



Essrie Lee "Pete" Benson

May 2, 1954 - April 5, 2018

Essrie Lee Benson was born May 2, 1954, in Dover, Delaware, to Essie Hooks, and Doris Benson. Essrie was known as “Bo Pete” or “Pete” by all of his friends and family, a name given to him by his father.

The early years of his life were spent in Delaware. Pete moved to Florida in 1989, and began a long-standing career with United Sugar Corporation. In 2005, with declining health, Pete returned to Delaware, so that he could be closer to his loved ones and extended family. Pete loved to fish, crab, and spend time outdoors. His favorite past time was taking annual family vacations, and watching his grandchildren and family youth participate in sporting events. His grandchildren were the light of his life, and he relished in every moment spent with them. He also enjoyed a variety of sports, and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. Bo Pete’s gentle soul will truly be missed by his family, friends and all that knew him.

The sun set on Pete’s life on April 5, 2018, surrounded by the love of his immediate family. He was preceded in death by his parents Essie and Doris Hooks; sister Lynette Hooks; daughter-in-law, Nakeysha Benson; and son-in-law, Ronnie Graham.

Pete leaves to cherish his life and memories, his wife of 44 years, Nita Benson; his children Kevin Benson (LaTanya), Melissa Graham, Andrew

Benson (Shenere), Te'ona Armstrong-Benson (Kenneth), Victor Benson (LaTonya), and Latonya Milburn (Brian); his brothers, Russell Hooks, Kevin Hooks (Earlene), and Kenneth Hooks; his sisters Sharon Pierce (Pastor Willie), Carol Artis (Pastor Jimmy), Evelyn Perry (Steve), Laura Lovett (Charles Johnson); an aunt, Catherine Polk; uncle, Grandville Brokenbrough; 26 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Essrie Lee "Pete" Benson, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Praying for your peace, continued strength, and recovery, through God's will. May you always be blessed, as you were before, as your family will always be. Julia

Julia Palms and Family - April 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May your precious memories of your time spend with Essrie Benson help you through this time of sorrow and you can find strength in God's loving promise at(Isaiah 41: 10.)

JoyceA - April 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. We send this condolence with the sure hope the Bible provides all of us at difficult times like this.

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). As death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to Almighty God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He promises to remove from this earth FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious day that will surely be! It's a reality and a sure hope that we can trust in because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2).

My wife and I sincerely encourage you to look up and meditate on these noted scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17). You will surely be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope our Grand Creator has in store for us (John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - April 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for the loss of your loved one. Read Isaiah 41:10 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - April 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss!

Thomas & Libby Widgeon - April 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM