



Benjamin B. Forsythe

November 2, 2011

Benjamin B. Forsythe Jr., "Benny" age 64, passed away peacefully in his residence, on November 2, 2011 with his family by his side. Benny was born in Cleveland, Ohio and spent the majority of his life in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Benny was predeceased by his parents, Elizabeth "Tommie" and Benjamin "B.B." Forsythe, Sr. and his brother, William H. "Billy" Forsythe.

He leaves behind his wife and best friend, Debra Rosso; daughters, Ashley Forsythe and Melissa Vocke; son, Eric Vocke; sister in law, Patty Lovell and husband, Larry; brother in laws, Glenn Rosso, Steve Rosso and wife, Amy and her mother, Julie Pierce; cousins; nieces; nephews; special friends, Tim Little and Sharon Raynor; and other loving and devoted family and friends.

Benny was the owner of Forsythe Caulking, Inc. for 19 years. He was a member of The Churchland Rotary Club since 1985. He was a sustaining Paul Harris Fellow until his demise, a Benefactor, Rotarian of the Year and served as Secretary for many years. Benny was a proud veteran of the US Air Force, serving 4 years during Vietnam.

Those who knew him would describe him as a gentle and loving man. Benny enjoyed spending time with his wife and friends on his boat, 'Aquaholic'.

A celebration of life will be held at The Renaissance Hotel in Portsmouth at 1:00pm on Sunday, November 6, 2011 by Reverend Mel Kunkle. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 5185, Portsmouth, VA 23703. Loving Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest condolences. I worked with Benny for a long time. He will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Bruce Gibson##imported-end##*

November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Benny was truly a man of honor and will be greatly missed by the construction industry.##imported-begin##Dick Frederick##imported-end##*

November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Today at the Renaissance Hotel on Town Point Reach across from Downtown Norfolk, 347 friends, neighbors and family members of Benny gathered to say their final goodbyes to our friend. It was a moving ceremony for a fine man, who gave more than he got, and left a legacy of love with those he left behind. We shall not see his kind again. I am proud to have been his friend.##imported-begin##Bernie Kirsch##imported-end##*

November 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie, sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Jerry and Mickey Lovell##imported-end##*

November 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Benny was the epitome of a true, kind, Christian gentleman. He will be missed by so very many people. My heart and prayers go out to Debbie my dear cousin and family. I feel blessed to have known him. With deepest sympathy,
Cousin Patricia##imported-begin##Patricia Capezio##imported-end##*

November 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Forsythe and her family:
I am deeply sorry for Mr. Forsythe's untimely pass. Although I have only known him briefly, I knew he was a kind, loving, and courageous gentleman. I wish I had met him much earlier that I could have helped him more.##imported-begin##Robert Su, M.D.##imported-end##*

November 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM