



Tellis Edward Benfield

May 1, 1938 - Sept. 30, 2024

Tellis Edward Benfield, 86, of Morganton, NC passed away Monday, September 30, 2024.

Born in Burke County on May 1, 1938, he was the son of the late Tellis M. Benfield and Helen Gibbs Benfield.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Francis Leonard.

Tellis spent his youth at Lake James, working with his parents at Benfield's Landing. Tellis graduated from Glen Alpine schools and served in the US Marine Corps. He was proud of his service. Tellis then went on to graduate from Danville Technical College in Danville, VA.

After retiring in 1993, Tellis embarked on his second career. He co-founded Diamond T. Jewelers with his son, Clint. He was an exceptional jewelry artist. His beautiful jewelry creation and custom work are still being worn with pride by many.

Tellis is survived by his wife, Louise H. Benfield; son, Clint Benfield; nephews, Chuck Leonard and Mark Leonard; sister-in-law, Geneva Holiday; brother-in-law, Jack Hice; nieces by marriage, Jody Courtney and Sharyn Walker; nephew by marriage, Allan Hice; and several cousins.

Services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan's Purse disaster relief.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Dearest Louise and Clint , I have adored each of you my entire life . Clint certainly developed into Buster's mini-me in so many ways . The three of you working together , created a family bonded business that captured your customers and friends by your warmth as well as Buster's unique skills as a Master Craftsman. I will forever cherish my friendship with each of you . Buster, Rest in Peace

—susan andrea



—Rev and Jeannine Taber



Clint and Louise, I am so very sorry for you loss. I know this is a difficult and sad time for y'all. Praying for you both for peace and comfort. Much love to you both! Pam Cowan McLellan

—Pam McLellan (COWAN)

So very sorry for your lost. May GOD comfort an bless u is this time of loss

—Sharon Smith

We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of you.

–Amy Halford



Condolences

–Sidney Simmons

Clint, I am really sorry for the loss, He was to say the least a remarkable man. I hope you and you family will be comforted by peace and comfort as you are included in our prayers. God Bless.

–Don Peach Sr

Clint, so sorry to hear about your Dad. Prayers for you and your family. Patsy Simpson

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Clint and Louise I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your father and husband. May God give you peace.

–Connie Lytle

Louise and Clint, I am so sorry to hear of "Buster's" passing. He was always so kind to me both as we worked together at SGL Carbon and also when seeing him in Diamond T Jewelry. Loving thoughts and prayers for you both during this

difficult time. Elaine Orders

–Elaine Orders



–Gene and Donna Goins



–Anonymous



–Gen and Donna Goins



–Donna Lynn Goins