



Obituary for Billie Lee Benson (Sean)

Sean Benson was born Billie Lee Benson in Kerrville, Texas on April 20, 1943 to Johnnie and Dorothy Marie Benson. He passed away on October 17, 2020 at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Suzanne Sobel Benson, of San Antonio; sister, Dorothy Ann White; niece, Marcella Williams; aunt, Gloria Russell and cousins of Louisiana; Tara Williams of Georgia; nephew, Johnny Williams; and sister and brother in law Felice and David Silverberg; nephew, Ryan Silverberg; and niece Jessica Silverberg of Grand Prairie, Texas and daughter, Rebecca Lee Benson.

Sean was a proud Marine who served during the Viet Nam era. He continued to serve veterans through the American Legion in his later years. He was elected three times as commander of Alamo Post #2 and was a member of post #336 at the time of his passing.

He loved the natural world and took pride in caring for the birds, squirrels and deer that graced our yard. He served as president of Gray Wolf Ranch, a permaculture community in the Texas hill country, that serves as a place where all can live in harmony with nature.

He was a seeker of truth throughout his life. After leaving the Marine Corp, through the GI bill, he earned a PhD in Psychology from Pacific Northwestern University. In 1988 he was awarded the Doctor of Cosmic Principles from the Concept Therapy Institute. His association with the Concept Therapy Institute led him to study hypnotherapy and practice hypnotherapy and counseling in Kerrville. He later moved to San Antonio where he met his wife, Suzanne, when he studied Reiki under her instruction. Up until his death, he widely read books and listened to lectures by many inspirational and spiritual teachers. Above all, he was a loving husband and friend.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the following organizations which Sean both contributed to and benefitted from.

VetTRIIP by going to <https://www.vetriip.org/> and clicking the Donate Now button at or mail a check or cash to Vet TRIIP, Inc., PO BOX 460902, San Antonio, TX 78246-0902.

CELEBRATION CIRCLE by going to <https://www.celebrationcircle.org/> and clicking the Donate Now button or mail a check to Celebration Circle, 1830 E. Pyron Ave., San Antonio, TX 78223-3510.

Services for Billie Lee Benson (Sean) will be held at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery Shelter #1 on November 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

