



## Wayne Andrew Benson

June 26, 1948 - February 4, 2025

Wayne Andrew Benson, age 76, of Kankakee passed away Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born June 26, 1948 in Manteno, the son Harry & Florence (Mann) Benson. Wayne married Jeanne Pranske on November 29, 1969 at First Presbyterian Church in Taylorville, IL.

Wayne was a piano technician. He was an avid lifelong fisherman who loved spending time at the cabin he built in Shelbyville. Wayne also built a home with his daughter, Jennifer, and was a talented woodworker. He was an active member of the Kankakee Valley Theatre for many years, both as a performer and in set design and construction, as well as a member of the board of directors. He also performed with Acting Out Theater Company, The New Dark Singers, and the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Chorus. Wayne also played the trumpet. He served the greater Kankakee community for over 50 years as a piano technician.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Jeanne Benson of Kankakee and one daughter, Jennifer Benson of Kankakee. Wayne is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life open house will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at the Kankakee Valley Theatre Association, 1 Stuart Dr. Kankakee, IL.

Memorials may be made to the Second City Canine Rescue.

Arrangements by Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Open House

FEB **16**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee Valley Theatre Association  
1 Stuart Dr.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Connie and I have such fond memories of you and Wayne. Your kindnesses and your humor. Wishing you peace and strength as you navigate through this sorrowful time. Our deepest condolences. Connie and John Milton.

John W. Milton - February 13, 2025 at 01:37 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss, may he rest in peace

BethBisaillon - February 08, 2025 at 04:55 PM

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“ May he rest in peace. Deepest sympathy to his family.

Cathie (Sederstrand-Bergan) Miedema



cathie Miedema - February 08, 2025 at 12:59 PM