



## Douglas "Joe" Marvin Benignus

June 25, 1943 - November 16, 2016

Funeral services for Douglas "Joe" Marvin Benignus, 73 of Dime Box, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Old Dime Box, Texas with Rev. David Loeffler officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the Hranice Cemetery in Dime Box. Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 20, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Saturday evening from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Douglas "Joe" Marvin Benignus was born on June 25, 1943 in Waller, Texas to Louis Erwin and Margarete Annie (Frey) Benignus. He was baptized on October 24, 1943 and confirmed on June 9, 1957 in Katy, Texas. His confirmation verse was Matthew 10:32 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." He graduated from Waller High school in 1961. He played football for the Bulldogs and received All-District '61, Honorable Mention All-State '61, Football Tri-Captain '61, S & N Most Valuable Football Players Award '61, Basketball '58-'59, Track '58-'59, and Most Athletic '61. He continued to play football for the Blinn Buccaneers in 1962 and loved playing the game until his career came to an end with a knee injury. He went on to graduate from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering on May 13, 1972. Joe met the love of his life on a blind date on

Friday the 13th in 1963. Joe and Janette married on May 8, 1965. They were blessed with two daughters and seven grandkids throughout their marriage. Joe started working July 12, 1965 at IBM in Houston, Texas and later moved his family to Austin in 1976 continuing his employment with IBM. He retired after 37 years from IBM on June 24, 2002 and he truly loved his job. He NEVER missed one day of work due to illness and truly was dedicated to his job. He believed in hard work, education and supporting his family. During his time with IBM, he achieved many patents and earned many awards. Joe had some sayings he would always quote that his family will always treasure, "Why is there never enough time to do it right, but always enough time to do it over" and "Don't rush, you have got to THINK".

He loved to hunt with his grandkids, son-in-law, brother and friends. He enjoyed endless fishing trips to Rockport with his sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Stanley Rheman. Since his retirement, he enjoyed traveling with his wife, supporting his grandkids while they played sports, spending time on his properties in Dime Box, checking on his cattle, putting deer feeders out, planting pecan trees and hanging out on the back porch with his dog Dixie and favorite cat Boots. He was always thinking of ways to do things easier on the farm and enjoyed his grandsons and son-in-law helping him along the way. He enjoyed fishing with his grandkids at his house, the coast and at the bottom ranch. He was a brilliant man and taught so many people the most valuable things in life. Joe will be missed by his family and friends. He loved his wife, daughters, grandchildren, sister and extended family. He was truly a blessing to all and one of a kind. Joe was a husband that provided endlessly for his family, a daddy who loved his girls not only with words but with life lessons and support, he was a brother who looked up to his sisters and brother, a grandfather who was extremely proud of his grandchildren, a father-in-law who was more like a dad, a brother-in-law who was fun to be around, an uncle who loved his nieces and nephews, a neighbor who would always lend a helping hand and a friend who would be there for you when you

needed anything.

Joe passed away the morning of Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at his home in Dime Box.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Margarete Benignus; one brother, Irwin "Sam" Benignus and his wife, Margie; one sister, Ruby Anderson and her husband, Andy; in-laws, Louis and Minnie Beisert; and his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Stanley Rheman, Willie and Ruby Beisert, Robert Beisert, Marvin and Charlene Beisert, Corine Iselt, Clara and Rupert Deal, Lorine and Henry Tatum, Leona Schulze, Frieda and Walter Schulze, Waldemar Rackel, Herbert Medack, Herbert Exner, Helen Beisert and Shirley Beisert.

Joe is survived by his wife, Janette Benignus of Dime Box; two children, Paula Kadlubar and her husband, Mark of Brenham, and Jan Christiansen and her husband, Doug of Giddings; seven grandchildren, Kaylee Kadlubar of San Marcos, Natalie Kadlubar of San Marcos, Amanda Kadlubar of Brenham, Colton and Brandy Christiansen of Giddings, Hesston Christiansen of San Marcos, Matthew Welch of Waco and Luke Welch of Giddings; one sister, Betty Rheman of Waller; brothers and sisters in law, Alfred and Betty Beisert, Alvin and Ruth Beisert, Grace Rackel, Ruben Beisert, Ernie and Bernice Beisert, Eugene Iselt, Gladys and Alfred Iselt, Elna and Gene Moerbe, Elenora Medack, Esther Exner and Alice Beisert as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Luke Welch, Matthew Welch, Jeff Moerbe, Hesston Christiansen, Colton Christiansen and Tobin Iselt. Honorary pallbearers will be Gene Moerbe, Eugene Iselt, Alfred Iselt, Keith Kerstin, Debbs Snell, and Billy Beard.

Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 26 Broadway, 14th floor, New York, NY 10004, Trinity Lutheran Memorial Fund, 3887 E. Hwy 21, Dime Box, TX 77853 or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Hranice Cemetery

CR 426  
Dime Box, TX 77853

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 19. 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St.  
Giddings, TX 78942  
(979) 542-3113  
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Family Present for Visitation

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## Public Visitation

NOV **20**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

NOV **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
3887 East Highway 21  
Dime Box, TX 77853

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas "Joe" Marvin Benignus*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - November 17, 2016 at 03:01 PM

WZ

*Beautiful video Jeanette and girls. Favors Jan the most in his younger years - especially the sports pictures. You all are so lucky you had him. Good neighbor to us in Austin too - we miss him already.*

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**Wanda Zwernemann** - November 18, 2016 at 05:18 PM

LC

“ *Always remember Uncle Joe coming to Fredericksburg to hunt with Baba. They always had so much fun. So sorry for y'all's loss. Laird*

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**laird lauren ce** - November 22, 2016 at 10:25 AM

CG

“ *May God bless and keep you strong now and always-my condolences to all the family*

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**Cathy Gruetzner** - November 19, 2016 at 08:46 AM

DR

“ *David Rackel purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Douglas "Joe" Marvin Benignus.*



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**David Rackel** - November 18, 2016 at 07:29 PM

CM

“ *Condolences for the family of Joe B may he Rest In Peace 🙏*



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**cotton/suzanna medack** - November 18, 2016 at 07:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas "Joe" Marvin Benignus.*



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November 18, 2016 at 04:39 PM

TC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with y'all in this hard time.  
Tracie Combs Callaway*

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**Tracie Combs** - November 18, 2016 at 03:13 PM

JJ

“ *My prayers are with you all right now. I just loved any time I got to spend with Joe...he had such an amazing presence and WONDERFUL sense of humor. He was so proud of his family-and you could see that in his eyes. Love to you all.*

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**Jennifer Jennings** - November 17, 2016 at 08:36 PM

CJ

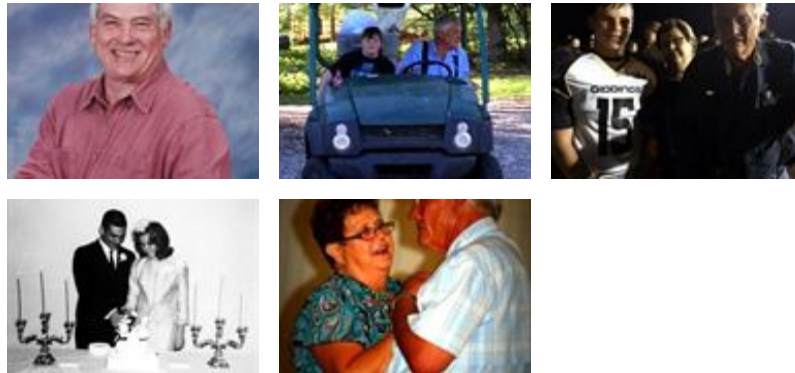
“ *Dear Jan and family,  
Mike and I were saddened to hear of the passing of your sweet Daddy and Granddad. Although I didn't know him well, I loved his infectious smile. Thanks for sharing a little part of him and your Mom with our family. Sending you all special thoughts and prayers.  
Love our Dear Hearts,  
Mike and Carolyn Jatzlau*

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**Carolyn Jatzlau** - November 17, 2016 at 05:12 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - November 17, 2016 at 02:47 PM

GI

*“ Our prayer's are with the family at this time.  
Joe will be missed by many friends. He had a  
big heart.*



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**Gary and Beverly Iselt** - November 17, 2016 at 12:49 PM

DA

*“ Although I didn't know Doug, I enjoyed coming to Dime Box for the  
running race back in the 80's. Best wishes to the family.*

*Dave Aldridge*

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**D ALDRIDGE** - November 17, 2016 at 10:29 AM

  
Franklin  
Matson

*“ I worked with Doug at IBM. Many days Doug and I would leave work  
at the same time and we would talk from the work building to the  
parking garage. This happened many, many times.*

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**Franklin Matson** - November 16, 2016 at 07:57 PM