



## Lionel Edger Benton

March 2, 1947 - May 5, 2020

Darlington, South Carolina

Lionel Edger Benton, 73, of Darlington died on Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

Mr. Benton will be interred at Grove Hill Cemetery. His service to our country as a United States Marine, is not forgotten. Military Honors are not available during this pandemic.

Lionel was born in Whiteville, North Carolina. He was the son of the late Lionel Sessue and Ruby Lee Enzor Benton. Lionel served his country in the United States Marines in the Vietnam War. He and his brother, Mike owned and operated Benton Farms. Lionel enjoyed collecting guns and cooking. Surviving are his brother, Mike Benton of Darlington; his sister, Sandra Watford and husband, Gene; sister-in-law, Kathy Benton; and his niece and nephew, Chrissa Sansbury and Jason Selph. His friend, and dedicated employee, Jerome Kelly

Lionel was preceded in death by his parents listed above; and by his brother, Ronnie Benton.

Friends may pay their respects on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM at Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Veterans Honor Guard, PO Box 12711, Florence, SC 29504.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at [www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com](http://www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com)



# Tribute Wall

LH

“ So sorry to hear of Lionel's passing. We were friends many, many years ago. He was such a great time & fun to be around. We had some good times back then. I know he is missed & I will keep his family in my prayers. Lynn Langston Hanes

Lynn Langston Hanes - July 20, 2022 at 06:58 PM

LH

“ Louigene Hodges lit a candle in memory of Lionel Edger Benton



Louigene Hodges - May 07, 2020 at 03:49 PM

WB

“ Mike, I was really surprised when I saw Lionel had passed away. He was tough as nails and I am deeply sadden that he is no longer with us.

Your friend.

William Ervin Bryant

Lide Springs Rd.

William Bryant - May 07, 2020 at 11:58 AM

MC

“ I remember Mr. Lionel as a good HARD working man when he used to bring his farm workers to my families country store (Cooke's Mini Mart) back in the late 70's and all of the 80's. My sympathies to his family. Prayers

Mike Cooke - May 07, 2020 at 10:12 AM

DP

“ *David Pate lit a candle in memory of Lionel Edger Benton*



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**David Pate** - May 07, 2020 at 08:40 AM

MM

“ *Melissa G Murray lit a candle in memory of Lionel Edger Benton*



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**Melissa G Murray** - May 06, 2020 at 08:06 PM

MM

“ *Lionel will truly be missed! My heartfelt condolences Mike, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I could never thank Lionel (or you) enough for the way he (and you) have always treated my son, Mark like he was like his ( yall's) own son. Please know I'm here if there is anything I can do for you, just let me know.*

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**Melissa G Murray** - May 06, 2020 at 08:06 PM

AT

“ *Lionel was a special one! Always a great conversation. He will definitely be missed!*

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**Andrea Turner** - May 06, 2020 at 06:10 PM

SH

“ Sorry to hear about Lionel, your family are in our prayers. Tommy, Sheila, & Madison Howle

Sheila Howle - May 06, 2020 at 04:40 PM

PF

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Lionel's passing. He was a great friend . He will missed .

Pat Folsom - May 06, 2020 at 03:36 PM

DD

“ Donna & Gary Dabbs lit a candle in memory of Lionel Edger Benton



Donna & Gary Dabbs - May 06, 2020 at 03:01 PM

RF

“ Mike, I'm so sorry to learn of your loss. Wishing you the best through this time.



Richard Flowers - May 06, 2020 at 12:02 PM

LA

“ Lynda Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Lionel Edger Benton



Lynda Atkinson - May 06, 2020 at 11:11 AM

OB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Lionel's passing. He was a great man and friend. I'm sure he will be greatly missed. Please know I'm holding you all in my heart and prayers.

Olivia Baird(Livvy) - May 06, 2020 at 10:15 AM

DO

“ Dianne And Stan O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Lionel Edger Benton



Dianne and Stan O'Neal - May 06, 2020 at 09:45 AM

CC

“ Charles, David, Brent/Vicki (Jones) Bishop, Chloe purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Lionel Edger Benton.



Charles, David, Brent/Vicki (Jones) Bishop, Chloe - May 05, 2020 at 10:40 PM

JD

“ My heart goes out to Mike & rest of the family during this time of grief. I met Lionel about 28 yrs ago & he was quite a character. His brother Mike was good friends with my then husband Gary. He was always kind to both of us & always had some great stories he shared of growing up on the farm. He will be missed by many folks in the area. My heart & prayers go out to "Mikey" as he faces the days ahead without his big brother. May he rest in peace now.  
Sincerely, Jenez Dabbs

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**Jenez Dabbs** - May 05, 2020 at 08:01 PM

MB

“ Sandra and Mike and family, I'm so very sorry for the loss of your brother, Uncle and loved one. You all are in my thoughts and prayers for God's Blessings, Comfort, Peace, Serenity, Love and Healing. 🥺🥺💔💔🙏🙏🙏❤️

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**M Broome** - May 05, 2020 at 06:31 PM