

Don't think of him as gone away.

His journey's just begun

Life holds so many facets

This earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting

From the sorrows and the tears

In a place of warmth and comfort

Where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing

That we could know today

How nothing but our sadness

Can really pass away.

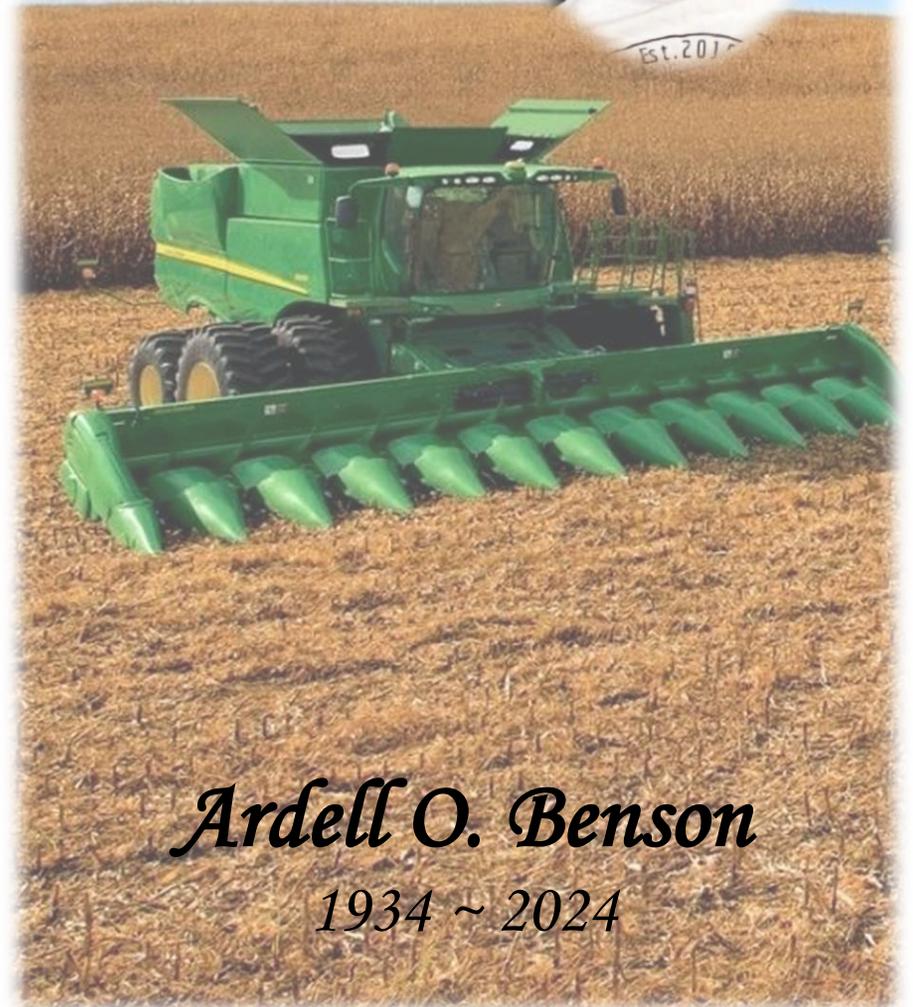
And think of him as living

In the hearts of those he touched

For nothing loved is ever lost

And he was loved so much.

In Loving Memory



Ardell O. Benson

1934 ~ 2024

In Memory of

Ardell Ordean Benson

August 29, 1934



September 13, 2024

Memorial Service

Clarkfield Lutheran Church

Clarkfield, Minnesota

Saturday, October 19th, 2024

1:30 PM

Officiant

Pastor Mort Meyenburg

Organist

Charlann Anspach

Scripture Readings

Brian Benson

Special Music

Tim & Cindy Ritter

Honorary Urnbearers

Brittany Wanke

Hadley Wanke

Nicholas Benson

Beckett Wanke

Interment

Clarkfield Lutheran Cemetery

Clarkfield, Minnesota



Ardell Ordean Benson was born on August 29, 1934, to Robert and Mamie (Berg) Benson in Swede Prairie Township. He was baptized and confirmed at Israel Lutheran Church in Swede Prairie. He attended elementary grades in country school and graduated from Clarkfield High School in 1952.

Ardell was united in marriage on July 7, 1956, to Arlene Larson at Clarkfield Lutheran Church. This union raised four children: Bradley, Brian, Bruce, and Barbara. He also was a foster parent to four other children.

Ardell was engaged in farming for most of his life. He drove school bus for Clarkfield School for 9 years, keeping the bus home overnight on the farm. In the winter, between bus times, he worked for Coast-to-Coast. Besides farming, he had a corn and bean dealership which he enjoyed for over thirty years. After much thought and conversation, he decided to retire and had his machinery sale in January of 1998.

Ardell put his carpentry skills to work and built a camper out of an old, discarded 2-wheel trailer found in the farm grove. It wasn't long before many friends and relatives came to join the fun at his favorite campground at Birchwood, north of Alexandria over the July 4th holidays. There was always a program, a parade, a talent show, ball games and laughs galore. He was appointed to be the Birchwood Mayor.

Ardell loved watching his kids participate in football, basketball, and musical events. He had great friends who were always ready to go out to eat, play dominoes and pinochle, or attend a sporting event. He also was a member of the Clarkfield Lions Club.

Ardell was a member of Israel Lutheran Church from birth until he joined Clarkfield Lutheran Church in 1990. He moved into Clarkfield in December of 2002.

As the years went by, Ardell's health began to decline. He entered the Clarkfield Care Center on June 27, 2024. He passed away at the Granite Falls Hospital on September 13, having just celebrated his 90th birthday.

Ardell leaves behind his wife, Arlene, and children: Bradley (Melanie) of Dawson, MN, Brian (Dolores) of San Diego CA, Bruce (Judy) of Hinckley MN, and Barbara (Tom Brenden) of Belgrade MN; two grandchildren: Brittany (Matt Wanke) and Nicholas; two great-grandchildren: Hadley and Beckett; brother, Vernon in Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Corrine, and 2 brothers, Kerman and Robert.

Blessed be his memory.