



## Joseph Anthony Bender

June 13, 1941 - September 7, 2022

Joseph "Okie Dokie" Anthony Bender, 81, of Mooresville, North Carolina, passed away on September 7, 2022. He was born on June 13, 1941 in Taylor, PA to the late Joseph and Martha Witkowski Bender.

Joseph was raised in Duryea, PA. He owned his own business, Joe Bender's Garage in Duryea, PA for several years. In 2005, Joe and his wife moved to Mooresville, NC to pursue a career in NASCAR. He spent over 30 years as a mechanic and a motor coach driver in the racing field. He and his wife were fortunate to be able to travel and see much of the country due to his career in NASCAR.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Bender; sons, Joseph Bender (Lisa) and Jim Bender (Donna); and 4 grandsons.

A Memorial Mass will held on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022 at 11:00am at St. Therese Catholic Church with Father Mark Lawlor officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hospice and Palliative care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Rd, Statesville, NC 28677.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Bender family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## Mass

SEP **14.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Therese Catholic Church  
217 Brawley School Road  
Mooresville, NC 28117

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ Sorry to hear about Joe's passing. I just found out from Zab. Our prayers will be with you and the boys .We'll always have our memories of the old gang.  
Ray Astolfi

Raymond Astolfi - October 11, 2022 at 02:54 PM

AS

“ Mary, I am so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. Good thoughts and prayers to you and the boys. ❤️ Ann Satkowski

Ann Satkowski - September 16, 2022 at 07:44 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Bender.



September 13, 2022 at 10:58 AM

AK

“ VErY sorry to hear of Joe's passing...have thought of you all often in the past 40 years...Arlene Domzalski Komnath

Arlene Domzalski Komnath - September 12, 2022 at 08:37 AM

HK

“ Mary, Jimmy and Joey, you know how very much I loved our Joe. My heart is so very broken. I know how many wonderful memories you all have to keep you moving forward. We became so close so quickly from our first meeting in Dover when he needed directions to pick up DK at Cheswold Airport. Then, he brought Mary and she and I became fast and close friends. I am so thankful for both and so thankful for the great amount of memories that will carry me forward also. Know my heart is with you all and I am here, just a phone call away. God Speed Joe and please give Martha a big hug for me.

Helen Kendall - September 11, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Bender.



September 09, 2022 at 11:13 AM

JE

“ So sorry to hear this news. He was a great person and a good friend. Prayers for the family during this time.

Joey & Karen Eubanks - September 09, 2022 at 08:21 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Bender.



September 09, 2022 at 07:23 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Bender.*



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September 08, 2022 at 10:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Bender.*



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September 08, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ *I was lucky enough for the last fifteen years to see Joe for his monthly haircuts ❤️ I will miss our conversations! You will be dearly missed neighbor ❤️ Jeanne Hunter*



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**Jeanne Hunter** - September 08, 2022 at 06:49 PM



“ *He was my neighbor and my mechanic for 15 years, very nice man , I always liked having a beer with him in his driveway.  
Godspeed  
Stephen Starinsky*

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**Stephen Starinsky** - September 08, 2022 at 06:24 PM

JS

“ He was a great guy, I new him a long time ,  
Rest In Peace .

Joseph Starinsky - September 08, 2022 at 06:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Joseph Anthony Bender.



September 08, 2022 at 05:28 PM

MJ

“ He was a funny guy always made me laugh I'll always remember  
the great times we had especially championship Sunday at his  
house

Michael Jaworski - September 08, 2022 at 04:52 PM

BM

“ You were the best...thanks for all the good times..Bud and Mel

Bud Mackarey - September 08, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Joseph Anthony Bender.



September 08, 2022 at 04:29 PM