



Dennis Wayne Benson

January 13, 1948 - January 20, 2025

Dennis Wayne Benson was born on January 13th, 1948, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma to Mary Alice Lee. He passed away on Monday evening, January 20th, 2025, in Okmulgee, at 77 years of age, with his loving daughter, Bridget Shrum and niece Devon Scott, by his side.

Dennis enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1967 during the Vietnam War. During his service in the USMC, he went to Okinawa where he was a helicopter mechanic. He served for four years then returned home. Dennis did some oil field work and worked with his friends doing brick stone some. In 1983 was his greatest accomplishment, his beloved daughter Bridget was born. After that, Dennis began teaching head start in 1986 at Okmulgee Head Start. He loved working with children. He continued his education at Connors State College attending night classes to obtain a degree in public education.

He enjoyed fishing. To say he was an avid fisherman would be an understatement. Casting a line and being out by the water is where he preferred to be. He also had a fondness for his OU Sooners. But above all else, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Tuffy Lee, and his sister, Linda Kay Lee.

Survivors include his loving mother, Mary A. Lee, his daughter, that was his greatest joy, Bridget Benson-Shrum, her significant other Monty Ross, and his two greatest blessings, his grandchildren, Maxton Shrum and Jocelyn Shrum of Okmulgee, sisters, Connie Scott and husband Keith of Smithville and Kathy Bell and husband Jeff of Hulbert, a brother, Jim Pannell and wife Vickie of Checotah, along with a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and other family members and friends.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, from 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM, at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel in Okmulgee. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 30, 2025, at the First Baptist Church of Okmulgee. Interment will follow at the Morris Cemetery in Morris, Oklahoma.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Dennis's Tribute Page of our website. www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Morris Cemetery

Morris, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JAN **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Okmulgee

311 W. 5th Street

Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Wayne Benson*

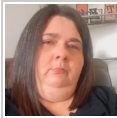


McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - January 28, 2025 at 04:34 PM

TR

That was beautiful! He was a great guy! I'm so sorry Bridget 💜

Tronia Ryder - January 28, 2025 at 05:42 PM



That was a beautiful tribute Bridget! I used to love when ur dad, my dad, uncle rocky and the rest get together and talk about the olden days when they went fishing or working for uncle Danny brick laying and listening to all their stories! I love you Lil cuzin and I'm so so sorry
💜💜💜💜🤔🤔😭😭

Faith Longnecker-Pineda - January 28, 2025 at 10:49 PM

CK

This was a beautiful tribute, Bridget. You and your Dad clearly had a special relationship and you have lots of good memories.

Carol Kalajian - January 29, 2025 at 03:23 AM



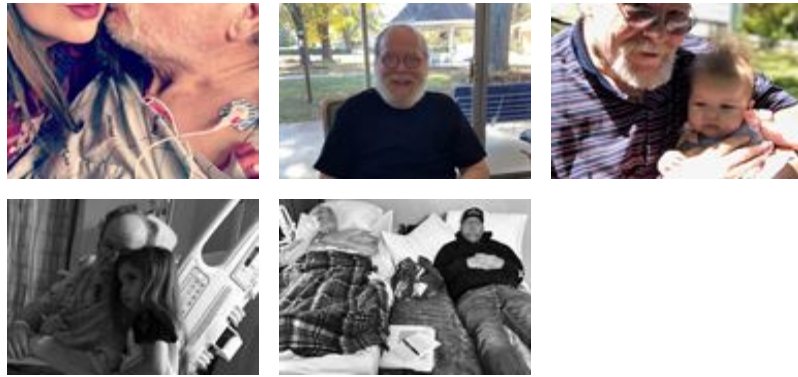
“ Dennis is a wonderful guy! Such a great Dad!
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January 30, 2025 at 11:23 AM



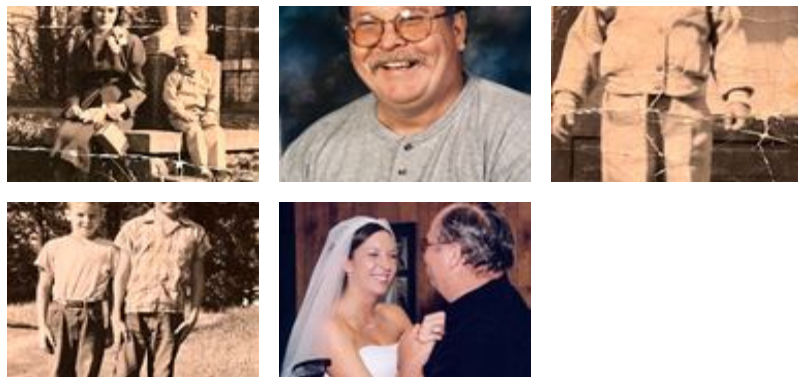
“ 86 files added to the album Life Tributes



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - January 29, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ 73 files added to the album Life Tributes



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - January 28, 2025 at 04:31 PM

SH

“ Truly one of a kind and will always be my favorite teacher. Deeply sorry for the loss of such a good man and humbling soul. My thoughts and prayers are esp with Bridget during this difficult time.



Sheena - January 25, 2025 at 11:38 PM

LS

“ Lisa Swinney lit a candle in memory of Dennis Wayne Benson



Lisa Swinney - January 25, 2025 at 09:56 AM

Tabatha Flud

“ Tabatha Flud lit a candle in memory of Dennis Wayne Benson



Tabatha Flud - January 24, 2025 at 06:40 PM

CS

“ Oh my sweet brother, I know your at peace, but my heart sure hurts. Please give daddy the biggest hug and Linda too!
Love you always
Your sister Connie



Connie Scott - January 24, 2025 at 06:06 PM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Dennis Wayne Benson*



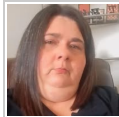
David Miller - January 24, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ *Faith Longnecker-Pineda lit a candle in memory of Dennis Wayne Benson*



Faith Longnecker-Pineda - January 24, 2025 at 03:46 PM



Fly high sweet cousin hope you are up there fishing with uncle tuffy

Faith Longnecker-Pineda - January 24, 2025 at 03:47 PM

SS

Sending prayers for peace and comfort to Bridget and all Dennis' family.

Shirley Scott - January 26, 2025 at 03:34 PM