



Clark W. Benson

January 9, 1955 - July 29, 2025

Clark W. Benson, age 70, of Delmar, Delaware, passed away peacefully in the early morning of Tuesday, July 29, 2025. Born on January 9, 1955, Clark a son of the late John and Perny (Howard) Benson. He was a beloved husband, father, poppy, brother, uncle, and friend to so many.

A proud graduate of the Laurel High School Class of '73, Clark developed a passion for cars in his teens, a love that lasted throughout his lifetime. He dedicated many years of his life as an automotive enthusiast, including at the Delmar US 13 Dragway and International Speedway, as well as through a vast array of his own vehicles. Throughout his career, he worked as an installer for Delmarva Aluminum for over 25 years, followed by a brief stint at DuPont and installing satellite dishes for Skywatch. Eventually, Clark embarked on his own entrepreneurial journey, founding Clark W. Benson, LLC, where he specialized in windows, doors, and porches. He took great pride in his work and cherished the time spent collaborating with his son, Tyler.

As a selfless individual, Clark lived to help others and was known for his generosity and willingness to lend a hand. He served on the board of Elliott Worship Center in Laurel for several years, nurturing his spiritual community. His daily routine included breakfast at Pizza King in Laurel, where he will be sorely missed by his friends, and he often enjoyed lunch at various local eateries, including South Fork Deli, Delmar Pizza, Milanos, and, of course, Pizza King.

Clark will be remembered for his warm smile, wonderful sense of humor, and

deep love for people-especially for his wife and best friend, Debra "Deby" S. Benson; his children, Tyler Benson and wife, Amber, Seth Benson, and Sara Walls and husband, Travis; his beloved grandchildren, Hanna, Zachary, Colt and Cora; his siblings, J. Warren Benson (Carol), Brenda Brunner (Danny), Sherri Haney (Dick), and Shelly Whaley (Kevin); his sister-in-law, Jo Adkins and brother-in-law, Howard Spencer, Jr.; his former wife and mother to his sons, Gail Benson; and many nieces and nephews. His unmatched devotion to family extended to his extended family and friends, all of whom will attest to the impact he had on their lives.

A passionate traveler and camper, Clark created many cherished memories at Treasure Beach in Fenwick and enjoyed countless road trips on his Gold Wing motorcycle with Deby as a past member of GWRRA.

Funeral services will be held at Elliott Worship Center, on Wednesday August 6, 2025, at 12:00 pm. Family and friends are invited to pay their respects at the visitation from 10:00 am to 12:00 at the same location. Interment will be held privately at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to help establish a scholarship fund in Clark's memory, to benefit a student wishing to attend trade school. Contributions can be sent for the Clark W. Benson Scholarship Fund, in care of Tyler Benson, 36808 St. George Road Delmar, DE 19940. Contributions in Clark's memory can also be sent to Elliott Worship Center, 17237 Phillips Hill Road, Laurel, Delaware, 19956. His legacy of kindness and laughter will forever live on in the hearts of those he touched.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **6**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Elliott Worship Center
17237 Phillips Hill Road
Laurel, DE 19956

Funeral Service

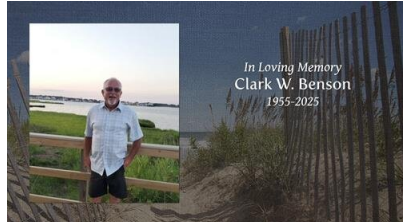
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Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Clark W. Benson*



Short Funeral Home - August 07, 2025 at 07:33 AM

WP

“ *Danny and Wendy Parker*



Wendy Parker - August 14, 2025 at 11:41 AM

SK

“ *Sheila Madden Kinley lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson*



Sheila Madden Kinley - August 12, 2025 at 03:13 PM

WL

“ *Clark I will miss you but will celebrate our reunion in Heaven. May God be with your beautiful family.*

Wayne Lowe - August 09, 2025 at 11:32 AM

JH

“ We were truly saddened to hear of Clark’s passing and extend our deepest sympathy to the entire family. Clark did the highest quality craftsmanship on many home projects for us. We always appreciated his attention to the smallest details. Clark was a pleasure to do business with and was the consummate gentleman. Clark will be sorely missed.

Joe and Jean Hreczan

Jean Hreczan - August 08, 2025 at 10:32 AM

LB

“ Always a wonderful smile and great personality!! Prayers to the family!!



Lisa Burch - August 07, 2025 at 04:18 PM

JR

“ I graduated with Clark and have known his family for years. Always laid back cheerful and ready to talk. Never too busy to give you his time. He was truly a good friend and an asset to the Laurel community. He will be missed by many.



John Ryall - August 05, 2025 at 07:27 PM

CM

“ Cheryl Macklin lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson



Cheryl Macklin - August 05, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Clark W. Benson.



August 05, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clark W. Benson.

August 05, 2025 at 08:37 AM

CP

“ Clark and I go back to our childhoods in Lake Pines riding bikes and playing hide and seek which children today do not have these fond memories, and as grown up a few or many laughs as classmates. His smile and humor will be never be forgotten. A kind heart he was



Christina (Tina) Janosik Palmer - August 04, 2025 at 07:43 AM

MF

“ *Marvin Herrera & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Clark W. Benson.*



Marvin Herrera & Family - August 03, 2025 at 04:48 PM

JJ

“ *You have my condolences. Every time I go out my back door and see the fence he put up for me I think of him. Jim Jestice.*

Jim Jestice - August 03, 2025 at 02:14 PM

DP

“ *Dolores and Preston Palmer lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson*



Dolores and Preston Palmer - August 03, 2025 at 10:26 AM

KS

“ *Karl and Kay Short-Habig lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson*



Karl and Kay Short-Habig - August 03, 2025 at 07:24 AM

KS

“ Clark Benson was one nice person. He always had a smile and was so positive. Condolences going out to all of his family and friends. Clark will definitely be missed. God Bless and many prayers during this difficult time. Keep smiling and be positive like Clark. Love and prayers, Karl and Kay Short- Habig

Karl and Kay Short-Habig - August 03, 2025 at 07:24 AM

AK

“ Ashley King lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson



Ashley King - August 01, 2025 at 04:49 PM

MT

“ Marty and Terri purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Clark W. Benson.



Marty and Terri - August 01, 2025 at 11:22 AM

DD

“ Love and prayers to all of Clark's family and many, many friends. He will be terribly missed by so many. Clark always had a smile on his face and time to talk to anyone he ran into on any given day. He will never be forgotten.

Del & Bonnie Daigle

Del & Bonnie Daigle - August 01, 2025 at 11:07 AM

MW

“ Mark and Paula Walls purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Clark W. Benson.



Mark and Paula Walls - August 01, 2025 at 10:40 AM

MW

“ Mark and Paula Walls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clark W. Benson.

Mark and Paula Walls - August 01, 2025 at 10:40 AM

MC

“ Mike & Cathy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson



Mike & Cathy Campbell - August 01, 2025 at 09:32 AM

CE

“ Craig Elliott purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Clark W. Benson.



Craig Elliott - July 31, 2025 at 09:17 PM

CE

“ Craig Elliott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clark W. Benson.

Craig Elliott - July 31, 2025 at 09:17 PM

MH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Thinking of you Deby. Clark was always such a friendly outgoing man. He will be missed for sure!!!



Mary Lynn Hastings - July 31, 2025 at 09:14 PM

GK

“ Gene & Patti Key lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson



Gene & Patti Key - July 31, 2025 at 07:24 PM

MM

“ Michael Moore lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson



Michael Moore - July 31, 2025 at 06:24 PM

SW

“ *James & Sheila Wilkins*



Sheila Wilkins - July 31, 2025 at 05:08 PM

BH

“ *Barb Hill lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson*



Barb Hill - July 31, 2025 at 02:16 PM

ES

“ *Eddie and Susan Steen lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson*



Eddie and Susan Steen - July 31, 2025 at 01:13 PM

AS

“ *April Sparks lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson*



April Sparks - July 31, 2025 at 01:04 PM

JV

“ *Condolences to Deby and family*



Judy & Steve Vickers - July 31, 2025 at 12:50 PM

DB

“ *My deepest sympathy to all the family in the untimely loss of a wonderful friend. Clark will be missed by many. Diane Brubaker*

diane brubaker - July 31, 2025 at 12:02 PM

BO

“ *Bill and Jan Otwell lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson*



Bill and Jan Otwell - July 31, 2025 at 11:09 AM

KK

“ *Kenny and Karen lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson*



Kenny and Karen - July 31, 2025 at 10:45 AM

AS

“ *Arlene Shaheen lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson*



Arlene Shaheen - July 31, 2025 at 08:56 AM

TL

“ *Todd Lowe lit a candle in memory of Clark Benson*



Todd Lowe - July 30, 2025 at 08:10 PM