



James Lee Benton

April 1, 1933 - April 17, 2021

Graveside services for James "Jim" Benton, age 88, of Lubbock, will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 21 at the City of Lubbock Cemetery. Jim was a true gentleman throughout his entire life and, true to form, he passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 17. Friends are invited to join the family at the graveside service or you are welcome to celebrate his life by visiting www.sandersfuneralhome.com.

Jim was born April 1, 1933 in Slaton, TX to James and LaVerne Benton. Upon graduation from Lubbock High School, he joined the U.S. Navy and was a proud Seabee, serving in the Philippines and Guam throughout the Korean War. After his military service, he worked in the family business for a few years, then spent 28 years at Texas Tech, before retiring in 1991.

On December 29, 1952, Jim married the love of his life, Evelyn Smith and together, they set out on a 62 year adventure, until her death in 2014. From the window screen of their "Pop-Up" camper, to the windshield of their Motorhome, Jim and Evelyn marveled at the beauty and glory of nature, as they traveled the country with family and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn and daughter, Nita of Lubbock and sister, Fran Schuler of McMinnville Oregon. He is survived by his daughter, Tina Gibson and husband Jeff of Lubbock, Betty Benton of Santa

Fe, New Mexico and Jack Freeman of Peyton, Colorado.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the staff of Covenant Hospital, Beyond Faith Hospice and The Beehive Assisted Living Home. Their love and care during Jim's final days made his final journey pleasant and peaceful.

Memorials are suggested to Beyond Faith Hospice, The Beehive or your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Sanders Funeral Home - April 22, 2021 at 10:43 AM

RS

“ Tina and Jeff, we are so very sorry for the loss of your dad. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
Michael, Renee' and Brian Stevens (And all the Tapp Family too.) ❤️❤️❤️

Renee'and Michael Stevens - April 20, 2021 at 10:18 PM

MM

“ I sure did enjoy the time spent with the Benton family either at the lake or out at their house. Mr. Benton was always a joy to be around. We love you guys and are praying for comfort at this time.

Marc McCluer

Marc McCluer - April 20, 2021 at 04:05 PM

AA

“ *Benton Family,*

I'm so sorry for your loss. I feel incredibly grateful to have met and gotten to know Mr. Benton on the Honor Flight a few years back. He was the first Veteran to teach me about the SeaBees and I treasure that. I pray that God grants you all peace and warmth during this time of loss.

*Angela Allen, RN
Texas South Plains Honor Flight*

Angela Allen - April 20, 2021 at 09:49 AM

HF

“ *House Family & Stewart Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of James Lee Benton.*



House Family & Stewart Family - April 19, 2021 at 09:42 PM

KA

“ *Jim was a special man. I have so many wonderful memories from our time at the lake. May God comfort you Tina and I know he's up there laughing with our daddy. God Bless.
Kelly McCluer Adams and family.*



Kelly Adams - April 19, 2021 at 08:37 PM

JC

“ *Jim and was family our family's traveled to gather did all silly things together whaat a great time we had*

joan caraway - April 19, 2021 at 08:28 PM

AO

“ I have so many fond memories of Mr. Benton and his family. Such a kind man who always loved seeing us at the lake or over at his house for fireworks! Precious memories of a great man. With love and comforting prayers during this time of grief, Amanda McCluer Ott and family.

Amanda McCluer Ott - April 19, 2021 at 04:30 PM

NB

“ Great Memories of Jim when I worked with him at Texas Tech. Always enjoyed Jim and Evelyn and visited in their home a few times. Jim could turn a stack of wood into a beautiful desk, table or cabinet. He was a talented craftsman. So sorry for your loss. In Sympathy and prayers,
Nell Raper Boren
formerly TRC - Texas Tech.

Nell Raper Boren - April 19, 2021 at 02:47 PM

TF

“ The McCluer Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Lee Benton.



The McCluer Family - April 19, 2021 at 10:26 AM