



Joseph Steven Benjamin

October 7, 1940 - March 18, 2020

Joseph Steven Benjamin passed away at his home on Wednesday, 18 Mar 2020, after fighting lung cancer for 2 ½ years, at age 79. He was born 7 Oct 1940 in Cass Lake, Minnesota. He was the son of George Stillman Benjamin and Margie Stockman. He was the third of six siblings, Leo Benjamin, Shirley Benjamin Norby (deceased), Walter Benjamin (deceased), William Benjamin, Violet Benjamin Pendergrast, and Kenneth Benjamin. He spent most of his youth in Minnesota and Oklahoma and moved to Southern California as a teenager. It was there that he met Darla Dallin of Springville, Utah who was working as an elementary school teacher. They were married on 26 Aug 1961 in Springville and were later sealed in the Manti Temple. Joe and Darla were the parents of four children, Tami Benjamin Crandall of Provo (Steve); Steven Benjamin of Niedernhausen, Germany (Sandi Phillips); Kathy Benjamin Trammel, deceased (James), and April Benjamin Black, deceased (Alex).

Joe and Darla raised their family in Springville and Pleasant Grove, and spent one year living in Oakland, California so that his children could get to know their Benjamin grandparents. Joe was a long-haul truck driver most of his life and later established his own business, Overland Trucking, with several diesel trucks. He retired from his business in 2013. Joe was also one of Santa's most special helpers and we will always remember his jolly laugh, the twinkle in his blue eyes and the real long white beard he grew every fall.

For the last 20 years Joe and Darla, before she passed away on 3 Nov 2012, lived in Orem. They celebrated 51 years of marriage before her death. Joe loved to BBQ, and we had family BBQ's in their backyard throughout every summer. Joe was a faith filled man and was looking forward to a reunion with his wife, two of his daughters, parents and two of his siblings.

Besides his son and daughter, sister and brothers, Joe was survived by a bonus daughter-in-law, Teresa Edwards Black, companion, Belva Sexton Tucker, ten grandchildren, Mi'chelle Trammel Walker (Josh), Jessica Crandall Erickson (Jonathan), Aubrie Black

VanBuskirk (Sean), Trevor Crandall (Josiana Goodman), Collin Crandall (Karen Spong), Becky Trammel Snell (Preston), Allen Trammel, Elizabeth Crandall, Alexandra Black, Samantha Benjamin, Steven Benjamin, and two great granddaughters, Aurora Crandall and Madeleine Erickson. He had many nieces and nephews and was particularly close to Sharon Norby Woods of Payson. He will be deeply missed by all of his family.

Due to the Corona Virus restrictions, his funeral for family and close friends, will be held at the Springville City Cemetery. A memorial BBQ is planned in his backyard for the summer.

Comments



“ Dear Joe,
I felt close to you before we even met. We had some wonderful phone conversations and started getting to know each other while Steve and I were dating. I didn't get to meet Darla and you until three days before my marriage to to your son, nearly two years after our first phone conversation; so it felt more like a reunion when we did meet. Darla and you warmly welcomed me into your wonderful family—I never once felt like an “in-law,” just part of the clan. I love you! Thank you for being a dad to me and for loving me. See you later!

Sandi Phillips Benjamin - March 21, 2020 at 02:29 AM



“ Sharon Woods lit a candle in memory of Joseph Steven Benjamin



sharon Woods - March 20, 2020 at 10:06 PM



“ Uncle Joe's thank you for all the good times that we have had together I'm glad you're not suffering no more and you are in heaven with your kids your wife Etc I will miss you God be with you and the family

sharon Woods - March 20, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ Dad, We are all going to miss you so much but I am happy that you are not suffering and that you are with mom, Kathy and April. It must have been such a joyful reunion!

Tami Crandall - March 20, 2020 at 10:03 PM