



Theodore H. Benttinen

December 10, 2023

Theodore H. Benttinen, affectionately referred to as Ted, was born and raised in Falmouth, Massachusetts to the late H. Claire Benttinen and Theodore H. Benttinen Senior.

Ted leaves behind Sandy, his loving wife of 42 years, his daughter Heather and son-in-law George Simons, their two children Noah and Emma, his sons Justin and Kirk as well as Kirk's wife Kendra and their two children Bodhi and Maggie.

Ted attended RPI, and then the University of Washington where he received his BA and BSc. He continued his education at MIT where he earned his Masters in fluid dynamics and applied math. In 1975, Ted became an oceanographer. During his time at sea, he went on over 50 voyages including the crossing of both the arctic and antarctic geographical circles. In 1985, Ted left oceanography for a career in finance. He became a Senior Vice President at UBS where he worked until his retirement on May 31, 2023.

Ted was also a published poet, whose poems have appeared in over 40 literary journals. One of Ted's many avocations was birdwatching which he did for over fifty years. In addition, Ted enjoyed watching soccer, swimming, body surfing, reading literature and listening to classical music. Ted's love of literature and time on the ocean lead him to amass a large book collection

concerning the exploration of both the Arctic and Antarctic circles.

Ted was a conservationist and philanthropist, who gave generously to support worthy causes.

Visitation will be held Friday, December 15 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate. Funeral Service will be held Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 15 Hayes Street, Providence. Please be aware that there is no elevator available at the church. For public parking please utilize the free 2 hour pass at Providence Place Mall, North Garage Entrance. Burial will follow in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Doctors without Borders, doctorswithoutborders.org.

Cemetery Details

Swan Point Cemetery

585 Blackstone Blvd
Providence, RI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
15 Hayes Street
Providence, RI

Tribute Wall

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“*Ted was always a professional and at the same time gentle; through the years we enjoyed sharing our travel experiences; he served us well. Louisa and Stephen Napolitano*

Louisa Napolitano - December 16, 2023 at 02:33 PM

KB

“*Thinking of you Sandy, Justin, Kirk, and Heather and sending love and prayers to you all. I was so very sad to hear that Ted had passed away. He was so good and so generous to Eric and I over the years. I'm sure they will be together now. I am so sorry and I know he will be missed by so many.*

Love From Us All,

Aunt Kathy. Sean and Maureen ❤️



Kathleen Benttinen - December 15, 2023 at 08:59 PM

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Kathleen Benttinen - December 15, 2023 at 09:04 PM

TA

“ I had such a wonderful time staying at Ted and Sandy's beautiful property in Rhode Island to celebrate the marriage of Kirk and Kendra. His light and energy certainly shone through and I was lucky to know him for a short time. Sending my love to the family and wishing you peace.

Taraneh - December 15, 2023 at 08:11 AM

CP

“ Ted taught me the value of sustainable sanity via working the land with your hands. The value of chopping and carrying heavy wood to heat your home while enjoying Kipper Snacks. He's an unforgettable legend. If I ever move to Maine he'll be to credit. So much love to the amazing family he created, and all the local kids he helped 💕

Chris Pezza - December 14, 2023 at 03:04 PM

BF

“ Sandy and family I am so sorry for your loss of Ted. He was so nice to my son Danny and I . May he rest in peace.



Brenda "Pelletier" Foxwell - December 14, 2023 at 01:04 PM

CW

“ Dear Sandy and Family, I was very sorry to learn of Ted’s passing. We were colleagues at Paine Webber/UBS for many years. During that time, we spent many hours discussing the stock market, the art of collecting and his interest in farming. He was always a great conversationalist. I know that he was very proud of you and your children. He was truly, a fine man!
With sincerest condolences, Charlie Wharton

Charlie Wharton - December 14, 2023 at 12:31 PM

FR

“ Ted was the salt of the Earth.



Friend - December 14, 2023 at 09:59 AM

RM

“ I always enjoyed seeing Ted. I feel lucky to have known him.

Robert Mathieu - December 14, 2023 at 07:55 AM