



Gary Elmo Benson SR

December 12, 1944 - October 4, 2021

Gary Elmo Benson SR of Steelville, Missouri passed away on Monday, October 4, 2021 at the Steelville Senior Living Center in Steelville, Missouri at the age of 76. Gary was born in Kirkwood, Missouri on December 15, 1944 to the late Elmo Rudolf and Louise Margaret (Crews) Benson.

Gary married the love of his life Miss Betty Stewart on March 13, 1965, this union was blessed with four children. Working as an self employed auto mechanic for most of his life, Gary was the go to person to do the job, he always made sure the job was done right, and at a fair price. He was an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping; he and Betty were the proprietors of Go Getem Trout Bait; he and Betty enjoyed "road trips" all around Missouri, a trip starting out as a yard sale adventure might end with fishing at Bagnall Dam, or another lake or river found along the way; Gary's biggest joy was his family and friends, he loved to bar-b-que and have everyone over. He adored his family, and every moment he could spend with them. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend and will be lovingly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Gary Elmo Benson SR is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years, Betty Benson, of Steelville, MO; children, Barbara Wenzel and husband Michael, of Laquey, MO, Billy Jo Benson and wife Sarah Berkemeyer, of Japan, MO, and Virginia Frick and husband Brian, of Viburnum, MO; grandchildren, Britney

(Travis) Henson, Catheryn (Brandon) Pierce, Brady Benson, Denereth Allen, Wyatt Berkemeyer, and Wade Berkemeyer; great-granddaughters, Chyna Rose Frick, and Gracelynn Pierce; a host of extended family and friends. In addition to his parents Elmo and Margaret Benson, Gary was preceded in death by his son, Gary E. Benson JR; sister, Susan Loague.

There will be a visitation for family and friends on Friday, October 8, 2021 at 12:00PM at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary. In lieu of services the family asks that you come and share a story or two. Memorials are suggested to the Benson family to help with funeral costs, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations. For online condolences please visit www.jamesgahrmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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