



Robert E Benson

May 10, 1933 - October 11, 2020

Robert E Benson, 87 of Sarasota, FL passed away Sunday, October 11, 2020. Robert was born on May 10, 1933 in Chicago, IL to Robert and Cecelia Benson.

He graduated from St Rita High School in 1950 and went on to Illinois Institute of Technology where he graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He enlisted in the Army in 1954 and spent 2 years Active Duty with the Signal Corps. He married Marlene in 1955.

They moved to Vestal, NY in 1964, where Bob was hired by NYSE&G as a Transmission Engineer. He retired from NYSE&G after 30 years as their Chief Electrical Engineer, and moved to Florida in 1997 to enjoy his passion for Golf. He was a 23 year member of Mission Valley CC where he played several times a week. He also served on their Long Term Planning committee, and even won a few Holiday tournaments.

Robert leaves behind his wife Marlene, a sister Lucille Kehl (Chicago, IL), and is preceded in death by his parents. He leaves two children, Susan (Sarasota, FL) and Gregory (St Petersburg, FL). Robert was blessed with two grandsons, Freddie Lettieri (North Carolina) and Ryan Lettieri (Colorado) who loved their vacations spent with Gramie and Grampa in the Florida Sun.

He will be remembered as a devoted husband, a nurturing parent, and a

loving Grandfather. Robert always was there to help in times of need. Anyone who asked, got the benefits of his extensive knowledge of Electrical, Mechanical, HVAC and every other type of Home Repairs. He will be forever missed.

In Lieu of Flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Johns Hopkins University @ giving.jhu.edu/giftplanning

A mass will be held on November 13, 2020 at 9:30 am at St Thomas More Church, located at 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231.

Arrangements are under the care of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. located at 135 N Lime Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34237. 941-365-1767 www.gendronfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Mass

NOV 13. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Moore Church
2506 Gulf Gate Drive
Sarasota, FL 34231

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert E Benson*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Just now finding out about Bob's passing. I worked with Bob for several years while serving on the Empire State Electric Energy Research Committee. Many memorable times , especially golfing in Cooperstown, NY. Rest in peace my friend*

Rich Spurduto - July 20, 2023 at 07:43 AM



“ *Robert E Benson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Robert E Benson.*



November 12, 2020 at 05:36 PM

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“*Maryann and Herb Kaufman with profound sadness extend our sincere and deepest condolences to Marlene, and her children Gregory and Susan, and Susan’s sons Freddie and Ryan. Very sadly, we have lost a cherished friend of over 30 years. And our friendship with Bob and Marlene, has grown especially over the last 4 years since residing in Venice. Herb’s friendship began with Bob who as Chief Electrical Engineer for New York State Electric and Gas Corporation was tapped to advance his firm’s electrical energy transmission and distribution system performance through research and technology development. Bob worked hand in hand with the leaders of the largest of New York’s electric energy providers to contribute his comprehensive industry knowledge and business acumen to set and accomplish important goals not only for NYSEG but also for his New York utility industry executive partners. These utility technology leaders sought and relied on Bob’s wisdom and tenacity in seeking his advice. You could also be assured that Bob applied that same tenacity on the golf course as we had enjoyed playing together often in New York. When we decided to live in Florida, it was Marlene and Bob who convinced us to relocate close to them and to help us with all areas of home buying and outfitting and especially enjoying the good life in our retirement. We will sorely miss Bob, but we are blessed that we will have wonderful memories of our fun times together with Marlene and Bob.*

Maryann Herb Kaufman - November 08, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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“*We will always cherish our memories of good times spent with Bob and Marlene at Mission Valley GCC. So glad our paths crossed. Sending sincere sympathy to his family on the loss of this good man.*



Dianne and Jim Ochiltree - October 18, 2020 at 10:20 AM

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“ Our Dear Uncle will be forever missed. He gave joy to life and those lucky enough to have known him. I will miss that certain smile and laugh along with our semi annual dinner visits. May this difficult time be comforted by all the Love, Joy and Memories you have shared that will stay close to your heart.

Cristy Kehl - October 17, 2020 at 04:02 PM

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“ Being our dear Mother's only sibling, we have so many fond memories of Uncle Bob. He was kind, strong, thoughtful and he genuinely cared about you. Although our hearts are heavy and we will miss him, we also celebrate a life well lived. Aunt Marlene, Sue and Greg, we pray that God will give you the strength you need during this difficult time.

Cheryl - October 16, 2020 at 10:56 AM