



Amar W. Benoit

February 20, 1921 - July 8, 2014

Amar W. Benoit Jennings: A Mass of Christian burial will be held for Amar W. Benoit, 93 of Jennings, LA at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings, LA on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 PM with Father Charles McMillin officiating. Visitation will be held at Matthews and Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA on Monday, July 7, 2014 from 2:30 PM until 8:30 PM. A Rosary will be recited, Monday evening at 6:00 PM by the Knights of Columbus, followed by a eulogy. The Benoit family request visitation to resume on Tuesday at 9:00 AM until the time of his funeral Mass. Amar will be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery with Full Military Rites. Amar was born in Welsh, LA on February 20, 1921 to the late Joseph and Claudia Guidry Benoit. He passed from this life on July 5, 2014. Amar was first of all a man of God, devoted to his wife and children. His home was a sacred harbor filled with love, joy, prayers and music. He gave his children the virtue of unconditional love. Amar's love for family went beyond his doorstep to include hundreds of relatives as he orchestrated over 60 years of family reunions that are a cornerstone of the Benoit clan. The void created by his passing will forever be filled with wonderful memories of a richly blessed lifetime for all those who were privileged to know him. At the age of 19, he began his employment with Zigler motors. He was called to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Army Air Force in October of 1942. He served during World War II as an Air Traffic Controller in Central Flying Training Command. He was discharged December, 1945. After his military service, he

returned to Zigler Motors in Jennings to continue his career in the automobile industry. The Ford dealership was bought by Bubba Oustalet in 1952 and Amar continued to serve in multiple roles reaching the position of General Manager. He was instrumental in the dealerships receiving several national awards. He became a member of the Ford Society of Professional Sales Manager in 1973 and was awarded the honor of National Sales Manager of the Year in 1976. Even after semi-retirement he served as Automotive Consultant and Vice President of all Bubba Oustalet Corporations. In 2006, Amar received the Outstanding Business Person of the Year from the Jeff Davis Parish Business Alliance for his years of dedication and accomplishments. Amar was a member of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church and served as a volunteer in many capacities including such organizations as the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the Jennings Lions Club and a founding member for the Bayou Girl Scout Council in 1956. He served as Cub Master with Calcasieu Area Boy Scout Council. He was a member of the American Rose Society and a consulting rosarian. He was a member of the Society for the Preservation of Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet. Amar is survived by his wife Lucy Woods Benoit of Sulphur, LA, one son, Victor J. Benoit (Heidi) of Lafayette, LA; four daughters, Nannette Briggs (Don G.) of Lafayette, LA, Edith Reed (Richard) of Sulphur, LA, Becky Reed (Danny) of Jennings, LA, Tess Cormier (Damon) of Lake Charles, LA; one step-son, Charlie Woods (Sherry) of Sulphur, LA; three step-daughters, Carolyn Geldmacher (Mike) of Carencro, LA, Debbie Trahan (Greg) of Sulphur, LA, Wendy Brown (Glen) of Lafayette, LA; One sister Beulah Louviere of Lake Charles, LA; twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Claudia Benoit, his beloved wife of 53 years Alice M. Benoit, and one son Brandon F. Benoit Serving as pallbearers will be Tim Castle, Chris Castle, Rickey Reed, David Reed, Matt Reed and Caleb Cormier. Honorary pallbearer will be Nic Benoit. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a charity of your choice. To extend online condolences, please visit our

website at www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Amar W. Benoit*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Prayers for Mr. Amar and family. He was a kind man.*

Keith & Renee Myers - July 10, 2014 at 12:52 AM



“ *Mr. Benoit will be sadly missed. He was great to my Mom, sister and me especially after my Dad died.
He was a great neighbor as well. What a guy!
I now have a big hole in my heart.*

*Sadly and fondly,
Penny Williams Ramseyer*

Penny Williams Ramseyer - July 09, 2014 at 04:15 PM



“ *TO THE BENOIT FAMILY
I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSE. HE WILL BE
MISSED BY ALL. I WANTED TO TELL YOU WHO I AM I'M
KATHRYN AND RAY PHELPS DAUGHTER WENSIL. WE WERE
ALL IN GIRL SCOUTS.
ALL OF YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS.*

GOD BLESS

wensil phelps-theriot - July 08, 2014 at 04:17 PM

YV

“ Dear Benoit family members,

Deep saddness filled my heart as a man of compassion, integrity, and sweetness has left our earthly world. From the first time meeting him, he made me feel special and welcomed me as a friend.

All of heaven is rejoicing as this special and unique man of God returns home to celebrate renewed life and health. Happy this day in heaven as Mr. Amar, Miss Alice and son, Brandon celebrate his wonderful homecoming.

May the Holy Spirit envelope all of you with love and comfort during this time.

Yvonne Broussard (close friend of Heidi and Vic) - July 08, 2014 at 02:27 PM

BW

“ My memories of Amar include the what not's and the what's, and they have much in common.

The what not's included the many occasions of visiting at the house and never hearing a negative word, including when I was reminded that it might be time to head home.

The what's that I remember include a steady, calm expression that indicated a respect for me, even at a very young age.

A gracious, respectful, thoughtful, and kind man - a memory held deep and dearly.

God bless.

Barry Williams - July 07, 2014 at 09:45 PM

AS

“ *Tessie and the entire Benoit family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I was
saddened to read of his passing.*

Ann Bordelon Steven - July 07, 2014 at 08:45 PM

LB

“ *To the family of Mr. Benoit, I only knew Mr. B for a short time. He
was my dad's roommate at the V.A. home. He was a very nice man.
I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are
with each and everyone of you. Sincerely Raymond Baker's
Daughter*

Lydia Baker - July 07, 2014 at 12:50 PM

TF

“ *To the Benoit and Woods families. Amar was such a kind, loving
and honorable man. A true Southern GENTLEMAN. He was a God
send to my sister Lucy and our family. Amar has truly received his
angel wings.*

Toni Willey Forey - July 07, 2014 at 12:26 PM

LL

“ *Dear Benoit and Woods families.
May God be with you during this sad time. My thoughts and prayers
are with you in the loss of such a wonderful man as Amar. He was a
true blessing to Cousin Lucy and our family. He will truly be missed
by all who knew him.*

Linda Verbeck Ludecke - July 07, 2014 at 12:47 AM

FM

“ To the family of Amar Benoit,

Amar was a wonderful man and he and LJ had a wonderful friendship, not only were they brother in laws but they were friends, LJ is so glad that they got to spend a little time together this last month or so, but he will truly be missed by everyone. Our thoughts and prayers and love goes out to all the family.

Frances & LJ Menard - July 06, 2014 at 10:58 PM

NC

“ Mr Amar, was a very special man to everyone, I didnt know him very well, but what I did know was he was a very positive and religious man.

Everyone that has spoken of him in the last few days was very positive and had nothing bad to say only wonderful things. He will truly be missed by everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

I'm thankful we all got together and had a wonderful lunch with him in June.

Nancy

nancy carey - July 06, 2014 at 10:53 PM

SM

“ We were deeply saddened to read in the virtual American Press of your very special father and husband's death. He was a patriotic and a wonderful citizen of Jennings, who was kind and generous to all. We share fond memories of him with you from the LeBleu and Monlezun families. Reaching across the miles from Golden, CO, to send our love and condolence to all of you,
Sharon and Charles Monlezun

Sharon and Charles Monlezun - July 06, 2014 at 09:39 PM

CD

“ *Many memories of the wonderful Benoit family .So much of my childhood and teen years were spent at their home. He and Alice were wonderful mentors even to my adult years.
Nanette , I hope you see my email address and can drop me a line.*

Carole DROST - July 06, 2014 at 04:31 PM

PT

“ *I remember Mr. Benoit as always being a kind, gentle man. The Benoit family has always been recognized as an outstanding family in our community of Jennings. He will be dearly missed. I am so sorry for your loss. My hope and prayers are that each of you will find comfort in each other, in your loving memories, and in God's Word, the Bible. How we look forward to the time when we can be reunited with them. John 5:28 & 29 God Bless each of you.*

Peggy Tupper - July 06, 2014 at 03:50 PM

CW

“ *A man of compassion & love who will never be forgotten for all the great memories of the Benoit family reunions. Our family would like to send our deepest love & condolences to all of you!!! God Bless*

*Cheryl Gilbert Wiltz
Daughter of John Gilbert*

Cheryl Gilbert Wiltz - July 06, 2014 at 03:13 PM