



Benson J. Lamp, PhD, PE

September 14, 2012

Benson J. Lamp, PhD, PE, age 86, Professor Emeritus of The Ohio State University, died Friday, September 14, 2012 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. He grew up in Franklin County, Ohio and entered the United States Army Air Corps at the age of 18. He attained the rank of 2nd Lt. (Navigator) and was honorably discharged on VJ Day in 1945. Benson was a graduate of The Ohio State University and earned his PhD at Michigan State University in Agricultural Engineering with a minor in Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Mechanics. He started his career as a professor of Agricultural Engineering at The Ohio State University. His career included employment with Massey Ferguson, Ford Motor Tractor and Ford Aerospace where he was vice-president. He made many trips to China to establish business with Ford Motor Company and the Chinese government. After retiring from industry in 1987, he returned as a professor at Ohio State and received many professional awards: Professor of the Year, Distinguished Alumnus at both OSU and MSU; and recipient of the McCormack Case Gold Medal from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE). Dr. Lamp was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho, Tau Beta Pi, Gamma Sigma Delta, Sigma Xi, was a fellow of ASABE where he would serve as President 1995-96. He was later inducted into the National Academy of Engineering of the United States in 1998 and was named Professor Emeritus at Ohio State. He later established the Lamp Scholarship at Ohio State in honor of his parents, Benson and Ruth Lamp, which has assisted many students with their

engineering educations. After retirement, he started a small family business, BJM, Inc., which grew into a real estate and farming business. A resident of Dublin, Ohio for the past 27 years, he enjoyed golf, bridge, tennis and attending OSU football games and spending time on his farm in Circleville. Ben and Jane enjoyed travelling to visit their children and grandchildren and to their vacation homes in Venice, FL and Hilton Head Island. A beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Benson is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Martha Jane; his children: Elaine (Jim) Yarbrough of Peachtree City, GA; Marlene (Steve) Soule of Ventura, CA; Linda (Bill) Connor of East Lansing, MI; and Dave (Denise) Lamp of Southlake, TX; his grandchildren: Robb (Melissa) Yarbrough, Jamie (Matthew) Fearington, Katie (Derek) Walton, Matthew Connor, Julie (Mike) Warren, Erik Soule, Ellen Connor, David Lamp, Olivia Soule and Lauren Connor; great-grandson Connor Warren; brothers Wilbur and Russell; sisters-in-law Joan Motz and Joanne Lamp; and many friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Benson and Ruth Lamp and brother, Harold. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. SUNDAY, September 16, 2012 at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 W. Olentangy St. (Powell Rd./St. Rt. 750/1/4 mile east of Sawmill Pkwy) Powell, OH 43065 where a Memorial Service will be held 2:00 p.m. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012. A reception will follow the service at The Country Club at Muirfield Village, 8715 Muirfield Drive Dublin, OH 43017. The Lamp Family requests those wishing to make contributions in Dr. Lamp's memory may do so to: The Lamp Scholarship in Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering (Fund #603912) at The Ohio State University, 2120 Fyffe Road, Columbus, OH 43210. Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com to send condolences to Dr. Lamp's family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Benson J. Lamp, PhD, PE*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I just heard of Mr. Lamp's death. Our families were so close as we grew up in Michigan. Seeing pictures of Mr. Lamp as a great-grandpa on Facebook was so wonderful. My prayers are with Linda and all of the Lamps. Nancy*

Nancy Wilkening Durance - September 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dave, Denise and Family ... I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. Although I did not know him personally the obituary says it all ... so many accomplishments / contributions that impacted so many people. God bless you all.*

Leighton Works - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I remember Dr. Lamp fondly from my years as an undergraduate and then graduate in the OSU Agricultural Engineering program. I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful person, touching many lives and many will miss him - including me.*

Kenna Coltman, PE - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We were so sorry to hear of Dr. Lamp's passing. Mark & I were students at OSU in the early 90s. Dr. Lamp was always a pleasure to talk to when he was in the Ag Eng building on a visit. Giving us encouragement and really listening to our goals and expectations for our careers in Ag Eng. Every time we would see him even after graduation he recognized us and continue to listen to what we were up to. You have are sympathy. Prayers and positive thoughts for the family.

Mark & Nancy Seger - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Marlene and the entire Lamp family: I am sorry to hear of Ben's passing. You will be in my thoughts and prayers with best wishes for you all during this time of sorrow. Mike

Mike Wilkinson - September 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dear Jane - Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of Ben. He was a wonderful person, a true gentleman. We enjoyed your stories from friday-night couples' golf in the past. Let me know if we can be of any help to you. We unfortunately will be out of state. You are in our prayers and thoughts. May God bless you ... Michele & Tom Dillon

Michele & Tom Dillon - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Aunt Jane and family, We were sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Ben. He will be forever missed. May you find comfort in happy memories...please know that our deepest sympathy and our love are with you. Barbara and Mark Williams

Barbara Lamp Williams - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Personally and on behalf of all Alpha Gamma Rho members from Beta Chapter / Ohio State...please accept our sympathy on the loss of Ben. As the President of the AGR alumni association and as a brother I / we will miss Ben. Our prayers to Mrs. Lamp and all the family. If there is anything we can do to assist at this tough time, please just give me a call. Regards, Bill Tom

Bill Tom - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Dear Jim, Elaine, your Mom and Family, Our deepest sympathy for the loss of a very special man in all of your lives. Gary & Wanda King

Gary & Wanda Kng - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Thinking of the entire Lamp family and sending love to all of you. ~ Laura, David, and Rachel

Laura Connor - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Thoughts, prayers and understanding for the family in such a difficult time.

Peggy LaGrow - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Lamp family on the passing on Ben.

John Lucas - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM