Ann Fuller##imported-end##

June 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Benson family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Although I only met Mr. Benson once about 2 1/2 years ago, I found him to be a very special man. I know that he is with God now and I hope that will help you all to get through this sad time. May God's blessings be with Him and your family always.....Love, Cheryl Mann-McLaughlin friend of Brian Benson##imported-begin##Cheryl Mann-McLaughlin##imported-end##

June 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Brian, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. My thoughts are with you and your family. May you find comfort, peace, and hope during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Andrea Hansen##imported-end##

June 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We have been out of town and just learned of John's death. We are so sorry. You are all certainly in our prayers. What a kind man he was!##imported-begin##Brenda and Michael Liverman##imported-end##

June 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Benson family I met John at the University of Texas when he was the interviewer for Texas Eastman. He was the reason I came to work at Eastman. I then had the pleasure of working with him for 5 years in Industrial Relations. We spent many hours working on the development of the apprentice program. He was a fine man and will be sorely missed. Joe Kalenda Hallsville, Texas##imported-begin##joe kalenda##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Brian, Jamie & girls, We were so sad to hear of the sudden loss of your father. We are praying for comfort and peace through this difficult time. Know that many people in Coppell are thinking of you and sending prayers your way. Lots of love The Knowlton Family##imported-begin##Lisa & Deke Knowlton##imported-end##

June 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Brian, My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God's peace sustain you. I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Julie Hagler Reger##imported-end##

June 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Skip Cole##imported-end##

June 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

John and Letty were fixtures in my childhood and early adult life. Heartfelt sympathy to the family for your loss. Both of your parents left us too soon. Trish Brown Joyner Ferris and Marilyn Brown's daughter##imported-begin##Trish Brown Joyner##imported-end##

June 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

David, Bryan, Kyle and family our prayers and thoughts are with each of you at this difficult time. John hired me into his department at Eastman about 30 years ago. He was a great boss with a good sense of humor. I am so sorry to not be able to attend the services due to being out of state. May your faith and memories comfort you in this time of sorrow. Oscar Polk & Family##imported-begin##Oscar Z. Polk##imported-end##

June 16 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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