



Benjamin Keutzer

May 8, 1933 - August 23, 2013

Benjamin O. Keutzer, 80, died on August 23, 2013, in his Harrodsburg home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Harrodsburg on May 8, 1933, the youngest of Orval and Victoria Keutzer's six children. After graduating from Smithville High School (Class of '51), he enlisted in the US Navy and served as a medic in the Korean War. While still in the Navy, he met and married Wanda Broyles and with her began to raise a family. After his discharge, he attended Indiana Central University (now the University of Indianapolis) through his GI Bill benefits. He intended to pursue a career in hospital administration, but a friend suggested that they both take the FBI entrance exam. What resulted was a long career as an FBI agent, with cases including the JFK assassination and civil rights violations by the KKK. This career meant having to move house often, as far as California and New Jersey, and as close as Indianapolis and Louisville. After retiring from the FBI in 1983, he took a job as Chief of Police of Shively, KY, and then as the Director of Special Investigations for Kentucky under the Attorney General. He also taught criminal justice as the University of Louisville and at Eastern Kentucky University. When he again retired, he moved to the same farm that he had left in 1951. He spent his final years enjoying his life as a

farmer and as a member of his church and community. He held active roles in the Indiana Farm Bureau, the South Central Regional Sewer District of Monroe County and Lawrence County, the Harrodsburg Lions Club, Oolitic Masonic Lodge, Stanford Eastern Star and Monroe County Retired Teachers. In 2010, he married Marion Fleener Incollingo. Together, they had three wonderful years, which included realizing a long-term wish to take a cruise to Alaska. He is survived by wife Marion Keutzer of Harrodsburg; daughter Debra Waterbury (husband Rex) of Virginia Beach, VA; by sons Kevin Keutzer (wife Brenda) of Scottsdale, AZ, Brian Keutzer (wife Julie) of Rochester Hills, MI, and Tim Keutzer (wife Joan) of Littleton, MA; stepson John Fleener of Bloomington, IN; stepdaughter Jayne Fleener-Merritt (husband Mike) of Raleigh, NC; and by his eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are private. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Harrodsburg Community Building at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Keutzer interviewed deputy sheriff Roger Craig a few days after the JFK assassination regarding what Craig had observed during and after the assassination. Craig told him that he had seen Lee Oswald getting into a car a few minutes after the shooting contradicting the official story that Oswald had left Dealey Plaza in a cab. https://www.history-matters.com/archive/jfk/wc/wcvols/wh24/pdf/WH24_CE_1992.pdf*

Dennis Moricet - May 31, 2020 at 11:42 AM

TI

“ *Marion, We so enjoyed you and Ben at the community dinners for Grace Center. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and we will miss Ben and have been blessed by knowing you both. Lots of love to you.*

Tina Baugh - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

TJ

“ *Dear Marion and Family Members,
Please accept my sincere condolences upon the passing of a truly great and kind man, Ben. I was fortunate to know him through my very good friend, Gene Crum. I purchased a few of Ben's firearms over the last several years. Not a day goes by that I don't fondle at least one of them, and am reminded of Ben. And so it will be, even more, now that he is gone.
We do have the blessing to have known Ben, visited often with him, and believe that God in His justice and mercy, will hold Ben close to Him for all Eternity. And may God bless you, too, and keep you in the Palm of His Hand.
Terry Quandt*

Terrence J. Quandt - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

MA

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Margaret Penny - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

CY

“ From all of us at Silver lake Acres we are sadden to here about Bens passing. Our thoughts and preys are with his wife and family.

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cynthia Diddle - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

KM

“ So sad to hear of Uncle Ben's passing. He touched the lives of so many people through his words and wisdom. I will never forget his laugh and zest for life and was blessed to visit with him and meet you this past July. He was the best uncle a girl could have ever hoped to have. Uncle Ben will be missed by many.

Kimberly Broyles Murphy - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

JS

“ To the Family of Ben Keutzer: It is with sadness that we extend our condolences to the family and Marion on Ben's passing. He was the best neighbor and friend. We had many enjoyable conversations over the years. He will be missed.

Jerry & Liz McGlothlin, Sr. - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

GA

“ *Marion, It sad to hear of Ben's passing but we all know he is home now. Ben was a joy to be around. He loved life and he loved to help people.*

Gary Rutherford - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM