



Benjamin F. Trimble Sr

September 22, 1927 - June 6, 2022

Benjamin F. Trimble, Sr. of Southampton raced his final lap, Monday, June 6, 2022. He was 94.

Benny was a first-generation Irish American; the only child of Alexander Trimble of Bryansford, County Down, and Kathryn Franklin of Philadelphia. He grew up in the Oakdale section of Hainesport, and attended Mount Holly High School until he was asked to leave for riding his horse, Tony, through the hallways.

At 17, Benny convinced his mother to sign for him to enlist in the U.S. Navy. He underwent Seabee training and was immediately sent to the Pacific Theatre. While there, he and his fellow troops helped support the Marine Corps during the invasion of Okinawa in the Spring of 1945. He was one of the first American forces to enter Hiroshima after the atomic bombing. Following his discharge from the Navy in 1946, Benny moved to Florida where he trained as a race car driver and mechanic. With the onset of the Korean War, Ben enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps to once again serve his country. In 1954, after earning the grade of Sergeant, Ben returned to New Jersey and civilian life.

He began building and racing midgets and TQs in the 1950s at New Egypt Speedway, Wall Stadium, and Atlantic City Convention Hall. In 1966, one of

his builds earned him the “Best Engineered Car Award” in the National Rod and Custom Show in Hartford, Connecticut.

He opened his first auto repair shop, the Mill Street Garage, in Mt. Holly in 1958.

A master mechanic and businessman, he went on to own Mt. Holly Yamaha in the 1970s, followed by multiple gas stations and auto repair shops in the Mt. Holly and Southampton areas.

He also worked as an arbitrator for N.A.D.E and Commonwealth Auto Auction for over 25 years. He was widely sought after and respected for his ability to diagnose and fix anything with an engine. All the while he pursued his passion as a race car driver, racing everything from stock cars to three quarter midgets where he made his mark as a fierce competitor and innovator of the sport. Benny continued to actively race well into his 80s.

Ben was one of the founders of the South Jersey Enduro Riders in 1963. He served as the club’s president for the first 10 years, and started the Curly Fern Enduro in 1967.

He obtained his private pilot’s license in the early 70s, flying his own Cessna for many years, and later repairing and flying vintage WWI and WWII aircraft at airshows. In the early 80s he earned his license as a horse trainer, and enjoyed many years working with Standardbreds at Warren Cameron Stables in Southampton.

In 1994, at the age of 67, he bought his first Harley Davidson, and spent many summers riding the back roads of New Jersey. He was a self-taught musician and played guitar his entire life. He spent hours playing along to tapes of his hero, Chet Atkins, whom he eventually got to meet.

One of his greatest joys was dressing up as Santa Claus, a tradition he

started with his own children. He would later go on to play the role at the annual Mt. Holly Township Police Department's Holiday Celebration for the F.W. Holbein School for many years; and for the grandchildren of friends until he was 92.

He was a member of the Mt. Holly Moose Lodge #737, Medford VFW Post 7677, the American Three Quarter Midget Racing Association (ATQMRA), and The Quiet Birdmen.

A resident of Southampton since 1974, he served on the Township's Zoning Board in the early 80s. His most recent honor was being selected as the Grand Marshal for the Township's 143rd Annual Memorial Day Parade. Unfortunately, due to his declining health, Benny was unable to participate.

Ben is survived by his wife of 58 years, Julianne; and four children: Benjamin F. Trimble II (Dana), Michael Trimble (Evelyn), Shannon Trimble, and Kelly Eid (Joseph). He was "Pop Pop" to Andrew, Jeffrey, Caroline, and Christian.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on Friday, June 10, 2022 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High Street Mount Holly, NJ 08060. A service will be held at 8 PM. A private funeral with Military Honors is planned at BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arneytown, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you perform a random act of kindness for a stranger, and think of Ben.

Cemetery Details

BGWCD Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

350 Provinceline Rd.,
Wrightstown, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

Memorial Service

JUN 10. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin F. Trimble Sr*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Benjamin F. Trimble Sr*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *BENNY RIP*

Rob Holmes - June 11, 2022 at 09:10 PM

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“ Dear Julie & Family,
Our hearts go out to you and the family, as well as friends who knew and loved Benny. Just reading his Obituary gave us more appreciation for him than we already had, which was a lot!
May great memories and God's love sustain you as you go forward. Ben's spirit is free, and no doubt he's watching over you all with that wonderful smile.

Here is a poem I wrote in tribute to Benny...

Love, Debbie & Clyde

Benny Trimble, race on!

By Debbie Simpkins

Benny was a longtime friend

From many years ago.

The friendship will never end

Even though he had to go.

He did so much in his full life

It's hard to comprehend.

So happy with his loving wife;

They were a perfect blend!

Motorcycles and music both begin with 'M.'

Racing, playing guitar, and working hard

Were his credos to the end.

Benny could make you cry laughing

His smile lit up any room.

He was a giant in our eyes

We sure looked up to him.

On to the next race, dear Benny!

Debbie & Clyde Simpkins - June 10, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin F. Trimble Sr.*



June 10, 2022 at 12:54 PM



“ *John B. purchased the Distinguished Service Casket Spray for the family of Benjamin F. Trimble Sr.*



John B. - June 10, 2022 at 07:43 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin F. Trimble Sr.*



June 09, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ *Dear Juli and family,
There are no words we can say to take away your sadness from losing Ben. We will always remember his contagious smile and kind heart. Hope you will find comfort in the memories and strength for the days ahead by knowing that our thoughts and prayers are with you.
May he Rest In Peace.*

Sami, Lina, Antoine and Mary-Joe Stephan - June 08, 2022 at 09:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin F. Trimble Sr.*



June 08, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ *My deepest Sympathies to the family. I bought my first motorcycle from Benny. Remember him with a devilish smile and twinkle in his eyes.*

Jan Myers - June 08, 2022 at 03:52 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Benjamin F. Trimble Sr.*



June 08, 2022 at 03:27 PM