



## Harold "Benny" Fancher

January 13, 1934 - November 25, 2024

Harold Dean "Benny" Fancher, 90, of Louisiana, Missouri passed away Monday, November 25, 2024. His desire was to be cremated. Memorial Services will be at 12:00 P.M. at Collier Funeral Home on Saturday, January 18, 2025. The Rev. Pat Glenn officiating. Burial of his ashes with military honors will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Louisiana, MO. Visitation will be from 11:00 A.M. until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

Benny was born January 13, 1934 in Mason City, Illinois, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Mattie L. Perkins Fancher. He was united in marriage with the love of his life Barbara Ellen McDaniel on July 17, 1954 at the Methodist Church in Springfield, Illinois, until she preceded him in death on February 9, 2015.

Benny is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Jeff Sencenbaugh of Louisiana, Missouri and one granddaughter, Amanda Sencenbaugh and many beloved in-laws, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his sister Irene Lancaster, and his two brothers, Frank "Lindy" Fancher and Dale C. Fancher.

As a young man Benny enlisted with the Air Force and he traveled a great deal during his military career of 21 years. He was stationed in Korea, Washington State, New Jersey, Illinois, Colorado, Japan, Guam, Okinawa, Alaska, Idaho, Thailand (during the Vietnam War), Kansas, and Missouri. For 7-1/2 years of his time in the Air Force he was away from his wife and daughter. His Air Force career's primary specialty was as an Electronic

Communications and Cryptographic Equipment Systems Tech. He was especially proud of his Top-Secret Security Clearance. Benny and Ellen left military life in 1974. Upon retirement from the Air Force he had a job waiting for him as a cable TV installer and technician in Louisiana, Missouri where he and Ellen settled down. He also worked for Stark Brothers Nursery and he started his own locksmithing business which he continued to operate until he was in his 80s.

Benny enjoyed traveling around the lower 48 states for many years with his wife Ellen. His interests included camping, boating, fishing, and tinkering in his garage. For many years the annual fishing trip to Maramec Springs was a much anticipated event to be enjoyed with his best friends Brian Ray and Brian Hortness. He often referred to them as his two Brians. Benny was proud to have been a part of the American Legion Post 370 where he participated in the Apple Core Drill Team that performed military honors at many military funeral services. He took this task very seriously. Over the years Benny also enjoyed the company of his many friends at the Louisiana Elks Lodge where he served in several offices.

Memorials can be made in remembrance of Benny to any charity of choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

Hwy YY at Hwy 79  
Louisiana, MO

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.  
117 Barnard Dr  
Louisiana, MO 63353  
(573) 754-4800  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

RM

“ Rosalie Miller purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Harold "Benny" Fancher.



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Rosalie Miller - January 17, 2025 at 01:08 PM

CO

“ Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Harold "Benny" Fancher



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Cindy Poyser Osborne - December 07, 2024 at 05:48 PM

MW

“ Fancher's Locksmith Koozie! This is one of my most prized possessions! Something that i will cherish forever! 🗝️ ❤️💛



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Morgan Windmiller - November 29, 2024 at 01:08 AM

CO

“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Harold "Benny" Fancher*



Cindy Poyser Osborne - November 27, 2024 at 08:57 PM

AC

“ *He was my favorite uncle "Deanie", and only being 10 years older than me probably got "stuck" with me a lot, but I loved him. I didn't get to see as much of him as an adult as by then we lived in different parts of the country, and I was always happy when we did see each other over the years*

Ara McDavid Fancher Croce - November 27, 2024 at 07:27 PM

GL

“ *Gary&Robina Love lit a candle in memory of Harold "Benny" Fancher*

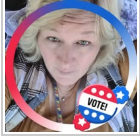


Gary&Robina Love - November 27, 2024 at 01:14 PM

PB

“ *Diane, so sorry to hear about your Dad. We just loved him. He was always so pleasant and joyful and we anlways enjoyed visiting with him. Our hearts are saddened by his passing. Sending hugs to you, Jeff and Amanda. May his memories bring you peace.*  
*Phyllis and Fred*

Phyllis Bridwell - November 27, 2024 at 10:52 AM



“ *Diane, I'm so sorry to hear this. Some of my fondest childhood memories were with your family. Your mom and dad were always so kind, including me in outings and trips and always making me feel at home. Benny will be remembered as a warm and friendly person and be greatly missed by all. Sending my love to you.*

**Gail Suddarth** - November 27, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ *The Lilleys lit a candle in memory of Harold "Benny" Fancher*



**The Lilleys** - November 26, 2024 at 07:06 PM



“ *CHERYL BRADSHAW lit a candle in memory of Harold "Benny" Fancher*



**CHERYL BRADSHAW** - November 26, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ *Sheila- We know you cared for Benny deeply, he will always be in your heart and soul. You are in our thoughts and prayers Love you always, Cheryl and Troy.*

**CHERYL BRADSHAW** - November 26, 2024 at 02:30 PM

SM

*Sorry to hear Benny was like a mother dad took me fishing and camping I will deeply miss him prayers for the family*

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**Sammy meyers** - November 26, 2024 at 04:52 PM

MD

*This was my uncle Bennie, I might my main memory of him was that he had a bicycle with a motor on it..He was still very young when my sister and I were born ..I think 11 or 12 when I was born...Since we lived in different parts of the country ..I didn't get to see much of him as an adult, but always enjoyed seeing him when we did..*

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**Marianne Daughety** - January 16, 2025 at 06:11 PM