



Mr. Benny D. Britton

August 26, 1939 - November 27, 2015

Benny Don Britton, of Terrell, passed away peacefully on Nov. 27, 2015 at his home surrounded by family. Benny was born on August 26, 1939 in Terrell, Tx to Benjamin and Ruby (Smith) Britton, both of whom preceded him in death along with his two sisters: Linda Sue Britton and Judy (Britton) Webb; nephew, Scott Webb, two grandchildren and parents-in-law, Rubel and Irene Washam. A well-known person around Terrell, Benny was involved in many activities which helped ensure his legacy of serving others will be long remembered. He started working when he was 9 years old and with his commitment to making sure he did the best he could in every endeavor, Benny didn't stop working until retiring at 75. He retired from Terrell State Hospital having worked there faithfully for over 50 years. He started in the grounds department of TSH and his tireless work ethic enabled him to achieve many positions of responsibility culminating in becoming Superintendent. He was a member for 27 years in Rotary Club where he received an award for perfect attendance for weekly meetings for Rotary groups that were not only in the continental United States alone but also in Hawaii and Canada. After beginning his career at TSH in 1955 and then graduating from Terrell High School in 1957, Benny enlisted in the United States Air Force where he honorably served from Oct., 1961 to Oct., 1963 after which he came home to work at American National Bank on Oct. 20, 1963 until 1965. In 1965, Benny returned to TSH, where he would work until his retirement. His extensive knowledge of the rich history and heritage of TSH were invaluable for when he authored a book documenting

the many changes, advances and the undeniable value of the Hospital to not only Terrell but to the state of Texas as well. Benny held education as a very high priority and he earned his Bachelors from North Texas State University and then his Masters degree from Trinity University in San Antonio while working and helping raise his family. He was a lifetime and active member of Rockwall and Brin Church of Christ where he also served as Elder, and held the position of past Chairman of the Board for the Terrell Chamber of Commerce, as well as avid volunteer for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for children who need “a voice in the court” for abused and neglected children. His, as well as Linda’s, tireless devotion to the children they were privileged to help earned them the 2007 “Volunteer of the Year” award for the CASA chapter they worked with. During his life, Benny also realized the value of team sports and, when younger, he played semi-pro baseball with the Terrell Titans and later, he served as umpire in both Terrell and Austin where he and the family lived for a brief time. In 2011, as recognition for his sports achievements, Benny was inducted into the Terrell Tiger Hall of Fame. As devoted as Benny was to his communities and his church, Benny’s priority was always his own family and he made sure that each member knew exactly how much he loved and appreciated them and what true blessing they each were to his own life. He enjoyed every opportunity to get together with family and friends where he could keep everyone attending the gathering in anticipation with the newest ‘gadget’ he had ordered from a TV commercial just days before. He had a penchant for making sure that the new gadget would be a wonderful addition to all the others that had made daily tasks so much easier and everyone he knew looked forward to seeing all the newest orders he received! A wonderful, caring and selfless man, Benny leaves a legacy of stewardship and compassionate acts that will resonate in so many more lives than can ever be known.

Benny is survived by his beloved wife whom he married Jan. 20, 1962, Linda Britton, of Terrell; daughter, Shawn Tidwell and husband, Carlton, of Terrell;

sons: Shane Britton and wife, Paige, of Brownwood, TX and Shay Britton and wife, Kim, of Forney; grandchildren: Britton Tidwell and wife, Holly, Annie Tidwell, Brooklyn, Chandler and Berkeley Britton, and Jocelyn Britton with a great-grandchild expected in February; brothers-in-law: Roy Webb of Terrell and Charlie Washam of Franklin, TN and niece, Kellie Webb Perry and husband, Joe, and their son Spencer, of Terrell as well as several other extended family and a host of friends and colleagues that love him and will miss Benny dearly.

Funeral service will be at 1:00pm, Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015 at Rockwall and Brin Church of Christ with interment to follow at Oakland Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 6-8pm, Monday, Nov. 30, 2015 at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations.

In honor of Benny's life of service, memorials may be made to the Share Center, 103 Jones St., Terrell, Tex, 75160.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations
642 N Rockwall Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160
(972) 524-0881
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Rockwall and Brin Church of Christ
407 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Benny D. Britton*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Your light shined. Rest in heavenly peace, Benny where your light shines forever.*



Janice Cassell - December 03, 2015 at 11:46 AM



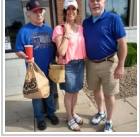
“ *We appreciate Benny's love and kindness to us and to our parents, Felton & Juanita Harwell. It was a blessing to have known him. Our thoughts and prayers to the family.*
Avon & Martha Miller

Avon Miller - December 01, 2015 at 01:59 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Benny was a wonderful, kind man and know he will be missed by many. Sincerely, Wesley and Deborah Patton*

Deborah Patton - December 01, 2015 at 12:59 PM



“ *The morning Benny died and not knowing I was telling Rick about the time he came to my hospital room to encourage me and pray for me when I was really sick with Pneumonia. It is still vivid in my mind how much his presence that day made a difference. He always was so sweet to me and my family. Praying for you all at this time, what great memories he built in so many lives he touched! Michelle Love*

Michelle Love - December 01, 2015 at 09:45 AM

DR

“ *Linda, I had hoped to be able to come to Terrell today to Benny's service but I am unable to work that out after all. I just want to share my feelings of respect and admiration for him with you and assure you of my prayer support for you and your family in this great loss of Benny who was a great part of the love and happiness you have always had. I pray God will give each of you much peace, comfort and help for this transition. ~~~Love, Donna (Brock) Reed*

Donna (Brock) Reed - December 01, 2015 at 07:34 AM

VH

“ *Valerie, Haley, and Hunter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Benny D. Britton.*



Valerie, Haley, and Hunter - November 30, 2015 at 11:42 PM

JW

“ Jim Bob and Yvonne Wynne purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Benny D. Britton.



Jim Bob and Yvonne Wynne - November 30, 2015 at 11:00 PM

VO

“ Uncle Benny was one of a kind.....a prince of a human being. He was a man with a heart as big as the universe. He was tender, he was kind. He will be missed. You have our deepest sympathies for your loss.



Valerie, Haley, and Hunter

Valerie Orahood - November 30, 2015 at 10:38 PM

SP

“ My deepest condolences to the family. My God comfort you in your time of sorrow. He will be missed by many.
Shonnie, Dulu and families

shonnie paul - November 30, 2015 at 05:44 PM

LG

“ Martha & I want to extend our sympathies & prayers to the Britton family, in their loss. It was a honor & pleasure, from the both of us, to have worked with Benny at TSH.

Martha & Larry Gary

Larry Gary - November 30, 2015 at 11:08 AM

PB

“ Shawn,

I am so sorry for the loss of your daddy. I will continue to pray for you all. He was an awesome man and will be dearly missed.

*Love ya,
Patty Barringer*



Patty Barringer - November 30, 2015 at 08:41 AM

JJ

“ *I have only had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Britton for a little less than two years, but what I knew about him is that he was a "one of a kind" man. He was very compassionate and caring for everyone. Mr. Britton would give you the shirt off of his back. If he wasn't wearing a shirt, he would go buy you one before buying himself one. He really loved his family. Glad I was able to know you, Mr. Britton. Rest peacefully in God's hands my friend.*

Jeremy Jones - November 30, 2015 at 08:14 AM

SB

“ *To special friends..we love you all and will treasure fun and happy memories. Don and Suzie*

Suzie Burnes - November 29, 2015 at 07:15 PM

AC

“ *Benny Don was a wonderful person and will be long remembered and greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. It is a time of great sadness, but even greater faith*

Shawn's words are the best tribute of all:

“On Friday, November 27, at 11:58am, Heaven gained the most perfect angel. Daddy slipped peacefully away from the pain of this world and arrived in the presence of our Lord. While our hearts are absolutely breaking, we wouldn't ask him to come back, even if we could. Please pray for peace and strength as we face the days and weeks ahead of us. The world has lost an incredible man and we have lost our Hero!!”

The fact that Benny & Linda raised a daughter who wrote such a beautiful, heartfelt, & inspiring message right after Benny's death (when their hearts were breaking) is one of the greatest legacies any parent can have.

Charles & Ann (Brennan) Christofferson

Ann (Brennan) Christofferson - November 29, 2015 at 05:17 PM

RT

“ *Our most sincere sympathies to Benny's family. Hoping that all the great memories help to fill the void that Benny's passing has created. Rick and Sandy Traylor*

Rick and Sandy Traylor - November 29, 2015 at 04:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Benny D. Britton.*



November 29, 2015 at 01:01 PM



“ *Linda and kids. So sorry for your loss. He will surely be missed by everyone. I enjoyed knowing him and "laughing" at his jokes. He loved TSH but his real love was you Linda and his family. Love you and God Bless!*

Elaine Myers Wooldridge - November 29, 2015 at 12:45 PM



“ *Pauliann Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny D. Britton*



Pauliann Watson - November 29, 2015 at 09:17 AM



“ *Benny, you will be truly missed. We worked together for 23 years together. You were a very caring, loving man. You were a blessing to everyone that knew you. RIP my friend. May the Lord comfort your friends and family at this time.*

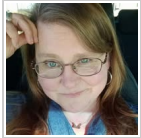
Pauliann Watson - November 29, 2015 at 09:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Benny D. Britton.*



November 29, 2015 at 01:37 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all the family. I work at Walmart and Mr. Britton was one of the most joyful people I have ever known. I always enjoyed seeing him at the store and helping him. He will definitely brighten heaven's light.*

Gina Thornton-Sisneros - November 28, 2015 at 11:15 PM



“ *Mrs. Britton is was an honor to have known Mr. Britton through TSH and the pharmacy. He was a true servant and he will be missed by so many. Lifting the family up in prayer as the journey of healing begins.*

Becky Lewis - November 28, 2015 at 08:52 PM



“ *So sorry ,our prayers are with the Britton family. Benny was a great man and he will be missed dearly.*

Billy and Tammy Beggs - November 28, 2015 at 07:41 PM

TD

“ Linda and family, my heart goes out to you all. Benny Don was a wonderful man, full of life and love for everyone he met. I will miss his smile and wonderful stories he told me growing up as a child and one of my favorites he told me was of the gatherings of the Britton's and Malone's and of my "maw and paw Malone". Him and Linda helped me after the death of my dad and his words of wisdom and knowledge have stuck with me till this day. God needed another beautiful Angel.

Love and prayers,
Teresa Malone Dykes and family

Teresa Malone Dykes - November 28, 2015 at 07:28 PM

LP

“ Linda, we are praying God's peace & comfort for you, Shawn, Shane, Shay & the grandchildren. We think of you often and the many wonderful memories Benny leaves us. Praying His love and the love of family and a host of good friends will see you through this time. Love Pete & Linda Peters

Linda Peters - November 28, 2015 at 07:05 PM

TD

“ Teresa Malone Dykes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny D. Britton



Teresa Malone Dykes - November 28, 2015 at 05:14 PM

SC

“ Linda & family, so sorry to learn of Benny's passing. He was a great man. I loved working with him at TSH. He always smiling, on Monday that could be annoying! Benny made me proud to say I worked there. Sometimes I was lucky enough to fill in upstairs & laugh with him.

Praying for all of your family & friends.

Sharon Rush Collins

Sharon Collins - November 28, 2015 at 04:06 PM

MS

“ Linda,
I wanted to thank you again for your trust. You, Shawn, Shane and Shay will continue to be lifted up in our thoughts and prayers.
Max

Max Slayton - November 28, 2015 at 02:25 PM

MH

*This is Marianne Fox Harris
Linda I am so sorry your loss and he was wonderful Christian man and the best husband in the world ,, you will miss him and I will too .my prayer are with you Linda .,God will take good care of you .,I will pray for you everyday sweet heart . Love you always . From Marianne and Dominic and Payton . God bless you 🙏😊🌹*

marianne Fox Harris - November 28, 2015 at 09:38 PM

SK

So sorry for the great loss for your family and everyone that Benny came in contact with over the years--he made an positive impact on many people--he was a fighter and gave others the courage to fight. He will be missed.

Sheila Kunick, Terrell State Hospital

Sheila Kunick - November 29, 2015 at 06:49 PM

CH

*Linda and all your family ~ I was so saddened to hear of Benny's passing. He was truly one of the kindest and classiest men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He will be so missed by all. My deepest condolences to all of you, and you will be in my continuing prayers.
With Love, Carol Holliman*

Carol Holliman - November 30, 2015 at 02:58 PM