



## Edward H. Benton, Esq.

December 1, 1950 - July 9, 2017

Edward H. Benton, Esq., 66, of Albany, NY, passed away on Sunday, July 9 at 8:30 AM. He was born December 1, 1950 in Norwalk, CT, the son of Edward F. Benton and the former Margaret Theresa Szabo of Copake, NY. He was a salutatorian graduate of Roeliff Jansen High School in Hillsdale, NY, class of 1968. He attended Yale University and earned a B.A. in history cum laude 1974. He was awarded a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Vanderbilt University Law School as a Patrick Wilson Scholar, Law Review in 1981. He was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York 1982. Post graduate studies followed in Cross-cultural Negotiation and International Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law 1999.

Edward's lifetime employment began as President of POS Corporation in New Haven, CT, a computer systems company. He was Account Executive at Benton and Bowles, Inc., NYC, then Associate in international law with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, LLP, NYC, Hong Kong, and Singapore. He was Associate in leveraged buyout financings with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, NYC and moved to become Associate in investment banking with Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, NYC.

When Edward entered startup businesses in Upstate NY, he cofounded Winding Brook Farm in Copake, NY, raising organic beef cattle. He partnered with his brother Thomas to establish Video Cave, a ten-store chain serving

Columbia-Greene and Dutchess Counties. He became General Counsel for Dynamic Credit Partners, LLC, NYC and Legal Search Executive for Alan Roberts & Associates, Inc., NYC. Upon his retirement, Edward was an adjunct professor in Criminal Justice and Animal Law for Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY.

Edward was an avid downhill skier, captain of his high school track team, hiker, swimmer, martial arts competitor (Aikido), sailor, reader, and author of a published political satire, *America's Final Days*, copyright 2011. His wife, Malu was the lucky recipient of his newly refined culinary skills when she came home from a long day of teaching to his surprise dinners!

Edward gave much to his community. As a boy, he was an acolyte in St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church in Copake Falls, NY. As a man, he volunteered as a reader for WMHT Rise, a service for the visually disabled. He volunteered at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany as a comforter to pre-surgical patients. He served on the Board of Trustees of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency. He was a member of Toastmasters, serving as its grammarian. He attended St. Paul's Episcopal Churches in Kinderhook and Albany. All Edward's life, he was a lover and rescuer of animals of any species, adopting stray cats, dogs, and woods animals into his home.

Edward is survived by his wife Malu Benton, his sister Lisa May Benton, his brother Thomas George Benton, and his devoted Jack Russell Terrier, Carina.

Friends and family are welcome to gather at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206, Friday, July 14 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, with a service celebrating Edward's life to be held at 6:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, Edward's family would appreciate donations made in Edward Benton's name to the Columbia Greene Humane Society, 111

Humane Society Road, Hudson, NY 12534.

Conocer el amor de los que amamos es el fuego que alimenta la vida.

To know the love of those we love is the fire that fuels life.

Pablo Neruda (1904-1973) Poeta chileno / Chilean poet.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
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## Service

JUL 14. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward H. Benton, Esq.*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

LT

“ I don't know if this site is still active or viewed, but I just learned yesterday of Ed Benton's passing. I am an old friend from Ed's Simpson Thacher & Bartlett days:

Dear Tom,

*I am so sorry for your loss...and the loss, of course to Ed's family. Tom, you were the brother Ed always said he wished he could be: "The optimistic guy, the guy that could sell ice to Eskimos." Ed had terrific insight.*

*His obit was the most impressive CV I've ever seen. Although we fell out of touch by the mid-80's, I remember his work ethic -- not just at STB, but the family-based companies he'd set up in Hudson County. Video Cave I recall well. He said he wanted his family members to have a stake. There was nothing he wouldn't do for you guys,*

*And when in NYC, I remember the days of MacDougal Alley, the zippy sports car, Hartwell Hylton, and his officemate, Mark. And Edgar Masinter. He was easily spotted as the firm's top performer in his class, but somehow he managed to be modest and kind about it.*

*Ed Benton left an indelible impression on my life, and I am sorry the world -- and you -- no longer get to have him by your side.*

*Sincerely,  
Lauren Trowsell  
917 282 5729*

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**Lauren Trowsell** - December 08, 2020 at 09:32 AM

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“ *Malu, I was just thinking of you both. Fond memories of your time with us at St. Paul's Kinderhook.*

*May peace and comfort be with you now and in the days, weeks, months, and years to come.*

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**Darryl** - July 14, 2017 at 09:07 PM

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“ *Great memories of times at Yale. I still think of Ed's observations on certain situations then and smile at what he would have thought about various circumstances in the present. Our friendship lasted over 45 years and was always warmly appreciated. I am so glad that he found happiness with Malu. With love and best wishes to her, Lisa and Tom. Michael Meyer and family*

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**Michael Meyer** - July 14, 2017 at 08:28 AM

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“ *My heart goes with Malu as my dear friend strives to move forward without her beloved Edward.*

*We friends and family endeavor to fill that enormous void in her life and hope for steady healing with all our love and support.*

*Susan McDermott*

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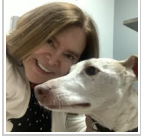
**Susan** - July 13, 2017 at 10:36 AM

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“ *Eddie and I shared many fine times when he was based in Hong Kong and I was on a trip there. He made our trip to Mexico for Tom and Maria Elena's Wedding very enjoyable. We will miss Eddie very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with Malu, Tom, Lisa and Maria Elena. Fondly, Cousin Ellie and Don*

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**Ellie Hyatt. cousin** - July 13, 2017 at 09:57 AM



“ *Malu Benton lit a candle in memory of Edward H. Benton, Esq.*

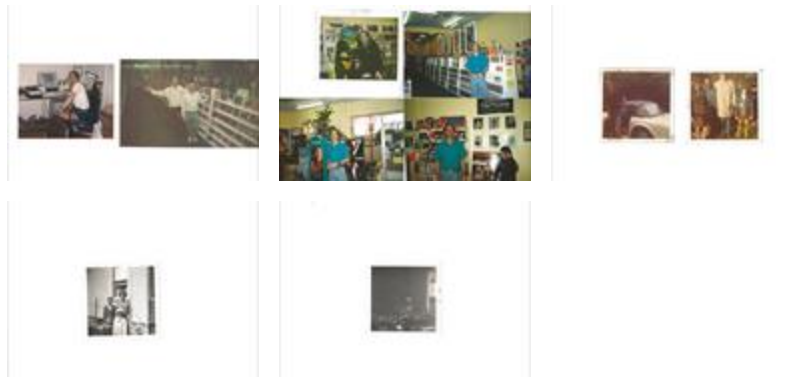


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**Malu Benton** - July 13, 2017 at 06:49 AM



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**Tom Benton** - July 12, 2017 at 04:33 PM



“ *Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Edward H. Benton, Esq..*



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July 12, 2017 at 10:40 AM



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**Malu Benton** - July 12, 2017 at 07:19 AM



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**Malu Benton** - July 11, 2017 at 11:12 PM