



## Ben Morgan

December 21, 1933 - April 9, 2024

BENNY "BEN" MORGAN, AGE 90

a resident of Virginia Beach, Virginia passed away peacefully early Tuesday morning April 9, 2024. He was born and raised in Washington Parrish, Louisiana, before leaving high school to join the US Navy in 1952. Before he left, he married his high school sweetheart, Christine, to whom he was married for 71 years. While she stayed in Stoney Point for his first tour of duty in Hawaii, eventually Christine joined him in California and their journey together as a Navy family began. Over the course of his 30 year career, Ben served during the Korean Conflict and survived a tour of duty during the Vietnam War. He also served on four Naval vessels, including the USS Lexington. Upon retirement, Ben and Chris built their farm, affectionately known as Homeport, the site of the infamous tractor rides. However, his retirement was short lived due to his incessant need to stay busy and he took a civil service position at Stennis Space Center. After 14 years, he ventured into his second retirement.

Ben was actively involved in his churches wherever he was stationed and embraced the importance of missionary work from Vietnam to Central America. He supported the First Baptist Church of Franklinton in their mission work and was a dedicated deacon.

He is survived by:

Daughter and Son in law: Valerie and Dan Mervine of Virginia Beach, VA

Son and Daughter in law: Clifford and Connie Morgan of Baker, FL

Grandchildren and Spouses: Frank and Vanessa Oblinsky,  
Aileen and Jon Royce,  
Meghan and Coleman Daniels,  
Morgan and Katie Oblinsky,  
Justin Morgan,  
Christina and Eric Young

Great-grandchildren: Laura, Landon, Julia, Jon, Jr., Jordan, Jemma, Karim,  
Adrian, Cameron, Cole, Nora, Sarah, Carter, Ruth

Also survived by brothers in law and numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his wife Christine Varnado Morgan, daughter Jowana Marie Morgan, parents Iddo Otis Morgan and Della Mae Givens Morgan as well as his siblings Clayton Morgan, Glyn Morgan, Charline Miller, Evelyn Stafford, Helen Erwin and other family members.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Monday April 15th from 12:30 pm until 2:00 pm. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 2:00 pm Monday with Rev. Clifford Morgan and Frank Oblinsky officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the San Pedro Baptist Church Cemetery.

Fair winds and following seas.

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Ben was a godly person Christine was always with Ben they were a beautiful couple Ben was a great teacher always learned a lot from Bens teaching Carley and Ann Stokes

carley Ann Stokes - April 14, 2024 at 04:27 PM

FC

“ Benny was a high school classmate of mine and to be honest he was probably the best one of the bunch. Not but three guys left now. I followed his career and was always proud of the way he served. One does not find very many men as true to their calling as he was. Finley Corkern

Finley Corkern - April 11, 2024 at 09:15 AM

BS

“ I grew up at FBC in Franklinton and Mr. Ben was the sweet man who always greeted me going to "big church" with a smile and a program for the sermon. We will certainly miss him.

Betsy Simmons - April 11, 2024 at 09:07 AM

SB

“ Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Ben Morgan



Susan Barber - April 11, 2024 at 09:02 AM

LS

“ Lili, Julie, Lisa and Sharon purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ben Morgan.



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**Lili, Julie, Lisa and Sharon** - April 10, 2024 at 04:41 PM

LS

“ Lili, Julie, Lisa and Sharon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Morgan.

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**Lili, Julie, Lisa and Sharon** - April 10, 2024 at 04:41 PM

MB

“ I'm sorry to hear of the passing of Ben. I loved him and him dearly. He was my mom's first cousin (Melba Fussell). I was a young child when he left for the Navy, but I do recall seeing him in his uniform and thought how tall and handsome he was! I didn't get to know him until about 20 years ago when we connected through the family. After that, we stayed in touch all the time and saw each other nearly every time I went home to Enon. He was such a Godly man, and I'm so thankful I had time with him. "Go rest high on the mountain, your work here on Earth is done..."

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**MAVIS BRINKLEY** - April 10, 2024 at 02:33 PM