



## Richard Charles Benson

January 23, 1944 - April 5, 2023

Richard Charles Benson, "Dick", 79, of Highland, MD formerly of Kalamazoo, MI, passed away on Wednesday April 5, 2023. He was born January 23, 1944, son of late Harry and Helen Benson.

Dick spent a lot of his career traveling around the United States. During that time, he developed a real love for finding the best restaurants in an area and sampling the best wine. It wasn't uncommon for family or friends to ask him for a recommendation on a good place to eat. He enjoyed spending time with his family at his lake home in North Carolina and making homemade pizza with his grandkids. If there was ever a quiet moment, you could probably find him outside with his pipe in one hand and a science journal/article in the other.

Dick worked his entire career at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. He was a Doctor of Physical Chemistry and involved in a vast range of projects.

Retired for over 10 years, he remained close with many of the amazing friends he had made throughout his career.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother, Jack Benson and granddaughter, Jessica Campbell

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Mari "Jill" Benson, his daughter, Michelle Campbell her husband Steve; son, Ross Benson his wife Mandy; and his grandkids, Bradley, Rawley, Collin and Macey.

To honor Dick, the family will be having a private dinner to celebrate his life.

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

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“ My sincerest condolences to Jill and Dick's family. Dick and Jill and my late wife Cathy and I were best friends during our years at U. of Illinois and also for many years after while Cathy and I lived near Philadelphia. I remember while we were still dating at U. of Ill., Jill and Cathy prepared a meal of stuffed pork chops for Dick and I that was worthy of a 5-star restaurant. We attended home football games together on Saturday afternoons in Illini Stadium. After the games we often ended up at Trino's or another similar establishment to rehash the game. (Our football teams were rather poor during our years at U of Ill.) Dick and I worked together on several projects while grad. students for Dr. Flygare at U. of Ill. Dick was a wonderful research partner who was fun to work with, a wonderful scientist always coming up with creative ideas, but most of all a wonderful friend to just spend time with.

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