



Edgar Benjamin Hope

May 21, 1948 - June 5, 2012

Edgar Benjamin “Ben” Hope of Centreville, MD, died at his home on Tuesday, June 5, 2012. He was 64.

Born May 21, 1948, in Washington, DC, he was the son of Eleanor Snapp Hope of Silver Spring, MD, and the late Edgar Hodges Hope. He began his career as a steamfitter for the Local 602 and was a Volunteer Fireman for Company 16, Silver Spring until 1972. He then began his own business of home improvement with his son, Joe, where he retired in 2009 when he moved to Centreville, MD.

His hobby was fishing whenever he could, where he always caught the biggest fish (at least that is how he remembers it).

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 42 years, Amy Hope; two sons, Ben (Nancy) Hope and Joe (Mary) Hope; two daughters, Christy (Chris) McClanahan and Katie (Jimmy) Flynn; a brother, Robert (Cheri) Hope; two sisters, Eleanor (Bob) Shifflett and Debra (John) BiTango; eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Edgar Hope; and a brother, Willie Hope.

Friends may call at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Centreville, MD, on Friday evening, June 8, 2012, from 6 – 8 p.m.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2012, at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery, 3401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, MD 20722 at 11:30 a.m.

Contributions may be made to Joel Osteen Ministries, P.O. Box 4271, Houston, TX 77210-9907 or The American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Lincoln Cemetery

Baldensburg, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
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Service

JUN 9. 11:30 AM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 24, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Edgar Benjamin Hope* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Edgar Benjamin Hope* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Edgar Benjamin Hope* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Joyce Walker lit a candle in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope* ”



Joyce Walker - June 19, 2012 at 01:24 PM

JW

“ Benny will always hold a special place in hearts of the Powell Family. He was always willing to lend a hand to us in painting, plumbing or fixing something around our house on Brisbane. He was a special friend and always had a kind word to say or just a smile. We will miss you! Much love and sympathy to the Hope Family. Betty Powell, Wayne Powell and Joyce Powell Walker

Joyce Walker - June 19, 2012 at 01:24 PM

JM

“ Uncle Benny was a very positive influence on me, I dont remember ever not seeing him smile. He will always hold a very special place in my heart. His helping and straight foward nature will always be reflected in my life as well as his good values. I will miss him dearly, not only did I lose a Uncle I lost a Friend. Every time I catch a huge fish I will see him smiling at me from heaven.

Johnny McCreight - June 09, 2012 at 08:37 AM

MW

“ I am so sorry for your family's loss. Though I haven't seen Mr. Hope in years, I have fond memories from when I would play at your house with Christy. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Mary Jo (Robertson) Whitehead

Mary Jo Whitehead - June 08, 2012 at 07:41 PM

MW

“ Mary Jo Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope



Mary Jo Whitehead - June 08, 2012 at 07:37 PM

MF

“ *Mary Ellen Hope Ford lit a candle in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope*



Mary Ellen Hope Ford - June 08, 2012 at 03:52 PM

JG

“ *Benny was such an incredible man with a great smile and a love for people. My father, Joseph Mierzwinski, loved Benny as another son. He leaves a gap that no one can fill.*
Josie Grant



Joanne Grant - June 08, 2012 at 12:41 PM

PO

“ *Benny taught me so much and never lost his temper. He had talented hands and never failed to share his talents and skills. He was the original "Big Gentle Ben" and I loved him like a brother. Many happy fishing times and times in Oranda, VA. doing what we both enjoyed. Best friends are difficult to find but we found each other 45 years ago. Hope you and Slim and George are saving a spot for me.*
Paul O'Brien

Paul OBrien - June 08, 2012 at 11:57 AM

MP

“ *We will miss Ben, his laughter, funny stories and his time fixing things at Silver Stars. He brightened all of our days when he came in. Thank you for putting up a photo in his coveralls. That is the way we remember him most. Love, Cheryl, Michele, Debbie & Gail M.*

Michele Parsonnet - June 08, 2012 at 11:03 AM

MJ

“ *Marcos Jovel lit a candle in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope*



Marcos Jovel - June 08, 2012 at 10:46 AM

DB

“ *Dale & Gerry Bitango lit a candle in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope*



Dale & Gerry Bitango - June 08, 2012 at 10:36 AM

RP

“ *Raymond Phelps lit a candle in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope*



Raymond Phelps - June 08, 2012 at 10:05 AM

AW

“ *Anne White-Olson lit a candle in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope*



Anne White-Olson - June 08, 2012 at 09:15 AM

AW

Ben, Your father must have been a wonderful, funny and kind guy, since you are too. He taught you well. I know you will carry him with you for all the days of your life. Best, AWO

Anne White-Olson - June 08, 2012 at 09:17 AM

MM

“ *Mike And Laura Mierzwinski lit a candle in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope*



Mike and Laura Mierzwinski - June 08, 2012 at 09:12 AM

MM

Benny will be missed by all of us! Growing up with him was a measure that man of large stature can be soft, gentle and caring. He was like a son to my father and I know they'll embrace each other very soon in heaven! God Bless the Hope Family!

Mike and Laura Mierzwinski - June 08, 2012 at 09:16 AM

TC

“ *We were so saddened to learn of Benny's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Hope family during this extremely difficult time. Benny was a wonderful man with a contagious sense of humor and an amazing smile that lit up a room. He will be missed by many. With love and sympathy.*

Tommy & Jen Campbell - June 08, 2012 at 08:59 AM

PO

“ *Paul And Barbara O'Brien lit a candle in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope*



Paul and Barbara O'Brien - June 08, 2012 at 08:49 AM

JH

“ *Jennifer Hartzell lit a candle in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope*



Jennifer Hartzell - June 08, 2012 at 08:43 AM

JH

Although I did not know Mr. Hope, I know he must have been a very loving and caring father and the proof is in his daughter Christy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jennifer Hartzell - June 08, 2012 at 08:46 AM

BS

“ *Brigit Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope*



Brigit Sullivan - June 08, 2012 at 08:28 AM

SF

“ *Scott & Erika Young & Family lit a candle in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope*



Scott & Erika Young & family - June 08, 2012 at 07:58 AM



“ *Craig Ginny Windsor sent a virtual gift in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope*



Craig Ginny Windsor - June 07, 2012 at 08:43 PM



You were and always will be the sunshine in alot of peoples lives! you will be greatly missed by all who knew you!!

Craig Ginny Windsor - June 07, 2012 at 08:44 PM

EM

“ Uncle benny-where do I start? Im so thankful everyday that I call this crazy family of mine..family, and I'm so grateful that you were part of it. Many memories of you, wether it be your big hugs, your warm smile, or your gentle heart; I loved all of it. You were able to touch so many lives in your short life. I was so thrilled when you said yes, and agreed to marry jon and I; especially when you felt it was such an honor, but to US it was the honor. Our hearts now will have a void but we will fill that void with your memory, and our laughter about all the great things you've done. Just remember Uncle Benny, I started the "favorite" thing, so I will ALWAYS be the FAVORITE!!!!

Forever in my heart-Elissa

Elissa Main - June 07, 2012 at 08:08 PM

LB

“ When my Dad had his heart bypass, only family could get in to see him the night before. I went in and there was Benny, making my dad laugh and forget about the surgery to come. He had told the staff that he was Dad's son and none of us disputed that. I thought of him as my "other brother". He helped my dad build the house of my Mom & Dad's dreams. He could get Dad to do all the things my Mom wanted him to without her ever having to nag! I never saw him sad or mad. He took life on the chin and loved his family dearly. I will miss him. Amy, Ben, Joey, Chritie and Katie. You were so blessed to belong to him. Our thoughts are with you.

Love, Linda & Mel Bowers

Linda D. Bowers - June 07, 2012 at 06:23 PM

CC

“ *Cindy Clark lit a candle in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope*



Cindy Clark - June 07, 2012 at 05:43 PM

CC

Ben, my thoughts are with you, your family, and your friends. I wish that I could have met your Dad. I do see the love and joy he shared in every story you tell. I know he did great work; it is evident in the love you give to your family and your kindness as a colleague. Cindy

Cindy Clark - June 07, 2012 at 05:52 PM

ST

“ *I will surely miss my Brother-in-law who always had a genuine smile and witty sense of humor!! Never did a visit go by where he didn't come up with a clever thing to say and make us all laugh!! I am honored to have known him and will treasure the memories of the family gatherings.*

Love to the family, Sheila Taylor

Sheila Taylor - June 07, 2012 at 05:18 PM

JT

“ I was in Junior High School before I learned Benny was not my cousin. Aunt Duley was not my mothers sister. Part of our family tree was really a branch from another tree touching ours. Thanks to Benny and Amy and Gods will our branches where grafted together forever. I will always remember Bens' good nature and cheerful attitude. He will be sorely missed.

*Love to the Family,
John (Chip)*

John (Chip) Taylor - June 07, 2012 at 03:53 PM

JJ

“ When I was about 10 years old Benny would take me over to the fire house and let me hang out with him... I just thought he was the greatest ever.. If my Dad needed any help Benny would always be there... Smiles and Suspenders, it would be a 5 min fix but he would stay and talk with my dad for hours..... The thing I remember most of all is his love for Amy and his family..... Such wonderful memories, <3

Love to all the family

Judy Eskin Jackson

Judy Eskin Jackson - June 07, 2012 at 03:29 PM

LA

“ When I think how I will remember Benny, I will recall his quick and clever wit that made everyone smile and laugh. I'll reminisce about seeing him throw horseshoes at the old family reunions. Moreover I'll say he was one of the "good guys" that we were blessed by knowing and will miss until we meet again in heaven.



Linda Bolyard Atkins - June 07, 2012 at 01:12 PM

JH

“ To the Hope family, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy for your lost. We will keep you all in our prayers.



Spike & Joy Holmes

Joy Holmes - June 07, 2012 at 12:43 PM

CD

“ I have known Uncle Benny for a few years now and he would always make me laugh because he would always ask me what the heck I am doing with his nephew. Any family member or friend that needed help moving or fixing something up Benny was always there with a smile on his face. I am going to miss him dearly.

Crystal Delano

Crystal Delano - June 07, 2012 at 12:13 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Mary Hope - June 07, 2012 at 11:41 AM

JH

“ *Life Lessons*

*You may have thought I didn't see,
Or that I hadn't heard,
Life lessons that you taught to me,
But I got every word.
Perhaps you thought I missed it all,
And that we'd grow apart,
But Dad, I picked up everything,
It's written on my heart.
Without you, Dad, I wouldn't be
The (woman)(man) I am today;
You built a strong foundation
No one can take away.
I've grown up with your values,
And I'm very glad I did;
So here's to you, dear father,
From your forever grateful kid.*



Joe and Mary Hope - June 07, 2012 at 10:43 AM

BR

“ I remember Benny coming to the store where I work, (Simply Shore/Cherry Pickers) with his Mom sitting and chatting with me. I have fond memories of him and loved his laugh!! He truly was a wonderful man. Peace be with your family at this time.

Love Beth & Paul Rogers

Beth Rogers - June 07, 2012 at 10:12 AM

SF

“ Shane Robin And Kids Gift Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Edgar Benjamin Hope



Shane Robin and kids Gift family - June 07, 2012 at 10:04 AM

GF

We know he will be looking over his family like a beautiful butterfly in suspenders to help guide them in their journey of life keeping them safe and happy xoxo the gift family

Gift family - June 07, 2012 at 10:08 AM

AR

“ I was so lucky to know (Mr. Hope) Dad, he was one of the best men I have every known. He was so good to my children and me. I will love and miss him!!!

Angel Ramos - June 07, 2012 at 09:36 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



JOHN L. BITANGO - June 07, 2012 at 09:35 AM

BH

“ *I could not have asked for a better father. He touched so many lives and made me proud to call him my pops. Coming over the bridge yesterday was rough. All I could think of was being with him in a boat on that water, fishing, talking, enjoying time together. Love you dad.*



Ben Hope - June 07, 2012 at 09:01 AM

EY

We Love you! You have our endless love, support and friendship now during this incredibly difficult time and always <3

Scott, Erika & family

Erika Young - June 08, 2012 at 07:42 AM

BS

“ *Brother Ben:May the road rise to meet you.May the wind be always at your back.May the sun shine warm upon your face.May the rains fall soft upon the fields.And until we meet again,May God hold you in the palm of his hand,Bob.*

Bob Shifflett - June 07, 2012 at 08:05 AM

TK

“ I remember when we were growing up.... Benny and Robert turned the front porch into a boxing ring. Debbie and I were the "boxers" and they were are "managers". They would tell us what to do, and we would go out there and "box" then after a few rounds we would switch "managers". I can't remember how long we "boxed" each other... but I've never forgot it... (and no one was hurt in the process...lol)

Benny was a good hearted person... He was like an older brother in those days. May he rest in Peace. He is with God, Nicki, Jake, Slim, Beth and any other family members. My heartfelt sympathies to the family.

Terri King - June 07, 2012 at 04:57 AM

MM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Meg Taylor Morris - June 06, 2012 at 07:57 PM

MM

Benny has been part of our lives since birth, so our memories are endless. You see, our mothers were best friends, and always wanted their children to marry and enjoy the same love they had, and they did! So there is truth that once in awhile, in an ordinary life, love does give us a fairytale.

It gives me personal peace to know that Benny was "saved" and prepared to meet our Maker. God Bless you big, gentle, Ben - thank you for being part of our lives; you will not be forgotten.

Meg Taylor Morris - June 07, 2012 at 08:09 AM