



Benjamin W. Hellems

March 10, 1932 - December 18, 2022

Benjamin W. Hellems was born on March 10, 1932, to the union of William and Lucy Hellems, in Robinson, MO. He was the tenth of twelve children. His parents and all of his siblings preceded him in death. To all who knew him, he was known as Benny. As a youth, Benny moved to live with an Aunt in St. Louis, so he could receive an education in the Catholic School System in the city. It was during this time, that Benny confessed his love for Jesus Christ. His faith in the Lord was solidified during his upbringing in the Catholic Church.

After graduation from high school, Benny worked as a truck driver for West Lake Rock Quarry in Bridgeton, MO. Soon thereafter, he joined the military and served in the United States Army from 1951-1954. Following his discharge from the Army, Benny returned to his former job at West Lake Rock Quarry.

In 1954, Benny entered into matrimony with Delores Scales. To this union, three children were born. Cheryl (Pig) Hellems, Faye (Hellems) Smith, and Benny (Fudd) Hellems. Delores passed in 1976, after which Benny later met and married Linda M. Waters. To this union, two children were born, Corey Hellems and Jarvis Hellems. This marriage lasted for 45 years until his passing.

Benny was a quiet individual; very laid back, but very observant. He enjoyed both hunting and fishing, but most of all, he enjoyed working on cars. This remained a labor of love with him until technology changes in the auto industry would no longer make it possible for him to work on cars without the sophisticated tools needed.

Benny peacefully transitioned on Sunday, December 18, 2022. He leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Linda, two daughters, "Pig" and Fay; three sons, Fudd, Corey and Jarvis, and two bonus children, Dominique Upchurch and James Green; 16 grandchildren: Keisha, Tonya, Delores, Herman, Brandi, Faye, Josh, Benjamin, Benny, Briona, Noah, Tiana, Trinity, Kaleb, Corey Jr. and Tyani (Yum); a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; a father-in-law, 4 brothers-in-law, 6 sisters-in-law, and many cherished friends.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road
Saint Louis, MO, MO 63125

Previous Events

Service

DEC 27. 11:30 AM (CT)

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