



Bruce Benson

October 10, 1924 - January 29, 2014

Pratt, KS

Bruce Benson, 89, died January 29, 2014 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham, KS. He was born October 10, 1924 at Denver, CO the son of Noah and Marguarite (Williams) Benson. On November 16, 1948 he married Jo Ann Lambert at Pratt. She survives.

Bruce was a rural mail carrier for the Pratt Post Office. He was a farmer and also had The Benson Farm Service. He served as Trustee on the Pratt Community College Board for 30 plus years. After his years of service with PCC the main building was named for him, the Benson Education Center. He volunteered at Pratt Regional Medical Center, and was a member of the First Christian Church in Pratt. He was involved in Rotary, Boy Scouts, Achievement Place and Community Concert.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann, a son, Richard (Janet) Benson of Hutchinson, Ks; and a daughter, Elaine (Gary) Geesling of Turon, KS, six grandchildren Eric (Danielle) Geesling of Turon, Ks; Jeff (Julia) Geesling Hutchinson, Ks; Alan (Lori) Geesling Enid, OK; Sarah (Josh) Hauck of Plevna, Ks; Seth Benson of Hutchinson, Ks; Austin Benson of Hutchinson, Ks and 9 great grandchildren: Garrett, Abigail and Kayley Geesling of Turon, Ks; Levi and Cheyann Geesling of Hutchinson, Ks; Alex and Jillian Geesling of Enid Ok; and Tyler and Isaac Hauck of Plevna, Ks.

Visitation will be 9:00 am – 8:00 pm., Friday, January 31, 2014, with Family receiving friends from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Larrison Mortuary. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 1, 2014, at the First Christian Church, Pratt, KS. Interment will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt, KS.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church or PCC Friend of the Arts in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, KS 67214.

Comments



“ I sure miss Bruce and will always remember the good times. I was fortunate enough to get to know Bruce through his volunteer work at the hospital and later through Rotary. Bruce always kept you on your toes with his wit and sense of humor. Bruce was a good man!
Jeremy Doggett

Jeremy Doggett - February 27, 2014 at 10:25 AM



“ Bruce was one of my favorite people in my life. I loved his humor, his honesty, his kindness, his caring for others. He was my Sunday School teacher when I was in middle school, and he made it fun to be there. He took time to listen to all of the kids in the class and give advice when needed. He liked to tease me, and I liked teasing back. Just recently, I was able to say hello to him again as I visited Hilltop Manor. It really meant a lot to me. Bruce touched many lives.
Teresa Green Vratil

Teresa Vratil - February 14, 2014 at 06:00 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. My Dad, Moe Pritchett, and Bruce were friends for many, many years and both attended the First Christian Church. I have pictures of the two of them together in the Philippines during WW II. He was an incredibly nice man and I always enjoyed being around him. He will be sorely missed. Damon Pritchett - or as Bruce called me "Little Moe."

Damon Pritchett - February 02, 2014 at 12:33 PM



“ Bruce had so much fun giving me a hard time. I always felt close to him since he was friends with my Dad before he passed away. I will always remember him for his smile and his sense of humor. Please accept my sincere sympathy. Teresa Wells Snyder

Teresa Wells Snyder - January 31, 2014 at 11:39 AM



“ Richard, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad passing. He used to tell me stories of different people in our class, he really liked telling stories about Clarence Meigs.

Deb Jones - January 30, 2014 at 03:31 PM



“ Bruce has a special place in my heart since I've known him all my life. He loved to tell stories about our two families and the mischief the Benson and Frazer kids created. I remember fondly his loud, boisterous "Happy Birthday" serenades to PCC employees! He always had a smile on his face...or rather an ornery grin. You just never knew what Bruce was going to do next...and we loved him for it. He will be missed.

Cathy Blasi - January 30, 2014 at 11:23 AM



“ Bruce touched so many people's lives. He will be missed by many. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Hearn - January 30, 2014 at 10:15 AM