



SSG (Ret.) Benedict Arnold Funk Jr.

December 30, 1947 - October 5, 2024

Benedict Arnold Funk, Jr., son of the late Benedict Arnold Funk, Sr., and Agnes Clair Casey (Ruppurt), was born December 30, 1947, outside Ewing, NE on Grandpa John Funk's farm. He was named after St. Benedict and St. Arnold. He was born 3 months early, weighing 1.5 lbs. He slept in a cigar box and was placed in the warming oven of his paternal grandparents' wood cook stove. He was fed with an eye dropper, his diapers were men's handkerchiefs, and he was wrapped in cotton dish towels. He had a precarious start to life but ultimately, he had a full one.

He moved to and lived in Orchard, NE, Norfolk, NE, then Omaha, NE all by the time he was 5 years old. He grew up in Omaha, married and had two sons, Matthew Stacy Funk and Benedict "Benny" Arnold Funk, III. He enlisted in the Army on June 21, 1972 and shortly thereafter was stationed overseas in South Korea. While there he divorced and met his future wife and love of his life of 49 years, Sun Yi. After returning from South Korea, he was stationed at Ft. Belvoir, VA where Sun Yi joined him, and they were married in 1974. He had two daughters, Victoria Ann Funk (Diaz) and Gail Marie Funk (Rice). He was stationed in Korea again and Germany for a year and then returned stateside where he was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood until his retirement on July 1, 1992.

During his military career he was awarded several medals which include the

National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Marksman Qualification Badge M-16 Rifle, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, and the Army Commendation Medal.

After retiring from the military, Ben worked as a mechanic for Charlie's Cars and later Action Automotive until he retired from the workforce. By then, his wife was dependent on him for care after her diagnosis of Lewy Body Dementia progressed. She preceded him in death on December 26, 2023.

During his life, he enjoyed spending time with his family, going fishing, camping, fixing cars, road trips to visit old friends, listening to country music, wearing his cowboy boots and plaid shirts, and drinking black coffee. He leaves behind to cherish his memories: four children- Matthew Funk of Suart, IA, Benedict Funk III of Council Bluffs, IA, Victoria Funk-Diaz of Centennial, CO, Gail Rice of St. Robert, MO, and four grandchildren: Tanaysa Jeanette Rice, Giahnna Sunyi Rice, Makaila Remi Funk Diaz, and Kalisie Narae Funk Diaz; two sisters: Agnes Faire and Margaret Krause; and several nieces and nephews along with great-nieces and great-nephews.

Ben passed away on Saturday, October 5, 2024, in Rolla Missouri after complications from a recent surgery. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him. Even though he is gone from our sight, Ben's commitment to his country and family will live on in our hearts forever.

Celebration of Life services were held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 10, 2024 in the Memorial Chapel of Waynesville, Missouri with a United States military chaplain. Speakers were Victoria Funk-Diaz and Margaret Krause as they recalled their wonderful memories of Ben. The songs "One More Day" by

Diamond Rio, "Jealous of the Angels" by Donna Taggert, and "You Can Let Go Daddy" by Patricia Maguire were played. Graveside services with military honors were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 11, 2024 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of Benedict Funk and may be mailed or left at Memorial Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
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Waynesville, MO 65583
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Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 6:30 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville/ St. Robert

Burial

OCT **11**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery, FLW
25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SSG (Ret.) Benedict Arnold Funk Jr.*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - October 10, 2024 at 09:03 PM

JM

“ *Rest easy my Army buddy. It was a honor to know U and to share our friendship long after retirement. U are still a household name in our house. Rest in peace, my friend.*



Jim and Sharon Mtchell - March 10 at 07:03 PM

TS

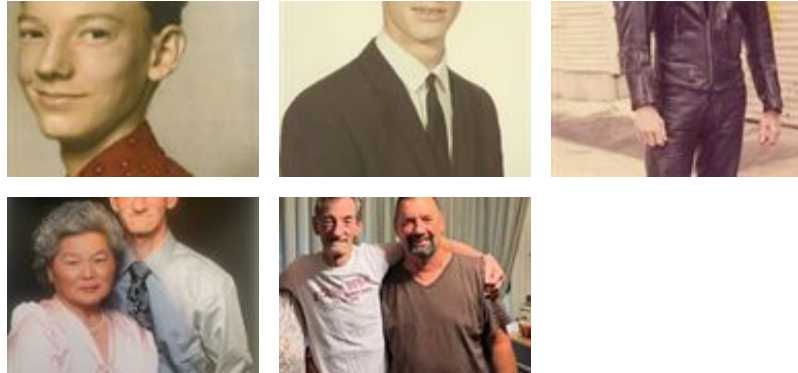
“ *Although I don't know you, I want to show my respect and thank you for your service. Rest in peace.*



Thomas Simonsen - November 30, 2024 at 07:34 AM



“ 130 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - October 10, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ *Christopher Conn lit a candle in memory of Benedict Funk*



Christopher Conn - October 10, 2024 at 11:19 AM



“ *Colleen Daniely lit a candle in memory of Benedict Funk*



Colleen Daniely - October 10, 2024 at 10:02 AM

CD

“ *Colleen Daniely lit a candle in memory of Benedict Funk*



Colleen Daniely - October 09, 2024 at 06:11 PM

JM

“ *Til we meet again, friend. U were a household word here. Sending our condolences, to the family*



james t mitchell - October 09, 2024 at 05:25 PM

MS

“ *Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of Benedict Funk*



Marge Scott - October 09, 2024 at 03:30 PM

KA

“ *So sorry Gail, your dad was a great man and he loved you all so very much, my fondest memory was as a kid riding in the pickle van with him n my dad. I will never forget his beautiful voice and his kindness he showed to my dad. Love you Gail and girls. Prayers for peace during this time. If you need anything I'm here for you all 🙏🕊️❤️*



katie - October 09, 2024 at 02:30 PM

MM

“ Thank you Uncle Benny for all your love and memories. I will forever cherish them. I’m at peace knowing that you’re back home with aunt Ann and your parents. You may be gone but never forgotten. This is not goodbye but until we meet again. I love ❤️ you with all my heart.



Michelle musel - October 09, 2024 at 11:30 AM

CW

“ Carla Allenand Chasity Williams lit a candle in memory of Benedict Funk



Carla Allenand Chasity Williams - October 09, 2024 at 08:23 AM

JB

“ Uncle Benny and Aunt Anne are looking down on their children and watching over you, letting you know he is at peace now. They love you.

Jody Anne Blanton - October 08, 2024 at 09:24 PM