



Adrian Merrill Benson

October 19, 1965 - May 11, 2021

Adrian Merrill Benson, age 55, husband of Teresa A, May-Benson, of Norristown, PA, formerly of Boston, MA, passed away on the evening of Tuesday, May 11, 2021 of complications of esophageal cancer. He passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his wife, children and beloved kittens. Born on October 19, 1965 in Pottstown, PA, he was the son of the late Merrill and Donna (Gress) Benson of Royersford, PA.

Adrian was born and raised in Royersford and enlisted in the U.S. Navy immediately after high school. He was a petty officer electronic technician for 8 years on active duty serving on the submarine USS City of Corpus Christi during the Persian Gulf War and later an instructor at the New London Submarine School. After active duty he served 14 years with the Rhode Island based Mobile Inshore Undersea Unit where he retired from the Navy reserves.

Adrian was an early adopter of the home personal computer and later became a computer programmer and analyst, first working for Meditech and then for Partners Healthcare/MassGeneral Brigham. In his spare time, he served as a volunteer auxiliary police officer for the Randolph MA Police Department. He received his associates degree from Quincy College, MA and took numerous classes from UMass - Boston and Southern New Hampshire University.

Adrian had many diverse interests and passions. He loved riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, hunting in Texas with his cousin and enjoying a pipe and a scotch with his best friend. He had a deep abiding love of history which was reflected in his enjoyment of Civil War re-enacting and his tabletop miniatures wargaming passion. He was cohost on the podcast, Wargaming Recon, for 10 years and was a highly respected member of the wargaming community. He had a life-long love of photography and in more recent years was interested in writing. He was also a fine pen aficionado.

He married his wife of 33 years, Teresa May-Benson, on March 12, 1988 at the Immanuel Church of Christ, Kettlersville, OH. He is survived by his two children, Rachael Benson of

Norristown, PA and Rhys Benson (with significant other Monica Porzio) and grandson, Ashton Benson of Pasadena, MD; and one sister, Madonna Bach. He leaves several extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins as well.

Memorial services will be held at the Immanuel Church of Kettlersville, OH on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Visitation will be at the Immanuel Church from 10:00 am-12:00 pm with the service at 12:00 pm followed immediately by internment with full military honors at Pearl Cemetery, Sidney, OH. Services will be livestreamed on the Immanuel Office YouTube channel.

Flowers are appreciated but, alternatively, donations in Adrian's honor may be made to the American Battlefield Trust, www.battlefields.org in honor of his love of history preservation.

Cemetery

Events

Pearl Cemetery

Sidney, OH,

MAY 18 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Immanuel Church
8888 State Route 274, Kettlersville, OH, US, 45336

MAY 18 **Funeral Ceremony** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ My condolences to Madonna and family.
I have many fond memories of everyone.
Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Amy Donovan

Amy Donovan - May 17, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ Ray and I send our most heartfelt condolences to you Theresa, Rhys, Rachel, Monica and the rest of the family. We know this has been a trying time for all.

Ray remembers Adrian's quick wit when telling him that he was an intelligent geek, followed by, it takes one to know one. That was a good laugh. As we were comparing our knowledge of good scotch, I was unaware of Whistle Pig ,as it is a top shelf scotch and he noted, you have to be tall enough to see it! Another good laugh!! I think we would have traded similar barbs back-and-forth and laughed more if given a chance. He will be missed.

Ray & Toni Porzio - May 16, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ I enjoyed serving with Adrian on the USS City of Corpus Christi. He had a unique sense of humor and I always enjoyed how he and Chris Palser gave each other grief. Adrian was somewhat mellow and never seemed to lose his temper but he could always get you with his slightly (sometimes not so slight) sarcastic responses. I am sorry for his passing. I wish family and friends the best as you cope with his loss.

Steve O Martindale - May 14, 2021 at 12:47 PM