



Virgil J. Benson

February 21, 1935 - August 25, 2020

Virgil Benson, 85

Virgil J. Benson passed away peacefully and expectedly at Tiffany Square in Grand Island on the morning of Tuesday, August 25, 2020, due to progressive congestive heart failure. He longed for heaven and was ready for his soul's rest in the Presence of his Savior and Lord.

Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 3rd, under the tent behind Grand Island Evangelical Church with a brief memorial service at 7:00 PM. To honor Virgil's wishes, cremation was chosen. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Virgil was born February 21, 1935 to Rudy and Helen Benson in Rush City, Minnesota. He graduated in 1953 from West High School in Minneapolis and served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955. He married Dorothy Bergsten on July 12, 1957. To this union were born two children, Eric and Marlys, and the family lived in Minnesota until they moved in 1966 to make their home in Central Nebraska. Virgil worked as a line foreman for the Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant and as a warehouse foreman for Grand Island's Wheelers Farm and Home. He was the business manager for Nebraska Christian Schools, and he managed Daylight Donuts in Central City. Virgil enjoyed driving motor coach for many years and drove for Arrow Stage

Lines of Grand Island, which included driving tours with his wife, Dorothy, as tour guide. After Dorothy passed away in 1992, Virgil resided in Grand Island. He married Carolyn Outson in 1995.

Virgil was always ready with a smile, a quick and often funny response, and a cup of coffee. He enjoyed music, especially the hymns of old and gospel music - particularly a good men's gospel quartet. Baking was a favorite hobby, and his cinnamon rolls were fantastic! He loved making conversation with anyone, and one would always feel just a little better about life after having spent time with him. He faithfully attended church and enjoyed the fellowship of Sunday School classes, and found laughter and friendship for several years with the local Weight Watchers group in Grand Island. Virgil cherished his relationship with his Savior and with his family.

Virgil is survived by his son Eric (Jeanette) of Grand Island and daughter Marlys (Randy) Gookin of Elk Grove, CA. Also left to cherish his memory are his grandchildren, Rachel (Liam) Thomson, Levi (Jaime) Benson and their daughter, Zahara, and Hannah Benson; Stephanie Grubbs and her daughter Brooklyn, Emily Johnson, and Jonathan (Sarah) Gookin and their son Timothy; Virgil's brother Lowell and friend Eloise Graham; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Others left to cherish his memory are Virgil's step-granddaughter Kelly Erin Outson and step-grandson Derek Outson; stepson Mark (Chantal) Outson of Meriden, KS, step-granddaughters Aurelie (Cody) Mock and their children Eva and Moriah, Michelle (Steven) Alvord and their children Cian and Zain, and Noelle Outson; and stepdaughter Kathy (Jake Reiland) Sauser of Lomira, WI, and step-granddaughters Jamie (Sam) Giessen and Taylor Sauser.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy and his wife Carolyn, stepson Kelly, and his brother Robert Fagerholm.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Gideons International in remembrance of Virgil's involvement with the organization. Contributions may be made directly to the organization at sendtheword.org as well as through a Gideon member.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

SEP 3. 7:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Virgil J. Benson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your Dad. Prayers for the family at this time.*

Rita (Hill) Richardson - August 29, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ *We always loved it when we would get to wait at Dr. Benson's office for our turn when he was there telling stories! Our turns always came to fast! Also at church, seeing his smile and a quick hello while he was "Waiting for my Son!", he was so proud! Loved his stories! Loved his Smile! Loved his Heart! We knew him to short of time on this earth, but we will catch up more with on the other side! Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers are with you all!
David & Beth Ann Brandt*

Beth Ann Brandt - August 29, 2020 at 05:24 PM



Dad loved those times! Thanks

Eric - November 16, 2020 at 10:07 PM

WL

“ I am sorry about Virgil's passing but am assured of where he is. He was always such a nice person, smiling, and just full of life. Prayers for comfort for your family during this time. Virgil will be missed by many!!

Willa Lemburg

Willa Lemburg - August 29, 2020 at 04:05 PM

DT

So long, dear friend. We will meet again. Keep the coffee hot.

David Thienel Thienel - August 29, 2020 at 07:47 PM

RP

So sorry for the loss of your father. I didn't know your dad, but I know Eric, and the apple usually doesn't fall far from the tree---he must have been a good man. Your family is in our prayers. Rand Petersen

Rand Petersen - August 31, 2020 at 12:35 PM

HR

Sorry for your loss. He well be missed. We can not make it to the viewing or funeral. Our prayers are with the whole family. Harold & Jo Ringering

Harold &Jo Ringering - September 01, 2020 at 01:11 PM

ER

Dad is in heaven! Thanks all of you for your kind words of encouragement and support.

Eric - November 16, 2020 at 10:09 PM