



Benjamin S. Preston

November 2, 1930 - June 6, 2021

Benjamin S Preston Jr of Bonita Beach FL, and longtime resident of Claymont DE, passed away peacefully on June 6 at the age of 90. Benny was born in Wilmington DE on Nov 2, 1930, to Benjamin S and Pearl (Vorous) Preston.

He was a 1949 graduate of Claymont High School, where he excelled at football, track, and harmonica. After serving his country in the Korean War, he worked for Diamond State Telephone for over 30 years, retiring in 1983 at the ripe old age of 54.

In 1956 Benny met Carolyn Jaggard. After a two-month courtship, they were married in Elkton MD on June 9, 1956. They remained in Claymont where they raised their 3 children. In 1972 Ben was bitten by the sailing bug after crewing on a trip to the Dry Tortugas. He spent many years sailing the Chesapeake Bay and knew every anchorage on the Eastern Shore. After retirement, he and Carolyn moved to Bonita Beach in 1983 and sailed the waters of Southwest FL, the Keys, and the Bahamas for the next 30 years. They were longtime members of the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society, of which Ben was a past Commodore.

Ben is survived by his wife of 65 years Carolyn, his children Benny (Tricia) of Newark DE and Robin (Chris) of Jupiter FL, and 8 grandchildren(Karlee, Chrissy, Austin, Logan, Tyler, Cole, Shawn, and Cailah) and 10 great-

grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter Janice, brother Jimmy and sister Dot Howard.

Services will be private.

Benny certainly knew how to have a good time with friends and family. In his honor, take some time to gather with those you love and celebrate life.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home and Crematory Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin S. Preston*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *benny, i hope you meet up with ralph and make music again. my condolences to carolyn and family. dzve brady claymont.*

dave brady - June 16, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ *Dear Mrs Preston, Benny and Robin,
Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in your time of great sorrow. I have many warm memories of Mr Preston from my childhood. I will always remember his pleasant ways and how he always made me feel at home when I came to visit. May all of your memories be a source of comfort. Sincerely, Colleen (Morris) Hopkins*

Colleen Hopkins - June 14, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Preston, Benny & Robin -- I wanted to know I am praying for all your family. What a good, long life Mr. Preston led! I always fondly remember your family. You all had such a good nature and a kind way. I remember Mr. Preston as a fun-loving man. I just saw Benny last week and asked for him. I am sure he is at peace in heaven and is helping to liven up the place! Take good care of yourselves. God bless you. With much love, Nancy (Proud) Freebery.*

Nancy (Proud) Freebery - June 13, 2021 at 05:21 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Carlile lit a candle in memory of Benjamin S. Preston*



Lisa Carlile - June 13, 2021 at 05:21 PM

GK

“ *Gregg & Nancy Kemske lit a candle in memory of Benjamin S. Preston*



Gregg & Nancy Kemske - June 12, 2021 at 06:36 PM