



## John Franklin Bengston

May 28, 1942 - April 17, 2022

BENGSTON - John Franklin Bengston, age 79, passed away April 17, 2022. Mr. Bengston was a US Navy Veteran. He was the owner of Ben-Son Glass and Mirror. Mr. Bengston was preceded in death by his parents Raymond & Mildred Bengston and granddaughter Taylor Montgomery. Survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Janet Bengston; sons and daughters-in-law Derrick & Jaime Bengston of Lawrenceville, GA; Kenny & Patricia Bengston, and Thomas & Nadia Bengston of TX; stepchildren Lisa Dekoomen, MD and Kimberly Montgomery, TX. Grandchildren, Ronald Blake Choate, Luke Dekoomen, Seth Dekoomen, Abigail Seay, Aubrie Cross, and Alexandria Toth and four great grandchildren. John loved children and puppies. In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at <https://www.stjude> or Pets for Vets Program at <https://petsforvets.com>. Please join us for visitation on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 12:00 – 1:00 PM with a memorial service and celebration of life following at 1:00 PM at the funeral home, with Pastor Joe Hughes officiating. Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046. 770-962-3100. Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Stateroom of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road S W  
Lawrenceville, GA

## Celebration of Life

MAY 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road, S.W.  
Lawrenceville, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Franklin Bengston*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - May 11, 2022 at 10:30 AM

JG

“ I want to thank everyone for sharing their memories as a tribute to my husband John Bengston was the love of my life, my Rock, my sidekick. We were introduced back in 1968 by a friend of his. I almost backed out as I was uncomfortable with blind dates I almost backed out. I was told the tickets to the Astro game had been bought. As fate would have it I didn't back out and agreed to go. John impressed me with his personality, warmth, and of course his humor. I found he was bigger than life. He had it all. I knew I was in the right place at the right time. The next year, 1969, we were married. Our marriage lasted 53 years and I would give anything for 53 more. John loved his family and did everything he could for me, our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to make our lives better. One child in particular was his beloved granddaughter, Taylor Montgomery. Tay predeceased him in 2014 as a result of a car accident. I have found so many poems, cards and letters from Tay to PawPaw. Once when Tay called John said "tell her PawPaw is standing by the mailbox in the rain waiting for her live letter. A few weeks ago I found three one dollar bills with "I love you PawPaw written on them. There has been two in the family who have dreamed John and Tay were together hand in hand. One even saw Duffy (his Yorke) with them. I truly believe this wonderful husband of mine and his granddaughter are happy together which makes it easier for us to go on.  
NO MORE PAIN, John. Rest Baby and know you will be missed.  
Give Tay a hug. I will always love you. You are my heart❤️❤️

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Janet Elaine Bengston aka George - May 14, 2022 at 10:11 PM

LK

“Pawpaw Im going to miss you so much! I’m going to miss your facebook messages every morning. They always made my day. I’ll always remember hanging with pawpaw on the couch watching different shows and making jokes. I’ll always remember my first time driving a car was with him in the old Lincoln. I’ll never forget all the Christmas mornings, cinnamon rolls, and pudding pie. I was always happy to grab him a new beer when he needed it. Pawpaw had to be one of the funniest guys out there and could always lighten up the mood with his humor. Love you Pawpaw! Rest easy up there!

Love,  
Luke

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**Luke de Koomen** - May 14, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“I first met BIG John at my interview with Binswanger Glass and realized quickly he was larger than life. I learned one of the most important lessons about business from John- never turn away a customer or say no to a customer unless the question is “can I get this done for less \$. Like many other posts on here John also gave me a nickname (Lieutenant Dan) that he referred to more than just using my name. He had a great sense of humor and always knew how bring a smile all. His secret sauce in life was a few laughs with a few friends with a few (sometimes more than a few) beers. John will surely be missed for these reasons and many more. Rest In Peace my friend!

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**Daniel Burgess** - May 14, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Franklin Bengston.*

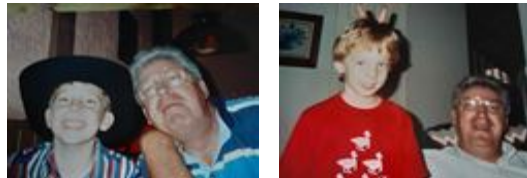


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May 13, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - May 13, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ *I first met John when I was 19. His daughter Lisa and I met and we became close immediately. I so admired Lisa's family life. John and Elaine were the kind of parents that every child should have. John was so kind to me. And because he knew that I had no father, he tried to fill that void. He was the kindest, most generous man! And he was also the funniest man that I have ever met! I know that John is in heaven with Taylor telling Jesus off-color jokes as I write this. John had the gift of being funny without trying. It was difficult to stay in a bad mood when with him. And oh, how he adored Elaine! He worshipped the ground she walked on. And her love for him was just as profound. John loved his family, and would do anything humanly possible for them. The world has lost a wonderful man.*

*Tanya Emrich  
Ken Caryl, Colorado*

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**Tanya Emrich** - May 13, 2022 at 12:27 PM

TB

“ The loss of Mr. Bengston will surely have a profound effect on so many, as it has certainly made me reflect on the influence he had on my life, as a close friend to his son, Derrick, in our younger years and still today. "Bones Baker", a name given to me by Mr. Bengston, would bellow throughout the house when I would visit, or on the neighborhood street when he would see me while driving by. I learned quickly that if you were given a nickname by Mr. Bengston, this meant he liked you! Although there are many great stories and memories I could speak on, some of these maybe not suited for this platform, I will reflect on a time that has made me laugh throughout the years. Derrick and I were around 11 yrs old and learned quickly that Mr. Bengston was not a fan of door to door salesmen and definitely did not want these people in his house. One day, the front door bell rang, which no one ever did that in these day, except one of THOSE people! He asked us to tell the person that no parent was home and to leave. The gentleman asked if he could use the restroom, of course, Derrick said "yes". We sat back down in the den and Mr. Bengston asked about the person. Derrick said he was in the restroom, "OUR RESTROOM?", Mr. Bengston hollered! Before we knew it, he had jumped up, kicked open the bathroom door, jerked this person out of the bathroom, pants down, unfinished business and all and threw him out the front door!! As if this wasn't enough for us to learn our lesson, Mr. Bengston made sure, in his own way, that we knew this was never a good idea! I was fortunate to get to talk via text to Mr. Bengston before his passing and am so grateful for this. He was a devoted and loving Dad, not just to Derrick, but to all of us boys. He will be missed.

Love, Bones Baker

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Troy Baker - May 11, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ 102 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - May 11, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia* was purchased for the family of John Franklin Bengston.



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May 10, 2022 at 02:04 PM

MP

“ I was fortunate and thankful to have had the opportunity to exchange some personal text with John before he passed in which I shared with him how much he and the Bengston’s family meant to me as a kid and young adult. When I was a kid I really loved hanging out at Bengston’s house with Derrick (Most if not all the neighborhood kids did). I remember John would always complain about his back yard grass being dead but yet he always allowed us to play football, and baseball in his back yard knowing that we were going to kill the grass every season. Later in life John allowed me to work in the family glass business when I was just out of the Army. Johns mentorship at Benson Glass taught me critical business skills, allowing me to later go off and start my own small business. I can honestly say that John was a significant part of my life while growing up and I cannot thank him enough for being a positive influence, mentor, and all around great person in my life. I am forever grateful Mr. Bengston. Rest in peace sir. Love always Mike Ponder

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**Michael Ponder** - May 05, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Franklin Bengston.



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May 05, 2022 at 01:44 PM

KE

“ My memories of John are mostly of our childhood when we were together for Sunday dinners (Grandma Bengston was a terrific cook) and long summer days of adventure and mischief. I remember running down to Smith Avenue from their house on Morton Street to put pennies on the streetcar track. The pennies would be flattened and for some reason that was a big deal for us. I also remember when John (we called him Frankie then) and my brother Dwayne were caught smoking behind the corncrib on our farm. Those city kids were a bad influence!

We enjoyed the infrequent times we spent with John and Elaine as adults, both in Atlanta and here in Minnesota. We send our deepest sympathy to your family for your loss.

Karen Christensen Edstrom (niece)

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Karen Edstrom - May 05, 2022 at 12:59 PM

JT

“ Mr Bengston was a larger than life figure in my life. Both formatively and physically. Growing up in the neighborhood and being around Derrick and his family, you were bound to be corrected, picked on and ultimately nick named by Mr B. The usual talk was for tearing up his back yard from thousands of baseball games. The nick naming was a rite of passage. Some were great like his son “Binger” or his grandsons “Stretch” and “Slim”. Others were less than flattering like “Junior Turd”. Mine was the latter. It came from a shirt my Mom had given me. My name, Jimmy Taylor, was too long to put on the back, since you pay by the letter, so “JT” was an economical substitution. I was proud of my “custom” shirt and wore it often. That was until one day, while walking through his house, Mr B said “JT? Does that stand for Junior Turd?” That was it, it stuck. For 40 years, it stuck and I wouldn’t change one thing about it. Rest in Peace Mr B and you will be missed. Love Junior Turd

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Jim Taylor - May 05, 2022 at 10:06 AM

MD

“ So very sad to hear this news. John and I Loved Big John. A great Man larger than life. Tell it like it is Guy. Loved that. Great memories of Both of you enjoying all our boys. He Loved his Pup. ❤️ Sending Love across the miles Janet. All of you are on our minds. Lisa, Kim... 😊

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**Mary and John Davis** - May 01, 2022 at 11:42 PM

ST

“ My deepest condolences to Elaine and family. Jeff and I fondly remember going out to dinner with you and at the end John ordered a chicken breast to take home for the dog. Jeff responded with how John's dog eats better than we do - hahaha! Uncle John had a genuine smile and contagious laugh that made everyone feel welcome. His quick wit will be greatly missed by all! Love & Hugs,

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**Sue Terhark** - April 20, 2022 at 05:13 PM

DK

“ John was my Uncle, but for years he was my Big Brother, and like most big brothers, a tormentor of the younger. The poor guy had to share a room his nephew and that gave him license to shoot with a BB gun, lock me in the car trunk(many times), set me on a bucking ass, and tease me unmercifully! But he let me ride with him in the car, took me to Ryder's (a now defunct drive-in burger place in West St. Paul) and Dairy Queen! John also inspired me to join Scouts, of which I am still a member. I love you, John, and I am a fool to have waited so long to say it!

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**Dr. Frank Kelland** - April 20, 2022 at 07:50 AM



“ It’s been nearly 5 decades but I remember Mr. Bengston like it was yesterday. His presence in both stature and personality was larger than life. As a young child (10-12), it was quite evident to me that he loved his family and was totally invested in making life an adventure for all. You guys were always planning a fun trip (California) or putting in the only swimming pool in the neighborhood! I even remember being included in one of your family’s McDonald’s runs which was a real treat for a child that typically didn’t get to “indulge” in such a “luxury” in the 70s. I remember him taking pride in washing the family cars on the driveway. It’s funny what a young child notices and retains as they age. It just seemed he thoroughly enjoyed time spent with his family and I knew that was a rarity a young age. Condolences to all. Kathy Duffy ~ Adams

Kathy Adams - April 19, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Franklin Bengston.



April 19, 2022 at 06:20 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Derrick Bengston - April 19, 2022 at 04:52 PM