



Benny Alvin Doolin

March 28, 1948 - February 21, 2011

Benny Alvin Doolin departed this life at 9:15 a.m., Monday, February 21, 2011, at Sunset Village of the Ozarks, St. Robert, Missouri, at the age of 62 years, 10 months and 24 days.

Benny was one of five children born to the union of the late Georgia Marie (Sutton) and Willie Alf Doolin. He was born on March 28, 1948 in Waynesville, Missouri. Benny grew up in Waynesville and graduated from Waynesville High School in 1967. As a young boy, he professed his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized in the First Baptist Church of Waynesville.

Benny was employed as a custodian for the Waynesville R-VI School District for over 20 years. He lived in Waynesville throughout his lifetime and took great pride in his community. When he saw a need, he immediately went to work soliciting assistance from whomever necessary to fulfill that need. He was instrumental in many area projects, including getting the local veteran's organizations to replace worn flags at area schools, placing the flag pole at the St. Robert Community Center, getting the state to place a crosswalk from the Pulaski County courthouse to the south side of business route 66 and constructing the gazebo on the grounds of the courthouse. But getting helipads installed all over the county was the project of which he was most proud.

Benny was a member of the Waynesville/St. Robert Masonic Lodge #375 AF & AM, Pulaski County Shrine Club and the Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Temple. He has served as the president of the Pulaski County Emergency Landing Zone, worked at events such as Frog Fest, Old Settler's Day and Christmas on the Square. On May 13, 2000, Benny was honored as the "Citizen of the Decade" by the Waynesville/St. Robert Area Chamber of Commerce

Benny is survived by three siblings: Nancy Quick (Alfred) of Springfield, MO, Mary Smith of Springfield, MO and Willie O. Doolin (Nancy) of Dixon, MO; one uncle: Willis Sutton of Coquille, OR; one aunt: Ruth Doolin of Lebanon, MO; special friends: Dickie and Princess Bales, Brandon and Hilary Bales, J.B. and Cheryl King and John and Lisa Schwandt all of Waynesville, MO; several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Benny was preceded in death by one brother: Robert Mede Doolin.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 24, 2011 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert with Rev. Danny Graves officiating. Benny's good friend, Sheriff J.B. King recalled his wonderful memories of Benny. Pianist Lisa Schwandt accompanied Soloist Charlas Bales as she sang "The Old Rugged Cross". Charlas also sang "Amazing Grace Medley" and "In the Garden". Serving as escorts were J.B. King, Dick Bales, Mike Dunbar, Billy Farnham, Kevin Hillman, Art Windham, Gene Newkirk, Johnny Burgess, Dan Cordry, Marvin Newell, Bobby Dunn, Bill Hammock, and Tony Dye.

Burial followed in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Benny Doolin and may be left at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Benny Alvin Doolin*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *The guy with the smile and big heart*

Mary Brandt - May 16, 2014 at 10:27 AM



“ *I remember him from middle school being our janitor and im 38 y/o now.He was a great guy . Today while writing on my grandfathers obituary i came across the others and recognized the name,How time flies. thanks Benny for being a swell guy and breaking my locker open when i forgot the combo and cleaning my vomit up :) Good ole school memories###imported-begin##Benny Dumas Jr###imported-end##*

March 30, 2011 at 01:37 AM



“ *Benny always had a smile and was a real gentleman. Your friends and family will miss you.###imported-begin##Linda Thompson###imported-end##*

March 04, 2011 at 02:22 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy during this season of bereavement.###imported-begin##Harold Burleson###imported-end##*

March 04, 2011 at 01:59 PM



“ Benny, a lot of people are going to miss you.. Including me. Your friend John Franklin##imported-begin##john franklin##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 09:29 AM



“ To the Doolin family, I did not know Benny personally, but I had a brother that went to school with him and talked about "the good old days" constantly when he came home to Missouri to visit our family. My brother's name was Bert Lytell and I can still remember him talking about Benny, his obituary jumped out at me while reading here online and I just had to say now my brother Bert and Benny can talk each other's leg off!! I also seen a lot of guests signature's here that Bert also talked about, memories help in keeping you smiling when we think of the people we love who have left this earth, may you cherish all of your memories of Benny!! God bless you. Sincerely, Betty (Lytell) Rupard##imported-begin##Betty Rupard##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 07:32 PM



“ Nancy, Mary, Bill.
Sorry about the loss of your brother Benny. Remembering the good times we spent as children at my grandmothers house (Evelyn Doolin Logan). I was very aware of how proud Benny was of his work getting the heli pads installed.. I am sorry I could not attend the funeral, because I had extensive surgery on the 22nd.##imported-begin##Sheila (Benavidez) Colin##imported-end##

February 25, 2011 at 12:34 PM



“ Benny was a great friend to all. I will always remember the history conversations we had about Waynesville. He will be greatly missed. My prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Mary Ann (Carroll) Hodgson##imported-end##

February 25, 2011 at 10:57 AM



“ Everybody loved Benny, and Benny loved everybody. I knew him all my life. He will be sadly missed.##imported-begin##Linda Hendrix##imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 03:51 AM



“ I was saddened to hear about Benny. He was a special person for so many of us to have wonderful memories of him. My prayers go out to his family and many loved ones.##imported-begin##Patricia Dubowski Gulley##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 09:55 PM



“ Benny was a true hero to people in this area of MO. We will miss that smile & friendly conversation. Our prayers are with all his family & friends (that pretty much includes everyone in this community). Thanks for everything Benny!##imported-begin##Jim & Carol Godfrey##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 07:39 PM



“ *Benny will never be forgotten..What wonderful thoughts that I have of Benny, Dickie and I(Judy Tryan)growing up. We tried it all ,and did finally grow up..My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Judy TRYAN CORNERS##imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 07:17 PM



“ *so sorry for your loss,benny was a good friend .and he done so many good things for the town .i will miss his coming by the shop to visit with us.god bless you all in this time of grief.##imported-begin##NORMA SMITH[BENCH MOTOR CO]##imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 05:40 PM



“ *Benny was a kind soul and was dedicated to this community. When my children were attending WHS, Benny was busy collecting aluminum cans and taking the proceeds to build helicopter landing pads for the flight-for-life helicopter to ensure the injured athletes and victims of other accidents had access to enhanced medical care. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Maggie Quinn (AKA: Michels)##imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 05:32 PM



“ *So sorry for you loss-Benny had a big heart and I appreciate all that he has done for our community. Thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.##imported-begin##Cindy (Shelden) Emory##imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 04:05 PM



“ *To live in the hearts we leave behind, is not to die for memories bring our loved ones back, for ever and ever will they be with us to cherish is joy and memories warmth. My deepest condolences to all the family.##imported-begin##Johnny Fuentes WAMOHI '66##imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 03:54 PM



“ *Benny will live forever in our hearts. He was always ready and willing to help anyone in need. So many wonderful memories from childhood until last Christmas. I cannot think of anyone who gave so much with so little. He gave from his heart and donated his time for the entire community. Thanks Benny for enriching our lives and so many others, YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.##imported-begin##Cherie Newcomb-Rigsby and Gordon Rigsby##imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 03:18 PM



“ *Benny did so much for all of Pulaski County with a good heart and soul. He always had a ready smile and friendly greeting. He will truly be missed.##imported-begin##John & Margaret (Schulz) Mackey##imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 02:44 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Benny. He was a wonderful person and a true friend. He had a kind and caring heart. Benny was always ready to help someone in need. He will be truly missed by everyone. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family and all of his friends.##imported-begin##Carolyn Martin##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 11:03 AM



“ Did much for so many.##imported-begin##Charlie and Janet Sands##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 10:38 AM



“ Benny leaves a legacy. He can be found in the hearts and minds of many, many people. He touched many lives. My heart hurts for I have lost a true "friend". I am so grateful that he was a large part of my life. He made me smile when I didn't want to. I love you Benny. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this very difficult time. Maybe knowing he was loved by so many will help to bring you some peace. God Bless You.
John & Elsie Purdue##imported-begin##Elsie and John Purdue##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 10:09 AM



“ So sorry I just realized I misspelled Benny and put Denny instead, wish I had caught this earlier. He was a great guy!##imported-begin##Rhonda Heckmann##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 09:30 AM



“ *Benny cared deeply about the community he lived in. He was passionate about every project he tackled and met the challenge with a headstrong fierceness. He was proud of his heritage and would tell stories of his Granpa Alexander "Pop" Dotson Sutton, with a twinkle in his eye. He was a loyal and true friend whom we loved and we will miss him dearly.*###imported-begin###*J.B. and Cheryl King*###imported-end###

February 23, 2011 at 08:51 AM



“ *Nancy, Mary, and Bill, Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. I am unable to attend due to previous commitments with my church, but you will be in my heart. May God give you peace and comfort in this difficult time, peace we know Benny now is experiencing. Love, Jackie and Wayne Asher (midge Hill's daughter)*###imported-begin###*Rev. Jackie Asher*###imported-end###

February 23, 2011 at 08:35 AM



“ *I just remembered the article him and I did in the Pulaski County History book, 2005. He left a wonderful legacy with his accomplishments on the "Helicopter Pads" around the county. The picture is found on page 50. I tried to upload it and I hope it can be done. He was so proud of those helicopter pads.*###imported-begin###*Marge and Gordon Scott*###imported-end###

February 22, 2011 at 10:39 PM



“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Benny, He was a great person and a friend. He gave advice and helped me at the museum with information about Pulaski County. He truly loved Waynesville and Pulaski County. He had donated some things to the Museum and they will forever be there with his name engraved in gold. I pray that the Good Lord will look upon him and say, "Well done good and faithful servant." I pray now that the Lord will give the family peace and comfort during this trying time. God Bless You All.##imported-begin##Marge and Gordon Scott##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 09:48 PM



“ To my dearest family, some things I's like to say...but first of all to let you know that I arrived okay.

I'm writing this from Heaven. Here I dwell with God above. Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal Love.

Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you.

It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on. I need you here badly; you're part of my plan. There's so much that we have to do to help our mortal man".

God gave me a list of things that he wished for me to do. And foremost on the list was to watch and care for you. And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight, God and I are closest to you in the middle of the night.

When you think of my life on earth and all those loving years, because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain. Remember, there would be not flowers, unless there was some rain.

I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned. But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er, I closer to you now than I ever was before.

There are many rocky roads ahead of you, many hills to climb. Together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too: that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.

If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain, then you can say to God at night, "My day was not in vain". And now I am contented that my life has been worthwhile, knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile.

So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low, just lend a hand to pick him up as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.

And when it's time for you to go...that body to be free, remember you're not going, you're coming here to me.

Ruth Ann Mahaffey (author)

Copyright 1998-2008##imported-begin##Spike and Diane Franklin##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 08:46 PM



“ Benny will truly be missed by his friends and community he was one of a kind and always happy to help at any time. God Bless till we meet again##imported-begin##Billy and Stephanie Fenton##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 08:30 PM



“ Benny will be missed by many. He did great works for Pulaski County in fighting for the helipads. Benny was one of a kind and was kind to everyone. My prayers are with his family and loved ones.##imported-begin##Jerri Shreve##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 08:20 PM



“ A great guy who will be missed by all who knew him--he touched many lives and had many friends. Rest in peace Benny, you did well during your time on earth!##imported-begin##Linda Adams Roe##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 07:56 PM



“ *Benny will be missed by all who knew him. He will be remembered forever as a loving, and giving friend.*
Sarah##imported-begin##*Sarah Southwick Campo*##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 07:36 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Benny was one of a kind and will be missed by everyone who knew him. God Bless you all.*##imported-begin##*Debby Hull, Nan Goforth (Hull), Mike Hull, Jeff Porter* ##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 06:01 PM



“ *When I think back on my growing up years, Benny was always in the picture. Waynesville would not be Waynesville without Benny Doolin! Rest in Peace.*##imported-begin##*Sheila Rogers Tronsdal*##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 04:22 PM



“ *I've thought of Benny so many times over the years. I know he will be missed by all - especially those who got to see him on a regular basis. He was such a sweet guy and a good person.*##imported-begin##*Sharon Rogers Wright*##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 02:01 PM



“ Benny was a true friend. If he believed in a cause he gave his whole heart to it. Friends always Benny.
Love Gilbert and Patsy##imported-begin##Gilbert and Patsy
Crismon##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 02:00 PM



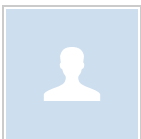
“ Benny was a kind hearted person who loved to help people. He was always there for my mom as she got older. He would check on her and it gave us great comfort with us living out of town. We will miss our visits when we would come to Waynesville. Waynesvukke has lost a great citizen and we have lost a dear friend.##imported-begin##Shannon ,Doris and Kenneth Curry##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 01:05 PM



“ Over the years, though many, many miles have kept us apart, you were thought of always. There are folks who we meet and forget, and there are those who we meet and never forget- that was Benny. An angel placed on this earth, a man who cared on so many levels. Your laughter and sparkling eyes will be missed!##imported-begin##Kris Eike Peat##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 12:41 PM



“ I am very sad to hear about Benny. He was a kind hearted and generous person and will be missed.##imported-begin##Ron
Lowrance##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 10:54 AM



“ A more loyal friend could never be found. Benny loved his friends and his community, and was always doing for both. His life was much too short, but he lived it to the fullest. Our love and prayers are with the family and friends.##imported-begin##Dickie and Princess Bales##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM



“ We will all miss Benny. He was always there for his community and his friends. Corny and I (and our entire family) are saddened by his passing.##imported-begin##Bob Dodds##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 08:32 AM



“ Our hearts go out to you. Benny was an angel doing so much for others. He was a great friend. He will always have a special place in our hearts.##imported-begin##Carol Brady Hoyer##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 07:04 AM



“ What a special Angel God has taken! Benny was such a loving and KIND man, who would give you the shirt of his back. We will greatly miss him. My thoughts and prayers to the family.....He will always be in your hearts! May GOD bless you during this time of great sorrow.##imported-begin##Shirley##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 10:59 PM



“ YOUR LOST WILL BE FELT BY MANY,
OUR LOVE AND PRAYS ARE WITH YOU.

Jesus Walked Among Us.

*He walked awhile among us so that we
might better see the breadth of His
Compassion...His love for you and me
John 17:3*

*He walked awhile among us, giving all
He had to give, to set us an example...
to teach us how to live. John 11:26*

*He left His place in heaven, His glory
and His throne and walked awhile among us
to show us how to live. 1 Timothy 2:3,4###imported-begin##Lee &
Irene Keyes. Dublin, Ga.###imported-end##*

February 21, 2011 at 09:53 PM



“ We are going to miss visiting with our old friend. Benny had such a
good heart. Always willing to help out for a good cause.###imported-
begin##Chuck, Velda and Austin Ousley###imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 09:27 PM



“ Our prayers for peace and tranquility during this time of
sorrow.u###imported-begin##william and susan
anderson###imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 08:15 PM



“ There are few people I respect more than Benny Doolin. I can't think of anyone who did more for the area with no thought for personal gain. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Jim Mathews##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 07:28 PM



“ Benny, God Bless you brother. You will always be in my heart.##imported-begin##Buddy Ramos##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 07:27 PM



“ What a guy!!! Always doing for others and the community. God gave him a gift
-he made things happen to benefit others. That is true caring. He touched many lives and will be missed.##imported-begin##annette Troutt##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 05:43 PM



“ You will be missed Denny! You always had a big beautiful smile for everyone, RIP and God Bless you and your family and friends.##imported-begin##Rhonda Heckmann##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 04:47 PM



“ We are sad that Benny went so early. He was a dear friend. I know that Benny is organizing the angels to refurbish the golden gates today.

We will miss you, Ben.##imported-begin##Luge and Paul Hardman##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 04:35 PM



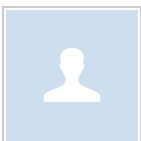
“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Benny will always be in our hearts and thoughts. We'll miss you friend. Thanks for all that you did.##imported-begin##Michael"RED"Mosier##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 04:30 PM



“ I will be forever grateful for his work on the Fairview Cemetary.##imported-begin##Linda Gifford##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 03:36 PM



“ Benny was such a giving person, and he has left a wonderful legacy for those who follow him. We loved his laugh. He will be missed by so many who knew him. Our prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Martin and Georgia White##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 03:20 PM



“ *Leasa and I are so sorry for your loss, Benny was such a loved person by all that knew him. His many contributions to all of this area will never be forgotten.*

God Bless you, you are in our prayers.

Dave & Leasa Day##imported-begin##Rep. David & Leasa Day##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 03:19 PM



“ *We will miss you Benny, we always love to see you come in to see us. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##St.Johns Pharmacy##imported-end##*

February 21, 2011 at 03:10 PM