



Lucius "Benjie" Benjamin Elliott III

January 22, 1953 - June 14, 2024

Lucius Benjamin "Benjie" Elliott, III, 71, walked into the fullness of joy and the presence of God with a smile on Friday, June 14, 2024 at UNC Chapel Hill after a decline in his health for the last year and a half.

Benjie was born in Danville, VA on January 22, 1953, a son of the late Lucius Benjamin Elliott, Jr. and Bernice Patterson Elliott. He spent all of his life in the Danville area where he was a graduate of Oak Hill Academy Class of 1971. He worked as a RTS Tire Builder at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for thirty years until his retirement.

Benjie had a love for American history; he also had a love for muscle cars, especially Dodge Mopar. He was admired for his kindness, gentleness, humility, and thoughtful nature, along with his delightful sense of humor; and his amazing laugh and smile. Most importantly, his children and grandchildren were his greatest joy and priority.

Benjie dedicated himself wholeheartedly to being a loving husband, father, a cherished papa, and a reliable provider for his family. He is a legend.

On April 7, 1978, he married the love of his life, Sheila Fulton Elliott, who survives of the residence. Benjie was a devoted husband who was always there, the "ride or die" type, steadfastly supporting each other through thick

and thin, to the very end of our journey.

In addition to his wife, Benjie is survived by his loving daughters, Brandy Marilla (Eddie) and Jenny Elliott-Arn (Robert); his grandchildren who knew him as “Papa”, Faith, Grace, Caeleb, Samuel, Zachary, John, Hope, Malakai and Micah, Isaac, Elizabeth, and Sarabeth; a great grandson; his sister, Kathy Smith (Harold); his faithful companions, Jack and Phoenix.

In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his sister, Susan Shelton; and a granddaughter, Joy Marilla.

Benjie also adored his granddogs, always keeping biscuits in the truck for them whenever they came to visit. He cherished every moment with his grandchildren and furry companions alike. He loved to drive and travel; he cherished his cross country trips with his wife. His legacy lives on in his children and grandchildren’s lives.

The family will come together at their residence, 1825 Rainbow Circle, Danville, VA 24540 to honor and celebrate the life of Benjie.

“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.” Psalm 127:3-5

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Elliott family.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Sheila and Elliott Family,
So sorry to hear of the passing Benjie. Penny and I went to Mt
Olivet UMC with his mother and father and the family years ago. I
remember him as a kind young man with a big heart. Praying for all
the family. May God Give You Comfort always.*

God Bless

Tom & Penny Blair

Tom Blair - June 20, 2024 at 10:34 AM

CJ

“ *Thinking of Jenny and the family. Prayers will you all.*

Christina M Jackson - June 20, 2024 at 07:54 AM

TN

“ *Sorry for your lost you're in our hearts an prayers. Terry and Judy
Norton*

Terry Norton - June 17, 2024 at 05:08 PM

SG

“ *Benjie was a good friend from long ago. He was an easy going man
that you could always count on as a friend. I'll be praying for the
family. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Steve Graham - June 17, 2024 at 04:02 PM

DH

Ben was a very nice guy . It was a pleasure to build tires with him when we were paired together . If you came to work in a bad mood , you wouldn't stay that way building with him . He was just that type of person . Will hold on to the fun memories with him . The last time I saw him he was helping with tearing up the old floor in the basement of the parsonage at Trinity UMC . That was his character . He wasn't a member there but came to help . Be in peace good friend .

David R. Hyde - June 17, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lucius "Benjie" Benjamin Elliott III.*



June 17, 2024 at 08:47 AM

MS

“ *I worked with Ben at Goodyear! He never got mad about anything! He had a huge heart and was grateful for everything! He used to tell me how much he loved my father and how my dad (Otis Stultz - Tunstall) believed in him when nobody else would! You're one guy I know will be missed Ben !*

Mark Stultz - June 16, 2024 at 10:32 PM

JH

Was so sorry to hear of Benji's death. I remember him from Tunstall High. I enjoyed reading his obituary. What a wonderful testimony of his life. May God give his family great comfort.

Janet Teague Hullender - June 16, 2024 at 10:59 PM

HS

I have known Benji for as long as I have known his sister, Kathy, my wife. I loved Benji like a brother. His love for Shiela, Brandy, Jenny, Eddie, Robert and thirteen grandchildren and great grandchildren was always obvious. Benjie and Shiela taught their family Christian values that will carry on for generations to come. I pray that God will give Benji's family strength and comfort as they grieve for him. Benji, rest in peace, job well done! I will miss you.

Harold D Smith

Harold Smith - June 16, 2024 at 11:26 PM

JA

So sorry for your loss. I remember Benji from Tunstall High. He was always so funny. Thoughts and prayers for his family.
Jo Ann Horton Amos

Jo Ann Amos - June 17, 2024 at 07:12 AM

JM

“ *So many good memories of my old friend. Thoughts and prayers for the family. As you would say, “See ya later farmer.”*



Jeff Morris - June 16, 2024 at 07:43 PM