

Lee Benson

June 14, 1946 - April 15, 2024

Lee M. Benson, 77, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away Monday, April 15, 2024, after a short battle with a very aggressive cancer. He was born June 14, 1946, in Topeka, the son of Myron J. and Norma E. Sumner Benson. He was always pleased that he was born on Flag Day and shared his birthday with Donald Trump.

Lee grew up in Burlingame, Kansas and graduated from Burlingame High School. His education at Kansas State University was interrupted when he entered the Army. Upon completion of his enlistment, he returned to Topeka where he attended Washburn University and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He later earned a Master of Business Administration from Kansas University.

He was a partner in the accounting firm of Mize, Houser, Mehlinger & Kimes. Lee headed the Washburn Endowment Association for many years. He managed Mount Hope Cemetery for a few years. He also, in his later years, worked several short-term accounting jobs for companies owned by Kent Garlinghouse. Lee enjoyed Kansas City Chiefs and Washburn Ichabod football games and Kansas Jayhawks Men's basketball games.

Lee is survived by his wife, Karen; his son, Steven; and brothers, Alan Benson (Kathy) and Joe Benson (Karen). He was preceded in death by his parents

and adopted daughter, Mandy.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Lee will be cremated and his ashes will be interred at West Lawn Memorial Gardens during a private family gathering following the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Tunnel 2 Towers organization and sent in care of the funeral home. Tunnel 2 Towers is an organization that builds Smart Homes for wounded Veterans, pays off the mortgage for the families of Veterans killed in action, and has built a "village" to shelter homeless Vets.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Gardens

I-70 & Auburn Road
Topeka, KS 66615

Previous Events

Funeral Service

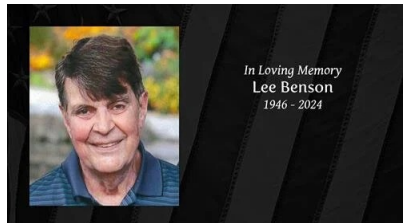
APR 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lee Benson



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 22, 2024 at 04:49 PM

DN

“ My heart goes out to Karen and the rest of Lee's family. He was a Great man who I respected deeply. I will miss him and our lunches deeply but will always have my home to remember him.

Diana Neal - April 22, 2024 at 11:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lee Benson.



April 20, 2024 at 11:45 PM

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“ xoxo Staci and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lee Benson.

xoxo Staci and family - April 20, 2024 at 11:45 PM

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“ My sympathy to Lee's family. I worked for him at Washburn Endowment. He was such a kind man. I remember his birthday was on Flag day. I am so sorry for your loss. He will always be remembered fondly.

Lisa Cheek Griffith

Alisa Danette Griffith - April 19, 2024 at 12:04 PM

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“ Gail & Julie, Kristen & Darin, Kris & Nina, Ryan & Sam, Garrett & Aryn & Families purchased the *Serene Reflections Bouquet* for the family of Lee Benson.



**Gail & Julie, Kristen & Darin, Kris & Nina, Ryan & Sam,
Garrett & Aryn & Families** - April 18, 2024 at 12:05 PM