



Milton Lewis Benham

February 15, 1929 - September 5, 2017

Long-time Monahans, Texas resident Milton Lewis Benham, age 88, died in North Oaks, Minnesota on September 5, 2017 after a long illness. In the mid-1960s, he opened Benham's Men's Store, which operated downtown for many years. Later, Circle B Western Wear, an apartment complex and a mini-storage facility were added to his businesses. Benham was born February 15, 1929 in Vernon, Texas to George Sherman Benham and Mina Walling Benham. His parents, his brother Duward, and his sister Maurice preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Maurine (Rene); son Randall and daughter-in-law Patricia of North Oaks, Minnesota; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and sister Dorothy Chisum of Pampa, Texas as well as nieces and nephews. After graduating high school in Pampa, Texas, Milton worked in retail, managing department stores in Snyder, Odessa, and Monahans until he opened Benham's Men's Shop. He was active in Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Monahans Country Club, where he loved playing golf and served as president for many years. He helped start the Greater Ward County Food Shelf and "fill-a-bag" food drives both in Monahans and in Creede, Colorado where he and Rene spent summers at their cabin for more than 40 years. Milton was an avid and skilled dry-fly fisherman, often in the Little Squaw River and other high-altitude streams of San Juan National Forest near Creede. He was also an accomplished wood craftsman, building exquisite tables, bookcases, and cabinetry and bedroom suites for his family. Great-grandchildren are now

sleeping in the bunk beds that he built. After moving from Monahans to North Oaks, Minnesota in 2008, Milton added beekeeping to his many enthusiasms. He kept hives in his backyard, working with his grandchildren to manage the hives and extract the honey; much of which was distributed to friends and family. His funeral will be held on Monday, September 11 (gathering at 10AM) at Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418. Interment Saint Odilia Prayer Garden, Shoreview.

Tribute Wall



“ *I wish I were there to give you all hugs. Uncle Milton was a special man and he and Aunt Rene have played such a special part in my life. When I look around my house, I have many items made with love that I proudly display and brag about to anyone who will listen. He left quite a legacy and will be missed by so many. I love you all so much and I pray for peace and comfort in the hard days that follow.*

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