



Samuel Charles Benton

October 11, 1949 - May 26, 2023

Samuel Charles Benton, a resident of Royal Oak, passed away on Friday, May 26, 2023 at the age of 73. The son of William and Joan, he was born on October 11, 1949 in Detroit.

Sam attended Kimball High School, but left early to serve his country during the Vietnam War. Upon his return home, he earned his GED, took classes at the University of North Carolina, and studied carpentry in a trade school. Sam proudly served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, the Navy in San Diego, and the Navy Reserves in North Chicago. On October 1, 1983, in the woods north of Chicago, he said "I do" to the love of his life Elizabeth "Libby" Setzer. Sam began his professional career as a draftsman in the automotive industry, and retired as a salesman from Dassault Systemes (IBM).

An avid golfer, Sam volunteered his services at the Royal Oak Golf Course in exchange for endless time on the green- he was happy to be anywhere with a tee box. Sam rooted for the Detroit Tigers, Lions, and Red Wings. He traveled extensively with Libby, visiting Hawaii and St. Maarten early in life and Chicago, Florida, San Francisco, Rocky Mountains, Black Hills, and the Crossroads of Mississippi in their later years. If Sam had control of the radio, you could count on him playing the blues. He loved serenading his family and friends with his self-taught guitar skills. He loved the time he could spend with his buddies. Sam will be remembered for his quick wit, kindness, easy-going

nature, and devotion to his family.

Beloved husband of Libby, joined in love for 39 years. Loving father of Joshua, Melissa, Zachary (Summer), and Jacob (Kimberly). Cherished grandfather of Tyler, Brandon, Ryley, Ruby, and Asher. Dear brother of Cherilynn, Michelle, and Debra. Proud uncle to several nieces and nephews. Treasured friend to many.

Sam will be inurned privately with a celebration of his life to follow at a later date.

Donations in Sam's memory may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Rd., Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Fields With Sympathy Combo Tin was purchased for the family of Samuel Charles Benton.*



June 07, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Samuel Charles Benton.

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“ *My deepest condolences to you Elizabeth and your family.*

Your Montreal coffee chat friend.

Marie-Veronique Gagnon - June 02, 2023 at 09:33 AM



Thank you Marie. I cherish our chats. We will catch up soon.

Elizabeth Benton - June 14, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Sam is a Rakkasan and the minute we met I knew we would be fast friends. His smile was infectious and his heart was bigger than anyone's I have met. His golf game was really good and I just loved giving him the business about his flower power driver. Until we form again, rest easy brother.*

Danny Farah 3/187th INF

Danny Farah - May 31, 2023 at 12:24 PM

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Thank you Danny. He loved having you as a friend and to spar with! I'm sure next time you go golfing he will be assisting you with your drives!

Elizabeth Benton - June 14, 2023 at 11:29 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear about Sam's passing. Will always remember the times we had in Florida. Dad will miss his front porch buddy. The times Sam would sit out and play his guitar and the two of them would talk sports. He will be greatly missed. The Hess's (B-22). Don & Nancy*

Nancy Hess - May 29, 2023 at 11:26 AM

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Thanks Nancy. Our FL porch time was just the best! You're the best neighbors and friends. Sending our love right back to you!

Elizabeth Benton - June 14, 2023 at 11:30 AM