



Donald Richard Benson

December 11, 1927 - March 9, 2023

Donald Richard Benson

of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, passed away peacefully Thursday, March 9th, 2023 surrounded by family. He was 95.

Don was born December 11th, 1927, 5 minutes before his twin brother Darrell, to Rognald and Emilee (Jacobson) Benson in rural Lanesboro, Minnesota. He graduated from Lanesboro High School class of 1945. He served in the Navy 1945-1947, where he participated in the Bikini Atoll Atomic Bomb test in 1946. After the service, Don attended and graduated from the Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis. On June 17th, 1950, Don married the love of his life, Lorraine Moen.

They were married 72 years at the time of his death.

He worked at The Stuefer Company in downtown Mpls. selling GE appliances for 54 years. He purchased the business in 1980. With a long successful run, he retired at 82 years of age when he sold the business to AC Carlson in New Hope, Mn. Don and Lorraine spent their winters in Phoenix, AZ where he loved to golf with his twin brother Darrell & nephew, Dick Benson.

Don was a dedicated member of Alcoholics Anonomous. He was very proud of his 48 years of sobriety. He selflessly sponsored many people throughout the years and formed life long friends.

He has been a faithful member of St. James Luthern Church since 1956. His greatest joys in life were his family, his little Lexie, and dividing time between AZ and MN. He loved going to the cabin in Annandale where he

spent his summers fishing and grilling.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and 7 brothers and Lexie. He is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Lorraine; children Susan (Tom) Aeshliman of Annandale, Mn and Steven (Jennifer) Benson of Ft. Myers, FL. Five granddaughters, Rachael (Tony) Lesch, Amber Norquist, and Alissa Norquist (Chris), Christine Benson and Brooke (Roy) Bester and 9 great grandchildren, sister in law, Helen Lovgren and many relatives and friends. A special thank you to Rick from Park Nicollet Hospice who provided him comfort in his last year.

Funeral services will be in June at St. James Lutheran Church of Crystal, MN and a private interment with full honors at Ft. Snelling.

At Don's request, memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, St. James Lutheran Church in Crystal, MN or Park Nicollet Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Lutheran Church
6700 46th Place North
Crystal, MN 55428

Memorial Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Reception

JUN 6. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JUN 7. 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

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“ Don was a good, and honest man! I enjoyed working with him and know he will be missed by more than myself. He had a lot of trust me through a business relationship and while he gave me grief it was again honest and heart felt. I will miss the conversations we had and the loyalty Don had to my business, due to his trust in me. It is hard to come by trust and loyalty in today's world, Don had both! Love to the Benson family and I hope you find peace in the time to come.

-Sonny

Sonny - March 13, 2023 at 10:54 AM