



## Verlin "Jerry" Gerald Benson

July 23, 1936 - May 11, 2026

Verlin "Jerry" Gerald Benson, 89, of Huntington, passed away at 8:18 am Monday, May 11, 2026 at his residence.

Jerry was born on July 23, 1936 in Huntington, IN, the son of Ralph Benson and Erma (Baxter) Benson. He graduated from Huntington Township High School with the Class of 1954 and married Joan Marcel Kline on August 20, 1960 in College Park United Brethren Church in Huntington. She preceded him in death on October 12, 2016. He worked as an Electrician for General Electric, retiring in June of 1997. Jerry was a proud Veteran of the United States Navy serving in Panama during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the American Legion Post 85 in Huntington. Jerry enjoyed antiques, especially tractors and boats, and woodworking. He was a member of the Civil War Reenactment group in Huntington, and he volunteered at the Forks of the Wabash.

Survivors include his Four Sons, Bradley (Lorri) Benson of Columbia City, IN, Bevan (Lisa) Benson of Ingleside, TX, Brady (Jodi) Benson of Huntington, IN, Blake Benson of Cincinnati, OH; Seven Grandchildren, Rachel Harkin, Adam Brinneman, Jenna Millican, Brook Brinneman, Celsey Brinneman, Brandon Benson, and A.J. Benson; Seven Great Grandchildren, Elle Helvie, Wyatt Thacker, Duke Harkin, Kobe Harkin, Faith Thacker, Aubrey Strle, and Benjamin Helvie. He is preceded in death by his Wife, Joan Marcel Benson,

Father, Ralph Benson, Mother, Erma Benson, Brother, Lawrence "Gene" E. Benson, Brother, Richard Benson, Brother, Daryl Benson, and his Infant Sister, Marvel Benson.

Graveside Services are pending at Union Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Jerry to the Huntington County Humane Society, in care of Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Verlin Gerald Benson.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I can’t imagine how hard this is, and my heart goes out to you all.

*Uncle Jerry meant so much to our family. I have so many fond memories of him—especially his and Joan's wedding day. I was the flower girl, and I still smile when I think about it. It was such a special day, and it always reminds me of how much love and warmth Jerry brought to the people around him.*

*Please know I’m thinking of you and sending my deepest condolences.*

*With love,  
Kim Goodin*

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**Kim Goodin** - May 18 at 12:59 PM

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“ Jerry and Joan were dear friends of ours. Huston and Jerry were in the Navy together. We doubled dated long before we were married. Our children and the Benson boys were friends when we were all young! Lots of fond memories of dinners together, vacations, they even spent their honeymoon at our house when we lived in Hammond ! We all loved you Jerry, you were such a kind soul !

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**Ann Smith** - May 13 at 07:03 PM

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“ *Jerry and Joan were our neighbors for almost 59 years. Two of their sons were our children’s ages. Jerry helped us many times with electrical work around the farm. He was the definition of a good neighbor! I will miss him. Sending love to the boys and their families.*

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**Peggy Platt** - May 13 at 12:52 PM