



Don Bentch

November 14, 1925 - January 1, 2013

Don Bentch, age 87, of Versailles, passed away Tuesday, January 1, 2013, at his home. He was born November 14, 1925, in Sagrada, Missouri, a son of George "Ezra" and Minnie "Opal" McDavitt Bentch.

On June 3, 1951, in Kansas City, Kansas, he was married to Mary Louise Weaver, who preceded him in death in 1993.

Don was cofounder with his wife of Barncraft Mouldings and Hardwoods and worked there until his death.

He was a member of the Bethel Mennonite Church.

Don is survived by his children, Sharon Swarr and husband David of Richmond, Virginia, Larry Bentch and wife Jackie of Versailles, Dale Bentch and wife Kathy of Versailles, Gary Bentch and wife Linda of Versailles, Timothy Bentch and wife Lorri of Princeton, New Jersey and Ron Bentch and wife Cindy of Versailles; twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren; a brother, C.E. Bentch and wife Betty of Holts Summit, Missouri; a sister, Leila Wenger and husband Paul of Hesston, Kansas; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Glendola Wenger and Eunice Lehman.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 5, at the Bethel Mennonite Church. Graveside services and interment will follow at the Mt. Zion Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Friday, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Mt. Zion Cemetery Association.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Cemetery

Versailles, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

JAN 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Bethel Mennonite Church
37830 Bethel Church Rd.
Fortuna, MO 65034

Tribute Wall

ER

“ Our condolences to the family of Don Bentch. We have many fond memories of Don and Mary. Lovina especially talks about working at the Bentch home, cleaning house and babysitting during her teenage years. Good neighbors too. Memories she'll cherish forever. Again, our deepest sympathies to the family.

Gene & Lovina (Hilty) Rahn
Ponca City, OK

Eugene & Lovina Rahn - January 03, 2013 at 08:38 PM

KA

“ Yes, all of us will truly miss Don, he was wonderful man and a joy to around. My son, Rob Adams and myself Kay Adams worked for Don and Mary and knew him and his family very well. I remember when I was working there I asked Don if he would consider hiring my son,(only 15 at the time) and he said,"we'll sure give him a try". and that job' lasted 20 years He was great man and was always willing to help a person out.

We know he will be missed, but we'll always cherish all his memories.

Our deepest condolences

Rob and Kay Adams and family

Kay Adams - January 03, 2013 at 11:37 AM

SS

“ I just wanted to let the family know how much Don meant to me in the almost 20 years I worked for him and the rest of the family. You all were like a second family to me. I'm so glad I got to see him a while back at the restaurant. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



My deepest condolences,

Sherry Steenrod

Sherry Steenrod - January 03, 2013 at 11:07 AM

BW

“ Bob And Karla Wenger sent a virtual gift in memory of Don Bentch



Bob and Karla Wenger - January 03, 2013 at 09:45 AM

JF

“ I wanted to let you know my Mother, Margaret <Bentch> Friley, and my Aunt, Grace <Bentch> Palmer who will be 100 years old February 1st. are both in Lincoln nursing home with broken hips. They both wish they could be there for Don's funeral, but realise they can,t, and want to send there deepest condolences, and let you know they both share very fond memories of Don and the rest of the family!!!

Stan Friley

John Friley - January 03, 2013 at 07:44 AM

NG

“ I just wanted to let you all know how Don reflected Jesus to me. He cared about people. When he knew someone in the community had a need, he tried to meet that need. For me, when we sold the farm, he invited me to stay in his home. When I came back in May for Samantha's graduation, he arranged for Larry to pick me up at the airport and made sure I had a car to use while I was there. I will miss him. I enjoyed hearing him laugh. I also enjoyed going to CBA with him and selling pictures for Barncraft. He introduced me to some very interesting people. I am sure that he is enjoying being with Mary and Jesus. I can hear Jesus saying to him "Well done good and faithful servant". May you be comforted by family friends and your memories of your loving "pa".

Naomi Gingerich - January 02, 2013 at 08:15 PM

PP

“ *Peggy Penrod lit a candle in memory of Don Bentch*



Peggy Penrod - January 02, 2013 at 11:19 AM