

## Louis Benevides

December 28, 1943 - December 11, 2025

Louis “Benny” Benevides passed away peacefully on December 11, 2025, in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Born in Dighton, Massachusetts, Benny was one of nine children born to William and Gladys Benevides. He proudly left Massachusetts to serve his country in the United States Air Force, stationed at Homestead Air Force Base. Following his military service, Benny attended the University of Miami and became a Certified Public Accountant.

In 1972, Benny settled in Sebring, Florida, where he built a life rooted in service, integrity, and community. For more than five decades, he was a steadfast advocate for the people of Highlands County, serving with dedication and quiet strength until 2025. Benny was an active member of several fraternal organizations, including the Eagles, the Moose, and Rotary. Known for his generosity and kind spirit, he was a benefactor to many and will be remembered as a man who loved to laugh, play jokes on friends, and bring lightness wherever he went.

A lifelong Miami Dolphins and Hurricanes superfan—dating back to the

Orange Bowl days—Benny found joy in sports, travel, and time spent with loved ones. He and his beloved wife, Carol, shared many adventures together, traveling everywhere from the Florida Keys to Las Vegas. In later years, following medical complications, their greatest joy became family cruises and time spent together.

Benny was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Eddie; his brothers-in-law, Gary and Danny; and in 2018, by the love of his life, his wife, Carol.

He is survived by seven siblings: Bill (Jan) Benevides, Mary Sylvia, Toni Gley, Bob Benevides, Gladys Mitchell, John Benevides, and Joyce Moore. He also leaves behind his three daughters, Elizabeth (Bobby) Wright, Rebecca (Anthony) Benevides, and Christina Benevides, his devoted caretaker.

He is also survived by the apple of his eye, his granddaughter Sarah (Jerry) Shugart, whom he raised as his own daughter. Benny leaves behind his cherished stepsons, Richard (Lynn) Colicci and Thomas (Meribeth) Colicci; his beloved grandchildren, Katherine Noonon, Richard Colicci III, Kelsey Colicci, Madison Spires, and Alexandria Wright; and four great-grandchildren, all of whom he adored deeply.

Benny will be profoundly missed and lovingly remembered by all whose lives he touched.

A Celebration of Life will be held on January 31, 2026, at the Moose Lodge in Sebring, Florida, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Benny's memory to the Humane Society of Highlands County

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

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JAN 31. 12:00 PM.

Moose Lodge

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ All of us at Jones & Jones were heartbroken to hear of Benny’s passing. He was such a kind, thoughtful, and genuine man — the kind of person who always remembered your name and made you feel valued every time you spoke with him. His love for his family was unmistakable and something he spoke about with so much pride. Benny will be deeply missed, but his legacy, love, and values will continue on through his children.

Jones & Jones Watermelons - January 28 at 04:55 PM

LW

“ I loved Benny and was so sad to hear of his passing. He handled my taxes for years. He always made me smile. May he rest in peace in the arms of the Lord. Prayers for his family. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Linda Warner - January 21 at 08:04 PM



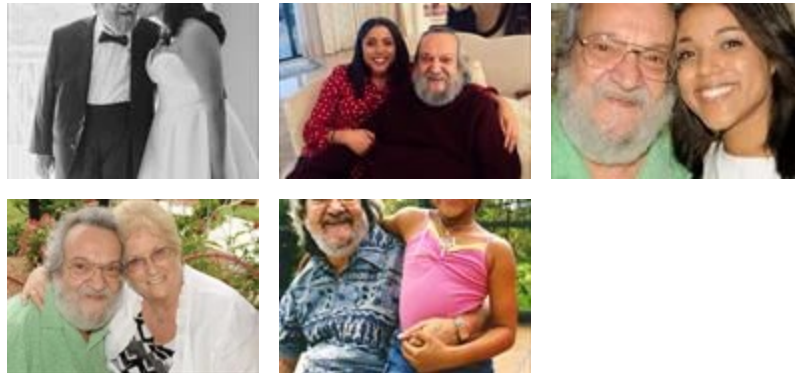
“ Susan Raiford lit a candle in memory of Louis Benevides



Susan Raiford - January 20 at 08:41 AM

SB

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Sarah Benevides - January 19 at 05:19 PM

PC

“ Benny touched many people's lives. I moved to Sebring to one with my daughter and her family in 1998. I was looking for work and he hired me. I couldn't ask for a better boss or friend. Benny & Carol helped me during my transition from Ma. to FL, As I look back I remember how they took me under their wing. They even bought me a puppy when I moved into my own apartment, so I wouldn't feel alone. Benny was caring, funny & giving . He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Phyllis Colby

Phyllis Colby - January 17 at 08:02 AM



“ He was the most generous and loving man that I've met in a very long time. He got me out of quite a few spots just because I was friends with his daughter, Elizabeth. He will be greatly missed... If one of the great ones taken too soon. I was glad to spend the time with him that I got to...

Phil Sims - January 16 at 03:24 PM

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*Benny was a wonderful person . I got know him through my sister when she married him. He made her very happy, He will be will be missed by so many., a great person inside and out.*

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**Irene Kelsall** - January 19 at 02:44 AM

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*He will be missed by many people.*

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**Irene's Kelsall** - January 20 at 07:32 AM