



William F. Benz

June 24, 1936 - June 16, 2011

BLISSFIELD – William ‘Bill’ F. Benz, 74, of Blissfield, passed away, Thursday, June 16, 2011 at his home surrounded by his family.

Bill was born on June 24, 1936, in Adrian, Michigan, to Clarence and Virl (Schadbolt) Benz. He is an Adrian High School graduate and worked in automotive parts throughout high school. On March 7, 1959 he married Shirley Warner.

Bill was the founder of the Blissfield Automotive Parts (NAPA). He operated the business for over 20 years loving every moment of his job, especially his customers. Bill loved to travel with his wife and they created many memories together, including trips to casinos. He also had a special love for animals finding homes for a number of stray dogs.

Bill is survived by his wife, Shirley, of 52 years; his son Jeffrey (Dawn) Benz of Onsted; his granddaughter Brianna; his sisters, Susanne (John) Schneider, Mary (Glenn) Marr, Jane (Raymond) Cross, and Nancy Thielan; and several nieces and nephews, and his beloved dog Sassy.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, in infancy, Kimberly Sue; his brother, Craig Benz; and Apollo, his faithful friend and companion German Shepherd.

A memorial service to celebrate Bill’s life will be held on Monday, June 20, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel, in Blissfield with Rev. Jim Splitt officiating. Friends may visit the family on Sunday, June 19, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in

Bill's memory may be directed to either Hospice of Lenawee or the Lenawee Humane Society. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. You may also sign the register book or send condolences at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *William F. Benz*

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“ *Shirley,
We were so Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He will certainly be missed, Bill was a great guy.
We are in Wisconsin and we were unable to make the service.
Our prayers are with you and your family. Love, Phil & Jackie##imported-begin##Phil & Jackie Kingsley##imported-end##*

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“ *Shirley, I am so sorry to hear of Bills death. I'm sorry I can't come as I won't be down there till Tues. I love you and miss you##imported-begin##judy maschino##imported-end##*

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“ *Condolences from your former neighbors on Spielman Rd., Adrian. So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a super nice guy.##imported-begin##Russ & Julie Caron##imported-end##*

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“ *Like a tall ship with sails leaving our port and disappears at the horizon's edge, we wave farewell as the new journey begins. On the other side, others are waiting on shore with open arms shouting with glee "here he comes!"*

Farewell to a friend and classmate who loved my best friend Shirley.

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