



Clifton "Kip" Benson

September 21, 2011

Clifton A. "Kip" Benson, 93, passed away Wednesday September 21, 2011 at Apple Rehab in Cromwell following a brief illness. He was the widower of Lois Fowler Benson. Born in Middletown, son of the late Oscar and Ebba Ahrenberg Benson, he was a longtime resident of East Berlin, moving to Middlewoods of Newington in 2003. A graduate of Middletown High School, he was a World War II US Army Veteran. Kip was Vice President & General Manager of his family owned business Mildrum Manufacturing in East Berlin for nearly 50 years. He was a longtime member of the Berlin Congregational Church; the Berlin Kiwanis Club; the Middletown Square Dance Club and was a former member of the East Berlin Volunteer Fire Department. Kip was a well known Square Dance Caller and local Auctioneer. He loved golf, skiing and auto racing. His greatest love was his family.

Surviving is his son, Richard Benson and his wife Gail, his daughter Christine Rose and her husband Doug, all of Berlin; three grandchildren, Douglas Solek; Kylee Solek Panetta and her husband Neil; and Lindsay Benson; a great grandson, Dylan; and several nieces and nephews. Besides his wife Lois, Kip was predeceased by a brother, Frederick and a grandson, Keith Benson Solek.

A Memorial Service will be held Monday 10:30 AM at Berlin Congregational Church, 878 Worthington Ridge, Berlin, CT 06037. Military Honors will be

accorded at the church. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Wilcox Cemetery. Calling hours are Sunday 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Berlin Congregational Church or to the East Berlin Volunteer Fire Department, 80 Main Street, East Berlin, CT 06023. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Add Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

LO

“ *Dick and Chris,
Just by chance I came across the news of the death of your dad. It's been many years since I've been back to Berlin, but all the wonderful people there are still in my heart and Kip was one of them. So sorry. I know you and your families will miss him. A great memory I have is of our confirmation service - I had an unrelenting cough so embarrassing for a 13-year old and you dad was literally the life saver with a Life Saver. Its so nice to have special memories of childhood and the people who made that time memorable.*
Linda Knapp Omansiek

Linda Knapp Omansiek - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Chris & Family,

Patty and I are sorry to hear of your loss. It sounds as though your Dad was a great guy. May the good memories of him bring you comfort during your time of grief. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Patty & Tom Carew - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Dear Chris and Benson Family,
Our deepest sympathy on the passing of your dearly beloved father, and grandfather. May your fond memories, and times cherished with him brng you comfort. With sadness.....Steve and Patrese*

Mr and Mrs S Bielinski III - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ To Dick Benson and family
I was saddend to read your father's obituary. I hope you and your family just keep remembering all those happy times.
Sincerely,
Becky Thompson
Mildred & Jacob Gabany's niece

Becky Thompson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ He was a great guy and always had a joke to tell me whenever we saw each other.

Peter Hungerford - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ We feel privileged to have known Kip, Lois and our Connecticut family for many years. We loved the stories Kip would tell about golfing with Freddie Couples, fishing with his dad, racing with Dick and singing with Chris. We admire him for his musical talent, his family values, his sense of humor, for standing up for what is right and being unafraid to express it. Kip will always be alive in our hearts.

Bill and Marge Ahrenberg - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ We were saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. He will always live in our hearts as we remember all the found memories of his life.

David & Rebecca Ahrenberg - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ So sorry to learn of Dad's passing. Kip will continue to be one of the heroes in my life.

Bill Ahrenberg Jr. - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ One of my fondest memories was Kip's rendition of "Suzanne was a funny old man". I have a smile a mile wide when I think of him and his great sense of humor, and a tear now as I miss this truly wonderful man.

Jim & Beth Ahrenberg - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ To The Benson Family,

It was such a pleasure to know such a gentleman. I always enjoyed chatting with your Dad on his visits to Dr Schachter's. I was so sad to hear of his passing. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

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JV

“ Chris I want to give my Condolences to you and your family for the loss of your dad. May he rest in peace.

Jennifer @ Weber and Carrier.

Jennifer Vallejo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM