



## Benson Lee Hobbs

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Died from complications of Covid-19

Ben was a man who didn't know a stranger, his sister Joy said. He befriended all who crossed his path. His smile and laugh will long be remembered in the temples, chapters, and courts of the Freemason, Shriners, and Royal Order of Jesters. He took great pride in standing with the members of these organizations and protecting their longevity. It was his honor serving as president of the Homestead Shrine Club (2003-2005), driving Tin Lizzies during events dressed as a clown, and above all transporting children to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa, FL.

Ben grew-up a Hoosier; born in Carroll County, grew-up in Sedalia, and went to high school at Rossville High School. He served honorably in the U.S. Air Force as an aviation mechanic, and later used his skills at Eastern Airlines. He owned and operated the Hobbs and Son Nursery along with his son (Ben Jr.). He and his wife Kay moved from Homestead, FL after 38 yrs. to Astor, FL in 2009. As a member of the Astor community he served on the Board of Directors for St. Johns River Utility, was a member of the Astor Community Association, and an endeared customer at the Rose Garden Family Restaurant. Ben's favorite past times were poker, fishing, and lighting off

fireworks. With heavy hearts his family will remember him as a beloved father, uncle, and brother.

He is survived by his daughter Tracy L. Hobbs and son Benson L. Hobbs Jr., brother Jack D. Hobbs, sister Mindra Joy Gosse, and many nieces and nephews. In his honor and in lieu of flowers please donate to any Shriners Hospital for Children.

Anyone wishing to contact the family or share their condolences, please go to [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com).

Due to COVID-19 there will be a memorial tribute posted on August 26, 2020. All are welcomed to share stories and photos. Ben will be laid to rest alongside his wife Kay of 49 years during a family service (TBA) in Monroe City, Indiana.

In his honor and in lieu of flowers please donate to any Shriners Hospital for Children.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Benson Lee Hobbs*



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May 11, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *There isn't a day pass but you our on our minds or remembering things we did together. Like when we had something you never ate before. Like rutabacor Eggplant or Brusal sprouts.*

*Or when there is road work to be done , you always gave Johnny a hand.*

*Or when there was a project around the shop or house ... we could always count on you to come lend a hand or supervise.*

*We miss you going to the Rose Garden for breakfast and getting the newest news from around town.*

*You will forever be in our hearts. We Miss you SOOOOOOOOOO Much Ben!!! You were a Big Brother in our hearts. We know you are at peace and with Kay, that helps us get past the tears and remember the times we giggled together!!*

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**Johnny & Char Hutchinson** - August 06, 2021 at 04:32 PM

GK

“ Yes Ben Hobbs was a great Mason, Shriner, and Jester. I will miss his earthly presence as I've missed him since he moved from South Florida. I absolutely know what kind of a Jester and how much he enjoyed it because we were roommates during the Book that created us as Jesters. We always shared that unique experience and whenever we got together really enjoyed the reminiscing. God Bless and God Speed Brother Ben.

*greg kasper/keggrasper*

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**Greg Kasper** - September 03, 2020 at 03:16 PM

JH

“ We will miss Ben for Years and Years to come. There isn't a day that Ben comes to mind.  
We miss his smile, the twinkle in his eye, having meals together, sharing the gossip around town. Johnny doing projects at his home or ours, the many boat rides up and down the St. Johns River, and seeing the Joy on his face every day!  
Ben cared for everyone. He lived each day with the highest of Integrity!  
It was an Honor and Privilege to have him not only as a neighbor but a Dear Dear Friend.

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**Johnny & Charlene Hutchinson** - August 27, 2020 at 10:52 AM

MR

“ Ben, was a wonderful friend to me and my late husband, Don and all our friends.  
I loved Kay and Ben. I still have flowers and special gifts given to me from both of them.  
God Bless you Ben....will miss you..say hi to Kay.  
Xxxx

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**Marie Rigsby** - August 26, 2020 at 11:42 AM

PK

“ Ben was our neighbor and our friend. We enjoyed sharing time with him at the ASTOR community dinners as well as the Shriners club open dinners. Ben introduced us and our son to one of his poker groups and which we didn't do so well...but it was lots of fun just the same.. Our children and grandchildren were always welcome during their visits to fish off of Ben's dock as Ben often fed the fish which made for good fishing. As Astor was our second home, during our stays Ben always caught us up on the goings-on in the area and we enjoyed hearing about his latest adventures. He took an active role in making sure our neighborhood was well-kept and was always willing to help anyone that needed help. We spoke to Ben shortly after he was admitted to the hospital and even then he was more concerned with the other older patients. He will be sorely missed by our family. Our condolences go out to Tracy and Ben Jr. as well as the rest of Ben's family. With Love and good memories,  
Debbie & Philip Kurtgis

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**Philip and Deborah Kurtgis** - August 25, 2020 at 12:20 PM

KG

“ Uncle Ben, You are One in a Million and will be missed Immensely  
❤️ May you RIP. LOVE, Karen, Kelly and Family

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**Karen Gosse** - August 23, 2020 at 04:10 PM

NM

“ Russ Moyer always said that Ben was a good fishing partner! Now they can fish together in heaven

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**Nancy Moyer** - August 22, 2020 at 10:03 PM