



Ben Earsel Salisbury

April 20, 2016

Born to Earsel and Nancy Salisbury in April 1940 in Rockdale, Texas. Ben passed away peacefully at his home in April 2016 at the age of 75 years young.

He grew up in Freeport, Texas graduating from Brazosport High School in 1959. He ran track and set several records for the school. He then served in the United States Army and played on the Army's golf team as a scratch golfer. Following an honorable discharge from the service, Ben attended Lamar University in Beaumont Texas where he received a degree in mechanical engineering while working full time and graduated at the top of his class in 1967. Upon graduation, Ben accepted a job with Exxon in 1967 as a petroleum engineer and went on to work in the oil industry over the next 20 years until his retirement. He enjoyed playing golf, photography, traveling, hiking and spending time with his family.

He was a very involved family man and is survived by his children Benjamin Salisbury and Theresa Salisbury of Houston – he always said his kids were his biggest accomplishment. Also survived by his sisters Earline Greer of Florida, Doris Owens and Nancy Montgomery both from College Station, Texas and all their families.

We take comfort that he is now in a better place and finally at peace. Please make donations to the Mental Health Greater Houston, www.mhahouston.org in his memory.

Comments



“ Memories of my brother. I have many memories but just will share a couple.

When I was very young I got polio in one leg. I couldn't walk and had to stay in the tub. Ben Easel went to the store and bought me an Easter Bunny that was as big as me.

One time Mama sent us to the store to buy a loaf of bread. Ben had his own car and he drove us. His foot got a little heavy on the gas pedal and here came a Policeman. The Policeman asks for his drivers license and then ask him who we were. He told him we were his sisters. The Policeman told him to slow down so he didn't kill us. He let us go. Ben Easel threatened us. If you tell Mama I will never let you go with me again. We never told.

I adored my Big Brother. I have fond memories of him. He didn't tease me like he did the rest of them. I love you Ben. I know you are in a better place now and with Mama and Daddy. See you again one of these days.

Nancy Salisbury Montgomery his youngest sister.

NancyMontgomery - May 07, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ I have many fond memories of my Uncle Ben. He was above average intelligence, handsome and really good with all of us kids. Every time I went to visit for the holidays as a kid I remember he was very good at entertaining us kids... While most the grown ups talked grownup stuff in the kitchen. I remember him entertaining us kids by showing us the Swimming pool, Pinball machine, slot machine, golf cart, golf course,.

I remember an incident there with an alligator in the back yard one day that caused all kinds of excitement. He had a Pitbull back in the day when Pitbulls were so misunderstood.

When I was 18 he gave me my first real job as his receptionist at an oil company in downtown Houston. I continued to work in that field for many years after and it led to some bigger and better jobs. Thanks to my Uncle Ben.

I remember once around that time I discovered he was pretty darn good cook too! He showed up at a family holiday event with a pot of charro beans that was so good that it inspired me to try to make it myself. I didn't care much for beans till then.

You were one of a kind Uncle Ben! Rest in Peace!

Melissa Barker - April 28, 2016 at 09:20 PM



“ I just had another memory.... he was really into photography! .

Melissa Barker - April 28, 2016 at 09:52 PM



“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your beloved brother. It sounds like he was a great man being handsome as well! I barely remember Ben. There's 14 years age difference between us. Tenth Street in Freeport was a Fun place to grow up on with all ages of children, and I'm sure you will agree Nancy. My mother often speaks of y'all's Mother, saying she was like a sister to her. I will share this information with Momma. Hopefully the obit is in The Facts too. May God bless all of you and bring forth your precious memories of Ben. With Love, from Betty, Calvin, Freida and Cheryl Stacks.

Freida Sapp - April 28, 2016 at 11:42 AM



“ Thanks Freida, Mama was fond of your Mother also. They had so much fun having their garage sales. Those were the good old days in Freeport. We had some good times playing in the streets didn't we?

Nancy Salisbury Montgomery, sister of Be - April 28, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ My brother and me always looked forward to a visit of Uncle Earsel and Aunt Nancy because it meant Ben would be with them. One of my memories of a visit we made to west Columbia back in the mid Forties to visit them, us boys were playing in Bens bedroom throwing pillows and wrestling around. Ben bounced up and down on the bed and made a lunge at me, I ducked and Ben went through the window breaking the glass and ending up in the yard, game over. REST IN PEACE COUSIN. BJ Holliman

Bobby Holliman - April 27, 2016 at 09:01 PM



“ Thank you for sharing such a funny memory. Theresa Salisbury, Ben's daughter

Theresa Salisbury - April 28, 2016 at 12:58 PM



“ I remember Ben growing up in Freeport. My family lived across the street from the Salisbury. My brother,Howard and Ben became best friends and his little sister and I did the same. We did everything together our entire childhood. Ben was always a good and loving person. I'm so sorry for your loss.

RISP Ben,

Anita Kieke Johnson

Anita Kieke Johnson - May 05, 2016 at 11:25 AM



“ Thanks Anita

NancyMontgomery - May 07, 2016 at 04:47 PM