



## Theodore "Ted" Benson

October 10, 1938 - September 7, 2013

Bozeman, Montana: Theodore "Ted" Justus Benson, age 74, passed away on Sunday, September 1, 2013 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive, Montana. A Memorial Service with Masonic Rites will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at The Soldier's Chapel in Big Sky, Montana with Chaplain Cliff Gronneberg officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in The Soldier's Chapel Cemetery in Big Sky. A reception for family and friends will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at the Bozeman Lodge at 1547 North Hunters Way in Bozeman. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Ted was born on October 10, 1938 in Bozeman, the son of William and Lois (Webber) Benson. Ted grew up in Billings, Montana through his junior year in high school. The family returned to Bozeman where he graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1956. Ted attended Montana State College in Bozeman and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 1961. Ted was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi and "Les Bouffons" fraternities. During college Ted met the love of his life, Jo Ann Crawley and they were united in marriage on December 28, 1960. Ted was sworn in to the United States Army National Guard by his father, who was the regimental commanding officer. He enrolled in the ROTC program, graduating as a 2nd Lieutenant. He became stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky and later at Fort Ord, California where he worked as a tank commander. Ted returned to Bozeman after the birth of their first child, Theodore, Jr. and soon

after, Michael was born. While living in Bozeman, Ted worked for J & E Market and Heeb's Market as the assistant manager. In 1969, he began his career at Montana State University as the Assistant Director of Financial Aid, and also assisting with all the events at the Fieldhouse and Stadium. He later retired in November of 1995 after 26 years. In 1998, Ted retired from the National Guard with over 41 years of service! Ted was very active in his sons' endeavors and he also loved being able to watch his grandsons in all of their sport activities. Ted was also very involved in his community and helping it grow. He was a member of the Optimist Club for over 40 years and was in charge of running the Christmas tree lot. He was a member of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, the Mizpah Shrine, Masonic Lodge #18, and the Chamber of Commerce/Military Affairs. Ted will always be remembered as a great example to everyone concerning the importance of serving others. Ted had a great sense of humor, he enjoyed playing cribbage, listening to Paul Harvey and socializing. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Betty Simpson. Ted is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jo Ann of Bozeman; two sons, Theodore (Jackie) Benson, Jr. of Winder, Georgia and Michael (Kathy) Benson of Glendive; two grandsons, Bryan and Bryce Benson; one step-granddaughter, Stacey (Gavin) Lennan; two step-great-grandchildren, Jameea and Brayden; one sister, Peggy Evans of Globe, Arizona; two brothers, William (Sue) Benson Jr. of Bozeman and Scott Benson of West Yellowstone, Montana and numerous nieces and nephews. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com).

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