



## David Gerard Benson

December 30, 1932 - April 26, 2011

### In Loving Memory of David "POP" Benson

Born in Massapequa, New York on December 30, 1932, Pop left this world peacefully on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, in the loving embrace of his family at the age of 78. He is survived by Elizabeth, his precious wife and best friend of 58 years, and their 9 children; David, Kevin, Jackie, Russell, Glenn, Danny, BettyAnn, Michael and Robert. They were blessed with 36 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was very much a father figure to his Son-In-Law and 7 Daughter-In-Laws, Kate, Candy, Marie, Renee, Arleen, Melissa, and Angela. Matt, his only daughter's husband, who grew up next door to the Benson's, was like a son to him.

Pop had many friends at any church he attended, especially the Upper Room Tabernacle, in Deer Park, L.I., New York, which he helped build both physically and spiritually. After moving to Altamonte Springs, Florida in 2008, he attended The Masters Touch Church in Longwood, Florida where he worshiped regularly.

As many of you know, "Pop" was an artful card shark. He enjoyed the competitiveness of any card game, and quickly became a favorite with the Orlando Hold'Em circuit. He made many, many, many friends playing cards and it was one of his favorite pastimes. We appreciate all the kind wishes from

all of you.

Pop was a "soldier" and a "hero" to all that knew him. He was officially decorated for his bravery and heroism during his service to the US Army from 1953-1955, post Korean War. He received 2 medals and the Highest US Military declaration for Valor for saving 9 people from a burning bus.

A special heartfelt thank-you to all his friends, past and present for all their support and love in this time of sorrow. We will miss his quick wit and sarcasm, but most of all, his warm compassionate heart, and loving spirit. Under that tough exterior, was a soft place to fall for many of us...he was a real man in every sense of the word. We'll miss him forever. God Bless you, POP.

The family will be receiving friends, Thursday, April 28, 2011 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and also from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A funeral service celebrating the life of David Benson will be held Friday, April 29, 2011 at 10:30 AM at DeGusipe Funeral Home. His interment service will follow at 2:30 PM at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. Arrangements entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory, 9001 N Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751 407-695-CARE (2273). Please visit [www.DeGusipeFuneralHome.com](http://www.DeGusipeFuneralHome.com) to view and leave a special condolence.

# Tribute Wall



“ I would like to express my sadness in the loss of Mr B he was a great man and will be missed even having not seen him in some time I always thought of both Mr & Mrs B with nice memories of the short time I was part of their lives They were always very good to me and I thank them for that they were there for a very sorrowfull time for me the loss of my dad and I am truly grateful Mr B God bless and keep you in his arms##imported-begin##Carolyn D'Amato Naylor##imported-end##

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April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I will never forget your smile. Through the years Steven and I remembered you and Betty with smiles on our faces. You lived a llife that impacted others. Your family will miss you,##imported-begin##Raquel Brevard##imported-end##

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“ A true Father to so many, we will never forget "Pop" as so many of us knew him. He was a true friend and a constant encourager. Those of us left on the earth will miss him, but heaven has become a much richer place. Prayers for strength go out to Mom Benson and his entire family. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten. Love, Dennis & Delora OBrien##imported-begin##Delora & Dennis OBrien##imported-end##

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“ *Ma Benson I send my condolences from my heart to yours. may god wrap his arms around you and comfort you. Take comfort in knowing that Pop is with Jesus now and you will see him soon. I love you so much. God Bless you Mom.##imported-begin##Lisa Hook##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Pastor Russ, I am trully sorry for your time of lost of your father. My prayers are with you and your mother and brothers and sisters at this time. May God's loving arms hold you during these lonely days,months and years...Our comfort is that we will meet again. We love you and beth and will keep you in our prayers, Karen & Richard Ford,Drew,Lindsei & Chase Spagnola##imported-begin##karen wilson ford##imported-end##*

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“ *Betty and family,  
I was so sorry to hear of Pop's passing and know how hard this is on you. His smile, his tenderness, his toughness, his joy and his kindness- just a few of the wonderful things Pop was have passed on to heaven and left a great void here on earth. But, PRAISE GODD, we who know the Lord will see Pop again and rejoice. In the meantime, I pray that God's grace and strength are tremendous in you to help you face the day to day reality of Pop's absence. I love you Betty, and have thought of you and Pop very frequently. You have both been a tremendous blessing to me every time we have been together.##imported-begin##Karen Williams##imported-end##*

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“ Our prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Gloyd and Iris Stadel##imported-end##

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“ Dear Betty and family,  
you are in our thoughts and prayers.Pop will be missed he was a truly wonderful man who blessed our lives just by knowing him.##imported-begin##Artie and Debbie DiNunzio##imported-end##

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April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So saddened by the news of Pops death.He was very special to us & so many.Especially all of Upper Room.What a great foundation stone he was.HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.You all r in our thoughts & prayers.Love always Teresa & Frankie Cal xoxoxo##imported-begin##Teresa & Frankie Cal##imported-end##

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April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ A gentle giant...will never be forgotten...our family is richer because we knew you...thank you for making our house a home.. :) we send our prayers to the entire Benson family!! Love The Cifuni Family##imported-begin##The Cifuni Family##imported-end##

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“ Dear Betty, We love you & Pop so much. You both were so important to us when we first started coming to Upper Room & you always remained in our hearts as our dearest friends. Be strong knowing Pop is with the Lord...and please keep in touch with us through Facebook & let us know when you're visiting New York . Love to you & all your family.##imported-begin##Maria & Phil Valentino##imported-end##

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“ we love you, mama benson we are praying for u we love you so much,##imported-begin##tom n maria nixon##imported-end##

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“ Pop was one of the toughest men I ever met. He was also one of the most tender. He made me want to be a better husband to my wife, and a better father to my children. My life is truly better for having known him and my heart goes out to his family.##imported-begin##Caleb Kizelewicz##imported-end##

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“ To The Benson Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. It was a pleasure to have known "Pops." May you cherish all the wonderful times with him.##imported-begin##The Jaffies##imported-end##

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“ Good friends are so hard to find, but yet so easy to lose. I remember all the good time, but yet can't remember a bad moment. I thank you for all the smiles and laugh we share and for that you will always have a place in my heart..... POP you will be miss but not forgotten..... Love4ever!!!!  
To the Benson family my love, prayer and support will always be there GOD BLESS!!!!##imported-begin##Robert Torres##imported-end##

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“ My deepest condolences to the whole family. Uncle David will be greatly missed. I have such great memories of him that I will treasure forever. He always reminded me of my Dad (Jack Benson). When Uncle David hugged you, you got such a warm feeling and that hug felt so good. Aunt Betty and Family my prayers and love are with you all. Much love Tina##imported-begin##Tina Corcoran Benson##imported-end##

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“ There is a great void to be filled by Pops passing, but I know that the depth of love that his family and friends share for him will continue and never be forgotten. Honor his memory with that love and the wonderful memories you shared with him. It was a pleasure and an honor for me to be able to call him my friend. R.I.P. Pops Benson, love ya!##imported-begin##Ron Kenny##imported-end##

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“ I Will Miss You Pops! We Go Back Many Years With Fond Memories My Wonderful Friend! You've Made It Home To Be With The Lord! No Tears! Just L & V E!##imported-begin##Kimberly Rose Esposito Barnes##imported-end##

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“ To the Benson family,  
My deepest sympathy is with you. I have become very fond of Pop while playing cards with him. He had such a kindred soul and was such a pleasure to always see. The family is in my prayers and thoughts.##imported-begin##Melissa##imported-end##

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“ My prayers go out to the whole family!!##imported-begin##John Patterson(AKA JP)##imported-end##

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“ rest in peace pop you will truly be missed##imported-begin##drew cotten##imported-end##

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“ My heartfelt condolences to the Benson family, Pop you were loved and you will be missed, May your soul rest in peace. Mom, your loss is great; I will keep you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Rachid Semmoum##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers goes out to the whole Benson family, I enjoy the time I spent with Pops playing poker, he was a good man, he will be missed###imported-begin###Rey Osorio (Orlando Holdem)###imported-end##

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“ What a phenominal person "POP" is, and always will be. He is blessed and highly favored, and will be missed. He was a competitor and is among an elite group of Orlando Hold'Em players, winning 2 tournament bracelets. As a person I saw POP as the gentle giant who looked out for everyone. He was quite the character and enjoyed life to the fullest. His love for his family was limitless, espcecially for MOM. POP I love you and will miss you!! Thank you for being a part of my life.###imported-begin###Paulo Rodrigues###imported-end##

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“ Dear Uncle Dave, You are always in my heart and I can still feel the strength of your hugs !  
Say Hi to Dad for me.  
All my love and Prayers to Aunt Betty , my cousins and family. I am blessed to have you in my life.  
Love, Jackie ,Noel and Family###imported-begin###Jackie Benson McGrath###imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry for the passing of Mr. Benson. He was a very sweet man and will be missed terribly. I thank him for being a 2nd dad to my brother. God Bless and everyone is in our thoughts and prayers. Love always,

Brian, Kris, Brianna and Marisa##imported-begin##The Garcia's##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers go out to Betty and family. We know Pop is in a better place walking on streets of glory and is in the arms of his Savior Jesus.##imported-begin##Ken and Joan Suhovsky##imported-end##

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“ Dear Benson Family,  
I will always remember your father as a wonderul and loving family man. May you all take comfort in knowing that his deep faith has brought him home to the Lord. May he rest in peace in heaven. Love,

Michelle##imported-begin##Michelle Leonick##imported-end##

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“ To a Beautiful Man of God...rest in the arms of Jesus. You've come too far to turn back now. Love you Pop -- see you one of these days.##imported-begin##Rhonda Bethel##imported-end##

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“ Dear Mrs. Benson,  
My Condolence's To You And Your Family. Pop Was A Great Guy.  
Pop, And Walter, And Gerry, And Myself Did Some Ushering  
Together. And We Worked Behind The Scene's Moving Prop's In  
The Cantata.He Will Be Missed By Many. Your In My Thoughts And  
Prayers. GOD Bless You And Comfort You In Your Time Of Loss.  
Tony A.###imported-begin###Tony Alagona###imported-end###

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“ This man was an inspiration in my life and I adored him loved his  
sense of humor and his whole family I always think of the Benson  
family and have very good memories all bring a smile to my heart as  
he always did Momma Benson remember I LOVE YOU All Very  
Very much Pop will be missed but not forgottom###imported-  
begin###Ginny Lawless###imported-end###

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“ R.I.P. Pop. You were the first friendly face that greeted my when I  
first attended Upper Room.

I pray His peace to your family.

Pam###imported-begin###Pam Gunther-Lee###imported-end###

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