



## Gerald Leo Benson

August 12, 1929 - October 21, 2023

GERALD LEO BENSON, 94, peacefully passed away October 21, 2023 in Virginia. He was born August 12, 1929, to Arthur J. Benson and Alice E. (Ward) Benson in Moline, Illinois. Gerald lived his life showing his unwavering faith, love, generosity, and kindness. He married Betty Ruth (Napier) Benson June 19, 1958. Together they moved to Northern Virginia and raised a family.

Gerald served his country with honor. First, in the United States Postal Service, then as a veteran of the Korean War, moving on to service at the US Department of Defense. He never faltered in his beliefs due to his love of God. His life was guided by the Holy Spirit. He was an entrepreneur in several ventures, enjoyed gardening and woodworking. He loved to read and learn. He always had a story or insight to share.

Gerald leaves behind 6 children: Linda Leah Rohrs (Texas), Timothy Lee Benson (Florida), Lisa Therese van Rensburg (Michigan), Mary Janette Alphs (Haymarket), Julie Lynn Williams (North Carolina), and Michael Lawrence Benson (Haymarket). As well as 16 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He was the pillar of the family and will be greatly missed.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **31**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
8213 Linton Hall Rd  
Gainesville, VA 20155-2997  
(703) 753-6700

## Reception

OCT **31**. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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*Reception will be held following Mass in St. Mary's Hall at the church.*

## Burial

OCT **31**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery  
18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Gerald Leo Benson*.



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October 29, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of *Gerald Leo Benson*.



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October 28, 2023 at 04:06 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of *Gerald Leo Benson*.



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October 27, 2023 at 11:22 PM



“ *Linda Benson Rohrs & Rohrs Family* purchased the *Divine Light* for the family of *Gerald Leo Benson*.



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**Linda Benson Rohrs & Rohrs Family** - October 27, 2023 at 12:20 PM

LF

“ Linda Benson Rohrs & Rohrs Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Leo Benson.

Linda Benson Rohrs & Rohrs Family - October 27, 2023 at 12:20 PM

SC

“ I will always have fond memories of Gerry and his wife Betty. Both very kind and giving souls. Prayers of comfort to the family. Now they are reunited and looking out for you from above.

Sherri Clauson - October 27, 2023 at 09:06 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Leo Benson.



October 27, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald Leo Benson.



October 26, 2023 at 04:03 PM

GH

“ *My whole life as a young child was growing up with the Benson family. Your father was my dad's best friend and there were so many stories about their friendship and gatherings with you all for holidays and get together. Both your parents gave me the opportunity to have the family away from home I didn't have when I was younger. So so many memories.*

*Your father was amazing at his age and I can only hope I can be half the person he was if I make it that far.*

*He had unconditional love to give and he also received it from his family.*

*My love and thoughts are with you all through this loss.*

*Love Gale "Anderson" Hickling*  
*(Andy's daughter)*

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**Gale Hickling** - October 26, 2023 at 10:53 AM

MA

*Thank you so much, Gale. You are family, and it was amazing having Andy, and you, in our lives.*

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**Mary Benson Alphas** - October 26, 2023 at 12:46 PM

LH

“ *Laurie Huffman lit a candle in memory of Gerald Leo Benson*



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**Laurie Huffman** - October 24, 2023 at 09:09 PM

LH

“ Thank you Uncle Jerry for the precious gift you gave as a man of God. Remembering so many wonderful times and how you shared your faith with so many. I love you. Laurie



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**Laurie Huffman** - October 24, 2023 at 09:08 PM

MA

Thank you so much, Laurie. I have never seen these pics. What memories we have.

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**Mary Benson Alphas** - October 26, 2023 at 12:47 PM

SS

“ Growing up, I always felt welcomed into the Benson home. Gerald's love for his family was apparent in everything he did. He will be missed. Sending love to all his loved ones hoping they find comfort in their memories with him and in their faith that his spirit is with them.

-Sheila

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**Sheila Sappington** - October 24, 2023 at 08:16 PM