

Mr. Walter S. Benton

July 19, 1934 - November 2, 2012

Walter S. Benton passed away on November 2, 2012 at age 78. He was born July 19, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan. Beloved husband of Sherryl and former husband of Ellen Benton. Dear father of Walter Reed (Coreen) Benton, Larry (Pam) Benton, Sharon Morris and Richard (Sheila) Benton. Dear step father of Lorelle (Guy) Meadows and Andrew (Sarah Clarkson) Pflaum. Loving grandfather of fourteen and cherished great-grandfather of four. Dear brother of Larry (Eileen) Benton of New York and Richard (Vicki) Benton of Kentucky. Family will receive friends Saturday Nov. 10, 2012 at 11 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 12 Noon at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and The Lake House, St. Clair Shores.

Walter attended Olivet College where he received his B.A. Degree in Education and played varsity football. He went on to play Semi-Professional football with the Melvindale Redskins and the Pontiac Arrows.

He taught in Warren Consolidated Schools from 1959-1971 and was president of the Warren Education Association. In 1971 he joined the Michigan Education Association where he served in Port Huron, Petoskey, Washtenaw and Monroe Counties as well as Local I in Macomb County.

Walter was elected President of the United Staff Organization at the Michigan

Education Association Headquarters and received the Friend of Public Education Award in 2000.

Walter was an avid sports fan, especially the Detroit Lions and Tigers. And most of all, he enjoyed spending time surrounded by his family. All who were touched by his gift for kindness and generosity will miss him greatly.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Previous Events

Gathering in Church

NOV 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Birmingham
300 Willits
Birmingham, MI 48009

Funeral Service

NOV 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sharon,
Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you. May the peace of the Lord be with you, especially at this time of bereavement.

May God watch over your family during your time of need. We are praying for friends to comfort you, and loving memories to help you smile again.

With sincere sympathy,

*Your Sodexo family at West Maple Elementary School
Nicole, Jan, Amy, Eluid, Eliza, Pam and Tony*



Nicole Miller - November 08, 2012 at 09:31 AM

MS

“ Sherryl,

I am very sorry to learn about the loss of your beloved husband, Walter. When we last communicated you mentioned he was going in for a heart procedure but I did not realize it was serious. My prayers and those of my bothers and sisters are with you during your time of grief.

Love,

Mel Schlitt & Family

Mel Schlitt - November 07, 2012 at 10:01 PM

DB

“ *Andy and Sarah, Our condolences to you and your family.
Blessings, Michael, Darlene and family*

Darlene Brown - November 06, 2012 at 06:59 AM

JM

“ *Sherryl:
I am so sorry to hear about Walt. As you know he and I have been friends since we first hired him for Central Macomb. Both he and I were on the Armada bargaining team when we took over the elementary school during their strike. He was with me when Dave Bonior first approached us about running for state rep. Unfortunately, i am having surgery on Friday and will be unable to attend Saturday's service. I will miss him.
My prayers are with you.
Jim Munroe*

jim Munroe - November 05, 2012 at 03:23 PM

DS

“ *I am the Union President at Airport Community Schools. I have known Walt for over 40 years. My father was the Supt. of Schools at Clintondale in the 1970's and Walt was there as the Uniserve Director. My father always held Walt in high regard. I was suprised when I became involved to find out that Walt was our Uniserve Director. I couldn't believe that he remembered me or my father. Walt was very helpful to me in my process of becoming Union President. He was a very helpful, kind person and he will be missed greatly missed.*

Daniel Savel

Daniel P. Savel - November 05, 2012 at 08:08 AM

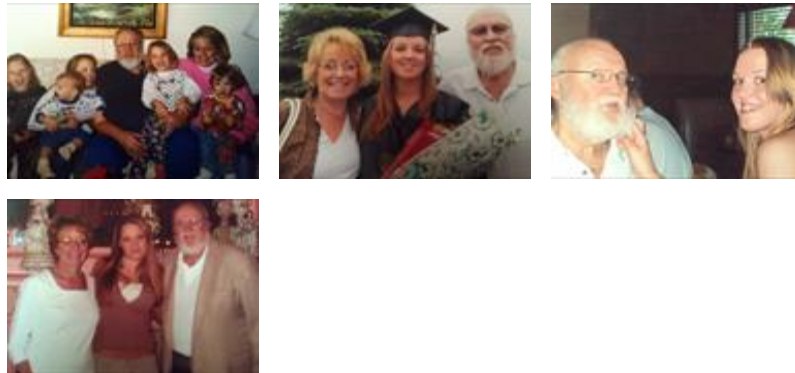
BF

“ Sherryl and Family, Bill and I remember fondly the times we spent with you and Walt. We remember your wedding and all of the well-wishing for a wonderful marriage, which I am sure you had. I have also known of WEalt's health problems, but didn't realize he was so bad. So sorry. Bill and I remain in good health. Sorry I just checked my e-mail on Sunday, as I was at a CASA conference in Traverse City since Thursday night. Wish we could have seen you. Call me at 734-242-2310 when you have time to talk. Love you,
Bonnie and Bill Doster

Bonnie Finzel-Doster - November 04, 2012 at 01:52 PM



“ 4 files added to the album from granddaughter Jackie Lynn Benton Boesman



Jackie Benton Boesman - November 03, 2012 at 11:48 PM

TG

I am the current President of the United Staff Organization. We were all saddened to hear of Walt's passing. We also regret that we will not be able to attend the services since some of us are at a out of state function.

Walt was one of a kind. He taught many of us the true meaning of the word union.

You will be missed, Walt, but never forgotten.

Tom Greene, USO President

Thomas D. Greene - November 05, 2012 at 10:36 AM

DS

Sherryl and Family,

As we wait for serenity and understanding of God's holy will, may you be comforted to know that we truly share in the loss of your Husband, Father Walt.

Our deepest and extended sympathy to all of you. May our love, prayers, thoughts and this note all help to heal your wounded hearts.

*Lovingly and Prayerfully,
The Schrauben's
Gene, Donna and Family
Portland, Michigan*

*MEA Government Affairs Department Employee
Donna Schrauben*

Walt, thanks for your devotion and commitment to the cause-union.

Donna Schrauben - November 05, 2012 at 08:18 PM