



Benny Sorgee

May 19, 1943 - September 8, 2023

Edgar “Benny” Sorgee, age 80, passed away in Tyler, Texas on Friday, September 8, 2023. Services will be 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at ChristPoint Methodist Church in Lindale, Texas under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale, Texas. Pastor Michael Peschke will be officiating. Benny was born May 19, 1943, in Beaumont, Texas to the late Edgar and Louvenia (Kerry) Sorgee. He lived in Beaumont until he was 8 years old and then moved to Port Arthur, Texas and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. Benny earned a full scholarship to Sam Houston State University where he played football and helped lead the Sam Houston State Bearkats to their first national championship title in 1964. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, and then received his teaching certificate. Also, in 1964, he married the love of his life, Nancy Sue Brown in Edna, Texas. They both worked in education and moved to Lyford, Texas, then to Edna, Texas and then afterwards, moved to Port Arthur, Texas. Benny accepted a teaching and coaching position at Brazoswood High School, in Richwood, Texas. He taught typing and coached track and junior varsity football, helping the Buccaneers win their first State title in 1974. Although he was a tough coach, his students and players always knew they were loved and so did he. He expected excellence, pushed this students to be their best and helped them reach their full potential. He later started working for Westinghouse as a mil rite at Dow. In 1978, Westinghouse offered him a permanent position as a mechanical engineer. Benny loved

football. He also loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. Benny was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar, and Louvenia Sorgee; wife of 40 years, Nancy. He is survived by his daughter, Kim Johnson and husband, Jon of Lindale, Texas; daughter, Dayna Powell and husband, Robert of Pensacola, Florida; sister, Mary Ortega of Beaumont, Texas; sister, Rose Mahan and husband, Joe of Irving, Texas; sister, Joyce Sorgee of Asotin, Washington; sister, Sherry Greiner and husband, Max of Kerrville; sister-in-law, Jeanne Plaintiff of Georgetown, Texas; brother-in-law, Daniel Brown and wife, Rose of Round Rock, Texas; grandson, Cody Johnson and Cara of Dallas, Texas; grandson, Matt Johnson of Tyler, Texas; grandson, Jacob Powell of Pensacola, Florida; granddaughter, Jessica Powell of Pensacola, Florida; numerous nieces and nephews and many other loving family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to ChristPoint Methodist church or Alzheimer's Alliance of Tyler.

Tribute Wall



“ *Benny Sorgee*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Benny Sorgee*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *One of the funniest engineers I ever had the pleasure to work with at Westinghouse. My “Benny stories” will live on. He pack a lot into his 80 years. Rest in Peace Benny. You are missed.*

Bill Read - September 18, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ *Benny was a great (and entertaining) mentor. I had the pleasure to work with him very early in my career and then again 10 years later on the other side of the world. His light hearted nature made working abroad an enjoyable experience. I am glad to have known him. My condolences to his loved ones. Rest in peace Benny.*



R. Lau - September 15, 2023 at 10:37 AM

JM

“ I was lucky to work with Benny on several occasions. He always had a positive attitude and full of stories. Benny would say "Did I ever tell you about the time...." and of course he had told me the story already. I would say, yes Benny you did. Benny would then say "Well I goin' tell you again" We would both laugh.

Benny will certainly be missed. He was full of humor and always had a certain way of looking at the good side of things.

Cheers Benny!

J. MacDermaid.

J MacDermaid - September 15, 2023 at 10:07 AM

RA

“ Benny and I shared many memories. He was truly a great guy and my friend. He did a great job coaching at Brazoswood. I would bet that where he is now he is talking coaching with LZ, Tommy, Phil, Johnny , and Ralph. May God bless his family and give them peace for knowing where he now resides for eternity.

Randy - September 14, 2023 at 11:40 PM

TB

“ Coach Sorgee was one of the best!

Toxie Beavers - September 14, 2023 at 07:55 PM

WQ

“ Coach was my typing teacher. He taught me well and I still use the lessons he taught me. Was a great man.

Walter Qualls - September 14, 2023 at 06:36 PM

JM

“ Coach was my JV and varsity football coach 1974/75. One of the absolute best men I have ever met and I have remembered him fondly over the last 48 years as someone I would call a mentor. RIP Coach

Jim Martin

BWOOD Class of 1975

Schelli Cadenhead Martin

BWOOD Class of 1977

jim Martin - September 14, 2023 at 04:31 PM

MJ

“ I had the pleasure of working with Benny for several years at Siemens. He was a great friend and a mentor. Always smiling, he will be missed.

Michael R Jones - September 13, 2023 at 12:10 PM

DJ

“ Benny was one of my mentors when I first started with Westinghouse. We worked a number of jobs together around South Texas, including several outages at South Texas Nuclear Project. Benny was well respected by all. A number of the local millwrights called Benny "Coach", as he had been their football coach. Benny was a good teacher and always willing to share his knowledge of gas and steam turbines. After shift, he was a lot of fun. He was a great story teller and again, always with humor thrown in.

Adios, my friend.

Dave Johnson - September 13, 2023 at 10:31 AM

JP

Thank you so much for sharing your great memories of my grandfather. I know he would be so pleased to know he made such an impact on others. ❤️

Jessica Powell - September 14, 2023 at 02:06 PM

JP

“ *He sure did love his little girls* ❤️



Jessica Powell - September 13, 2023 at 12:23 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benny Sorgee.*



September 12, 2023 at 05:44 PM