



## Stephen Benson

December 1, 1964 - January 22, 2012

Haymarket- Stephen Michael Benson, age 47, of 5602 Wheelwright Way, Haymarket, VA 20169, passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at Heathcote Health Center in Haymarket, VA

Born on December 1, 1964 in Little Rock AK, he was the son of John Benson and the late June Benson. He had been a resident of Prince William County for the past 25 years. Steve served during his 23 year career as a VA State Trooper in both Prince William and Loudon Counties. He was an active member of Triumph Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school and created a successful ministry called "Friends 4 Life." Steve also served as a missionary on numerous trips throughout Latin America.

Steve's Faith and Love for Jesus Christ enabled him to live his life with exceptional honor and integrity. He was a blessing to every life he touched.

Survivors include His wife Barbara Benson; Son Derek Benson; Daughter Stephanie Benson; Father John Benson; three brothers Dave, Jim, and Danny Benson; Stepdaughters Melissa Kasun and Mary Jane Blizzard, and Granddaughters Victoria and Erica Kasun.

The Benson Family will receive friends on Thursday, January 26th from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Pierce Funeral Home located at 9609 Center St., Manassas, VA 20110.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 27th at Grace Life Community Church located at 9560 Linton Hall Rd., Bristow, VA 20136. Burial will follow at Bright View Cemetery, Old Auburn Rd., Warrenton, VA 201187.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be to the VA State Police Association. <http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Charitable.shtm>

# Tribute Wall

AW

“ Steve,

*Enjoy being in heaven. Don't ask the Lord to bring you back, no matter what. Coming back is not worth it... we are not worth it.*

*The Lord certainly did use you down here to bless an endless amount of people, and, with the exception of a handful of people which I could probably safely say, most don't even appreciate what you did for them, nor do they even remember you.*

*Your birthday will be in a couple weeks. You would have been 53 years old, or if you prefer: 35 years old! HA! HA! I know, where you are now, you are not concerned with age or time because you are now ageless and timeless.*

*I don't know why I continue to add to you Tribute Wall. Perhaps, I am hoping people will read the Tributes and be so impressed with your life that they will decide that they too want to grow a backbone so they can be like you.*

*I know! I know! I am a hopeless dreamer!*

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**Amy Wyatt** - November 15, 2017 at 02:46 PM

AC

“ Steve, I haven't forgotten you. Pierce has a 10 tribute limit policy, which is why I haven't been leaving a tribute every year. You apparently were too well loved! I read a rumor Steve, that Pierce is allowing more tributes, so if it is true (which I doubt), I just want to say that you are missed. You were the only Christian I knew who did not spend his/her time in church, nor anywhere else, talking about the football god/ soccer god/ latest technological god/ telling obscene jokes/ running your mouth about other people in the church. The ONLY God that was in your mind your heart your soul and your mouth was the True KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

You spent your time ministering to the elderly sick and weak that society and the church turned their backs to: visiting them when they were physically sick, discouraged/saddened, or needed help. You befriended encouraged and edified the outcasts that were not "hip" enough for the church "in crowd" not even caring who may see you nor even caring what the "in crowd" would say. You ministered and showed true Christian love to those who hated you and wished for your death by going down to the Mall to show Muslims in their Qu'ran that Jesus Christ is the True Messiah. You ministered to children, teaching them and encouraging them to draw closer to the Lord. Steve, while there is not enough internet space to list all that you have done (or what I personally know you have done), let me just say that you have done so much while you were here for so many "fish" that is not even remembered nor appreciated. Every life you came into contact with on your journey, you introduced them to or encouraged them in the Lord if they already knew the Lord. You apparently are the last of your kind.

If there is one memory of you that I could list before Pierce Funeral Home deletes it because of their 10 tribute limit policy, it would be the most memorable memory I have of you:

Sunday January 22, 2012, 12:30 pm, about one hour before you died on the Emergency Room table. The morning service had just

*ended and I was upset because I had been told I was not entitled to prayer and the church would not pray for me. I was not to ask for prayer from the church nor from anyone. Prayer is reserved only for those that are in the church "in-crowd". I asked you not to pray for me because the church did not condone it and I did not want the church to retaliate against you. When I finished speaking, you gave me this look of disbelief that I had asked such a thing and then you told me something I NEVER forgot (and hope I NEVER do): "I WILL NOT commit such wickedness! I WILL continue to pray for you!"*

*I was the last person you ministered to.*

*If by chance I am correct in believing that Pierce still has their 10 tribute limit policy, then, while this tribute will be deleted, let me just say, you are missed.*

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**Amy Wyatt, Sister in Christ** - January 28, 2015 at 09:34 PM

AW

“ Stephen Benson

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**Amy Wyatt** - August 30, 2013 at 01:49 PM

SC

“ Derek and family, I'm very sorry for your loss. My family's thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Derek, Harold McGann is out of town this week. However, he has asked me to pass along his personal condolences to you and your family.*

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**Stuart Conrad** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

TN

“ Steve shared in SS Sunday morning how much he often longed for Heaven. How amazing that 2 hours later, God took him home. My heart goes out to you, Barbara, Derek and Stephanie. Your husband and father was loved by many. His passion for life, and his humor will be terribly missed, but his love for the Lord will live far beyond his years. We're praying for you during this time of tragedy, that God will give you the grace you need to get through the days ahead.

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**Tami Nantz** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

NS

“ I met Steve at my father's funeral. A beautiful voice indeed. I was so impressed with how the quartet sang that day. I told my Mother, Madie Shomate, of Steve's passing and she is very saddened. She so enjoyed his singing and he stayed in touch with her after she moved away from the area. The Shomate family sends our heartfelt condolences to Steve's family and friends.

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**Nettie Shomate Stevens** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

EF

“ Dear Benson Family,

*What a glorious addition to Heaven !! I sorrow with you at this sad time, but I rejoice with you that Steve is with our lovely Lord Jesus Christ.*

Sue

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**Emily Sue Fleming** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

BW

“ I am so sorry for your loss.....Steve was married at one time to my sister Teresa which i hadnt seen neither of them in over 20 yrs!!!

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**Bonnie Weaver** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

BW

“ Our heart felt condolences go out to the family

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**Bill and Kim Wiser** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

CG

“ Dear Stephanie,  
You and your family have been in my thoughts & prayers all week.  
My condolences to you all.

Sincerely,  
Cindy

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**Cindy Graham** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

CN

“ Steve you will be truly be missed, you were one of a kind.

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**Calvin Neal** - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

DA

“ To the Family: I wanted to send my deepest and sincere condolences during this unfortunate time in your lives, but I also wanted to share with your family a comforting promise that God gives in his Word the Bible about the hope of us seeing our dead loved ones again, it's found at John 5:28,29 which in part reads:"Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life,". Your family will be in my prayers, my sincere condolences.

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Delores Allen - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Benson Family: I read about the loss of Mr.Benson in the obituary today and I wanted to extend my sympathy. As humans we want to live, and we want to enjoy lfe with those we love, it is only natural that we yearn to see our dead loved ones again, so it's comforting to know that the Bible teaches that most people who have died will be resurrected. The Bible promises this at John 5:28,29 which in part reads:"Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life," Your family will be in my prayers, my sincere condolences.

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January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM