



## Thomas William Benson

June 10, 1953 - November 20, 2019

Thomas William Benson, son of the late Harry Irwin and Ethel Ellen (Casey) Harman, was born June 10, 1953 in Nampa, Idaho. He passed away Wednesday, November 20, 2019 in his home having attained the age of 66 years.

As a young boy, Tom grew up in the Waynesville, Missouri area and graduated from Waynesville High School.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Tom entered the United States Navy and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge after 8 years of service.

Tom was very talented when it came to being an auto mechanic. He was a licensed Certified Automotive Technician. He served the community at different places, but everywhere he worked, people knew that they were getting a qualified person to work on their vehicle.

On September 15, 1995, Thomas was united in marriage to Cynthia Lynn Wrightson in Waynesville, Missouri. They shared over 24 years of marriage together and two children: Mandy and Samantha.

In his spare time, Tom loved to be outdoors while fishing and hunting,

especially bass fishing and deer hunting. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan and also enjoyed working on steel model kits and various other hobbies. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family, especially the grandchildren.

Tom will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Cindy Benson of the home; two children: Mandy Conley (Charles) of Waynesville, MO and Samantha Ferraro (James) of Waynesville, MO; five grandchildren: Seth Bott (Jennifer), Jacob Bott, Emily Conley, Mariah Ferraro and Tristen Ferraro, all of Waynesville, MO; one great grandchild: Lily Bott; two sisters: Penny Hypes (Bill) of Canton, OH and Ellen Bates (Larry) of the state of Idaho; sister-in-law: Punky Davidson (Steve) of Waynesville, MO; special friend: Billy Wood (Brenda) of Waynesville, MO; special niece: Janet Long of Canton, OH; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by three brothers: Frank Willoughby, Kevin Benson and Stoney Benson; one sister: Terry Willoughby; and in-laws: Roy and Jean Wrightson.

Even though he is gone from our sight, Tom will live on in our hearts forever.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, November 23, 2019 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Tom's son-in-law, Charles Conley officiating. Also speaking and recalling their wonderful memories of Tom were Tom's daughters, Mandy and Samantha and friends Andy and Lindell Mostajo. The songs "Hero" by Enrique Iglesias and "Dancing with the Angels" by Monk and Neagle were played. Serving as honorary escorts were Charles Conley, Seth Bott, Jacob Bott, James Ferraro, Billy Wood and Rick Graham.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Thomas Benson to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas William Benson*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - November 23, 2019 at 02:16 PM



“ *Thomas William Benson*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Benson*



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**Marge Scott** - November 26, 2019 at 09:37 PM



“ *Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Benson*



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**Marge Scott** - November 26, 2019 at 09:21 PM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Benson



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - November 22, 2019 at 11:35 PM

CC

“ Tom was a very nice man. He loved his family and put up with his wife. Hehe, you know I am just kidding. He loved Cindy! He will be missed by many people and family.



Cindy Childers - November 22, 2019 at 05:29 PM



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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 22, 2019 at 04:07 PM

TA

“ Toni & Anthony lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Benson



Toni & Anthony - November 22, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ Missy Sellars-Gray lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Benson



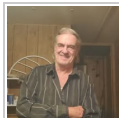
Missy Sellars-Gray - November 22, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Ed Martin - November 22, 2019 at 02:00 PM



*This was back when Tom and I (Ed Martin) worked for the local Cable TV Company "Tele-Video Cable TV Company in the late 70's early 80's...I was the operator of the company in Saint Robert, Mo. and Tom was the operator of the one in Cabool, Mo.*

Ed Martin - November 23, 2019 at 08:52 PM

Pat  
Martin

“ Pat Martin lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Benson

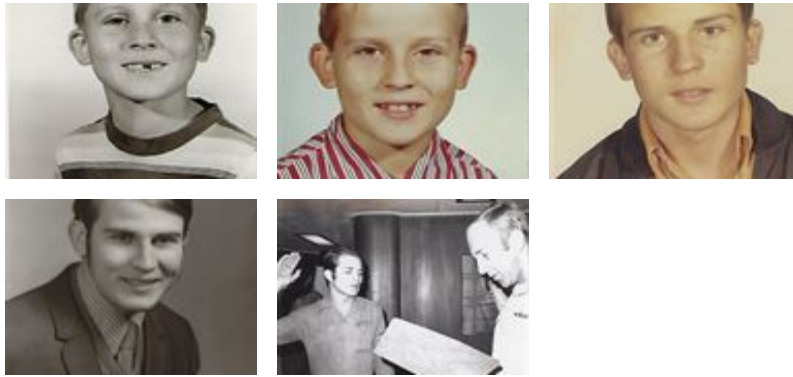


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Pat Martin - November 22, 2019 at 01:47 PM



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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 22, 2019 at 01:36 PM

LM

“ Leo Edward Martin lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Benson



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Leo Edward Martin - November 22, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ *Shiela Benson-Brosseau lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Benson*



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**Shiela Benson-Brosseau** - November 22, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ *Tom and I have been friends for 50 years. We meet when we both worked at Curley's Drive Inn back in 1969. We spent many deer hunting / camping sites together (my dad took to Tom as another son,they were close) to many fishing float trips to count and all the mud holes we got our jeeps stuck in. He was the Godfather of my son Travis. I will miss you my friend....I will see you again my friend...*



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**Leo Edward Martin** - November 22, 2019 at 01:03 PM



“ *Linda Levett sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas William Benson*



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**Linda Levett** - November 22, 2019 at 07:32 AM



*God bless the family during these difficult times and know he is resting now with Jesus*

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**Darlene battle** - November 23, 2019 at 11:17 AM

MV

“ *Matt & Brandi Voigt lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Benson*



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**Matt & Brandi Voigt** - November 21, 2019 at 07:51 PM

BE

“ *Cindy so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!*



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**BettyLamar** - November 21, 2019 at 06:39 PM

JB

“ *I'll never forget the first time we met way back in the cox brother firestone era your one hellava technician and a heck of a gentleman catch that luncker my friend.*

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**John Bell** - November 21, 2019 at 05:51 PM

JB

“ *JUANITA BURROUGHS lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Benson*



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**JUANITA BURROUGHS** - November 21, 2019 at 05:34 PM

RG

“ Tom was the only guy that I could leave in charge of my shop. He was honest, fair and dependable. Attributes like that among others made him ideal for such a responsibility. He was always a good friend. I will miss him terribly.

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**Rick Graham** - November 21, 2019 at 03:31 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas William Benson



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**Pamela Cox** - November 21, 2019 at 03:29 PM

AM

“ We will miss you, Tom. For his dear family, our prayers are with you. Andy and Lindall

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**Andy Mostajo** - November 21, 2019 at 03:27 PM

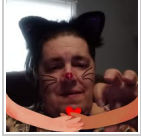
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“ My deepest sympathy Mandy, and family. May you find comfort during this difficult time.



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**Sheila Debo** - November 21, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ *Kat De Vido lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Benson*



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**Kat De Vido** - November 21, 2019 at 01:42 PM