



Fred Thomas "Tom" Benson, Jr.

August 25, 1939 - February 12, 2012

Fred Thomas "Tom" Benson, Jr., of Richardson, Texas passed away February 12, 2012 at the age of 72. He was born August 25, 1939 to Fred Thomas, Sr. and Ora (Christie) Benson in Canadian, Oklahoma. Tom was raised in Oklahoma where he graduated from Indianola High School. He is a graduate of Northeastern State University earning a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Education. Tom married Donna Louise Gee on December 19, 1959, in Indianola, Oklahoma. He taught for 12 years in Gallup, New Mexico and 22 years in Richardson where he taught Industrial Arts Classes including Stagecraft. Tom enjoyed woodworking and was active in the Elks Lodge for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife Donna Benson of Richardson, Texas; children, Tauna Benson of Plano, Texas, Tina Carter and husband Kyle of Frisco, Texas; grandsons, Mack Henry Carter and Tommy Gee Carter; sisters, Lela Yates and husband Paul, Millie Preston, Jeanie Coop and husband Bill; brother, JB Benson and wife Joann, all of McAlester, Oklahoma a host of nieces and nephews and many other loving family and friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Benson and Ora Benson; brothers, Robert and Kenneth Benson and a sister, Gladys Davenport.

A memorial service will be held, 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 18, 2012 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel in Allen, Texas. The family will receive friends during a remembrance gathering Friday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials

Still thinking of you in 2020.

THOMAS DYE, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

I am profoundly saddened to learn that Mr. Benson has passed away after more than a decade of trying to find him. As far as I know, he only taught at Liberty Hr. High for one year, somewhere around 1993 or 1994. He was the only teacher I ever connected with. I wish I got to tell him that.

THOMAS DYE, NOVEMBER 13, 2013

I saw the Obituary in the paper, and had to check to see if this was Mr. Benson, one of my favorite teachers at West Jr High. I was the first girl that ever enrolled in the Industrial Art class, and the first person ever to make a 100 in his class. He used to laugh about that ... I still have the assorted woodworking projects that we created and actually think of him often as I look at the cutting board Pig we made almost 40 years ago that still hangs in my kitchen... Know that he was one of those great teachers that made an impact on this student's life. May you be comforted with hearing similar stories and memories, and may Mr. Benson rest in peace.

PATTI FITCH , FEBRUARY 21, 2012

Mrs. Benson, Tauna, and Tina- Words can't describe how sorry I am for your loss. I am glad to have had great memories hanging out, sleeping over, etc... at your home when we were kids. May God embrace you all through this difficult time...

BECKY (BENSON) JACOBS, FEBRUARY 17, 2012

Dear Donna and family, I am praying for you during this difficult time. Tom was such a lot of fun and so kind. He will certainly be missed.

DEANNA ADAMS, FEBRUARY 16, 2012

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