



Michael George "Big Ben" Mabee

June 3, 1949 - September 13, 2023

Michael George "Big Ben" Mabee, age 74, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 4:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at Select Specialty Center in Evansville, IN.

Ben was born on June 3, 1949 in Quincy, Massachusetts, but when asked he was most likely to respond he was from Tennessee. He loved Tennessee and its people, and lived there for several years after his tour of duty.

Ben was a crew chief for F-4's and achieved the rank of Sargent during his duty in Vietnam. Ben received an Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force on December 10, 1974. Serving his country was one of his greatest achievements.

While living in Tennessee, Ben was a forest ranger and worked for a local electric utility in Nashville for several years before transferring to Florida where he lived and worked until he relocated to Henderson, KY in the early 90s. He quickly took up raising cattle and managing a farm until he retired in 2017. Ben was a member of a local blues band and played the bass violin during the Henderson Blues Festival. Ben was a great dancer and enjoyed his time immensely playing with 'the boys' in his favorite barn.

Ben met the love of his life, Billie, in 2020 while participating in his zoomed Sunday school class at Presbyterian Church of Henderson. This was during covid, so in person classes were deferred and Ben and Billie had to wait until April 2021 for their first shared dinner. Ben and Billie celebrated their two-year anniversary on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents George and Margaret Mabee. Left to treasure his memory is his wife, Billie Jean Mabee of Henderson, KY; his sister Dorothy "Dot" Stringer of Kansas City, MO, and his brother-in-law, Jerry Keith Hamilton, of Eureka, IN. Ben also leaves very special friends, Barbara Jean, Sandra and Tim, Mike and Kathy, Pam and Mark, Tom Caverly, Marge Beam, and others too numerous to mention. He will be greatly missed for his beautiful smile, wonderful sense of humor, honesty and dependability. A private family gathering and inurnment will be hosted at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Presbyterian Church of Henderson Building and Capital Fund, 100 S. Main Street, Henderson, KY, 42420. Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, "A Life Celebration® Home". Visit www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com to make online condolences.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Barbara H Skipper*
a day ago

I only met you briefly but knew Ben and his first wife, Emily, for many,many years. Ben loved a good time and made sure everyone was having a good time, also. I spent many nights in "the barn" eating his wonderful soup, playing darts or cards. Saturday nights were for making music.He loved having his musician friends over and making music all night all. He and Emily will always have a special place in my heart.,

Barbara Skipper - September 19, 2023 at 06:07 PM

DL

“ *Dick Livie - I have many memories of Mike. I grew up with Mike's Brother Tom Mabee and sister Dotty. I knew the family well. Mike's father was our Youth Leader at West Bridgewater Baptist. God Bless Mike's family!!*

Dick Livie - September 18, 2023 at 11:52 AM

TM

“ *Billie, you are a strong, loving and kind person and so was Ben. Your memories of the loving and good times will fill your broken heart. God keep his hand on you to help you get through the pain, but never forget the love of your life and bless you always.*

T.M. and CJ Maple - September 16, 2023 at 08:05 PM

PH

“ *Billie,
My heart is breaking for you. Please let it comfort you to know you
are in many peoples hearts and prayers 🙏*

Pam Horn - September 15, 2023 at 11:11 PM

CS

“ *Billie, My heart goes out to you my friend. My
deepest sympathy to you and Jerry, My
Thoughts and Prayers are with you. 🙏*



Cynthia Simmons - September 14, 2023 at 06:54 PM

BS

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Barbara H Skipper - September 18, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - September 14, 2023 at 04:31 PM

BS

I am sorry for your loss Billie but why was my memories of Ben removed. That was how remembered him and many of our friends remember him that way

Barbara skipper - September 18, 2023 at 07:17 PM

MV

Hi Barbara, this is Meagan office manager of Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home. I have checked the website and your comment has not been removed. It has actually showed up twice in two different places. I will delete one of them.

Thank You

Meagan Veccia - September 20, 2023 at 11:42 AM