



# George E. Benson Jr.

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## **George E. Benson Jr.**

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**G**eorge E. Benson Jr, 79, of Fort Myers, Florida died peacefully this week, his family by his side. Born in South Kingstown, Rhode Island on November 18, 1942, where he lived with his wife and two daughters until he retired to Florida in 2002. He was known to all as a friend, coach and advocate for his colleagues and community.

George was a veteran of the United States Army and spent years as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service, devoting time as a union steward advocating on behalf of his colleagues. An avid team player and sports fan, George was known by his teammates and friends as fair and dedicated, serving as umpire and team leader of softball and basketball teams.

He set a standard in sports and in his work; and was always respected for his commitment and resilience. True to his spirit, he volunteered for many years with the Special Olympics, bringing his love for sports and camaraderie to the participants each summer.

Always one to keep busy, George had a thriving landscape business with his father, George Sr, and his dear friend Pogie Chapel.

He always appreciated and enjoyed spending time in nature, fishing the waters of Salt Pond in his skiff during the summers, and spending time with his cherished family. Their beautiful home on Robinson Street was well-known to those who visited.

After retiring to Fort Myers, he remained active, playing golf, pickleball and baseball with his wife and friends. Always one to lend a helping hand, George made The Benson's yard a place where landscapers in his neighborhood knew they could get a kind word and a cold drink on hot day.

George is the son of the late George E. Benson, Sr and the late Loretta B. (Smith) Benson. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Paulette (LaRiviere) Benson, his daughters Lisa Benson Patt and Lori Ann Benson, his grandsons Noah and Zachary Moreno, and his son in law Dale R.Patt.



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A Memorial Service for George will be celebrated by Pastor Graham A. Stein at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 12, 2023 inside the Chapel at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33907, (239) 936-0555. The U.S. Army will provide Military Funeral Honors in grateful recognition of George's honorable service in the Armed Forces of our nation. Following these services, friends and family will recess to adjacent Memorial Gardens Cemetery where George's Urn will be laid to rest in the Field of Honor Section.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Hope Hospice of Fort Myers would be appreciated.



# Events

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## Memorial Gathering

**Friday**, May 12, 2023

10:00 AM ET

**Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**  
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907

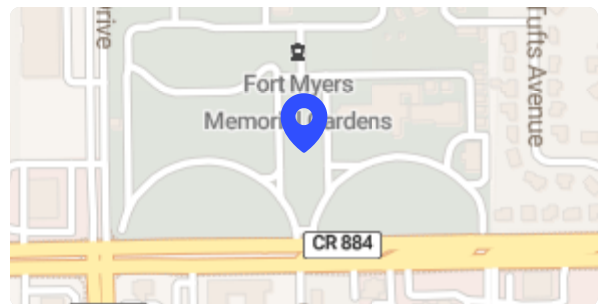


## Memorial Service

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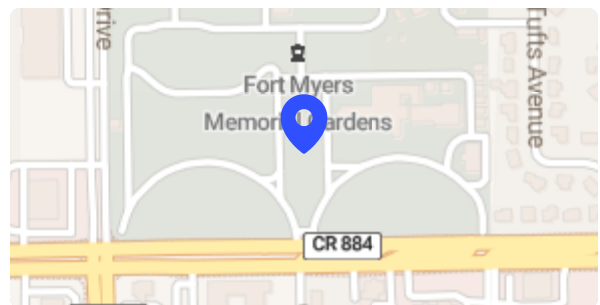


## Military Honors

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11:30 AM ET

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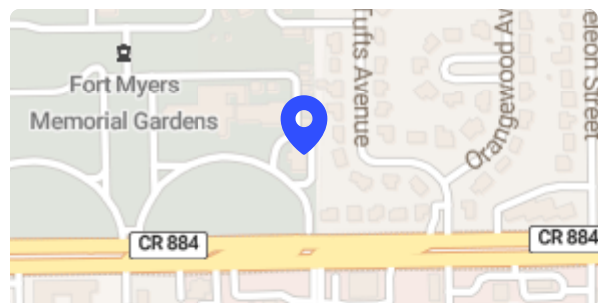


## Committal in Cemetery

**Friday**, May 12, 2023

11:45 AM ET

**Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery**  
1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers FL 33907





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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Benson family.



May 9 at 1:16 PM



**Dave Signorelli** posted:

So sad to hear the news of George's passing. We were neighbors when I was growing up and " Mr. Benson" used to let us kids play football in his huge front yard. George was a great guy, so kind and personable. Robinson St. will forever miss you Mr. Benson.

October 25 at 5:20 AM



**Timothy T Northup** posted:

So very sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Benson. Please accept our sincere condolences. Prayers and positive vibes to you all. Best, The Northup Family- Tim, Stephanie and Evelyn

July 7 at 6:06 PM



**Jack Robinson** posted:

I was very saddened to hear of George's passing and my deepest sympathy goes to Paulette and the family. George will be missed by many. I've known George since playing on the little league team George Sr. managed. We were great friends through school and while playing ball together most of our lives. We volunteered with my Special Olympian son and George was a mentor and a hero. He was sincere, considerate, and well respected. I was very fortunate to have him as a friend and I wish I could be with him for one more brew. Jack Robinson

July 4 at 7:00 PM



**Bob Brown** posted:

So sorry to hear about George. RIP big guy

July 3 at 1:27 PM



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**Jane Gilgun** posted:

I am sorry to learn of George's death. My condolences to his lovely family. George was a great guy. I knew him in grade school and high school. He was full of life, friendly and kind, a good sportsman, and good-looking. George had a good life; I knew a bit about his adult years through conversations with his friend Ron. George made a difference in this world.

July 3 at 2:52 AM



**Henry Vellone** July 4 at 3:33 PM

My condolences to the family, George was a great person, always had a smile on his face, he was a great ballPlayer and coach, RIP ole friend



**Bob Cavanagh** posted:

My deepest sympathy to George's family. Crushed is the only word I had when told of George's passing. George truly did so much for so many. His obituary hit the ball with the barrel of the bat. He was a team leader and a team player who went above and beyond to help others enjoy life. By coaching George helped keep a very large group of "young" athletes playing softball and basketball together until they were "old men". He was a role model in work and play for the entire community. George was the definition of unselfish and fair. George would play others before himself not because they were better players than he was, but because that's who George was! He's now in heaven putting the old teams back together and doing good things for others. I know that I am not alone in saying, thank you Paulette and family for sharing him with us. Rest In Peace George!!

July 2 at 4:36 PM



**Walter Davis** posted:

RIP!

July 2 at 2:39 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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