



Benn Steven Irwin

June 25, 1964 - March 5, 2021

Benn Irwin, age 56, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 5, 2021 in his home surrounded by his wife and children.

Benn was born in London, England on June 25, 1964 with a full head of hair and big brown eyes. Benn lived his childhood years in Altamonte Springs, before there was a mall and large shopping plazas. He proudly attended Lyman High School and was actively involved in choir. Benn was social and until his passing remained in contact with many from this era of his life.

Benn was a restaurateur and a natural leader. His career spans many decades from busboy to executive to owner. He had a passion for excellence and motivating people to be their best on the job.

Benn played as hard as he worked. He loved the Florida Gators. He enjoyed sports immensely, both watching and participating - you might have joined him golfing, biking, running, skiing or playing racquetball.

He was a class act friend. Benn's kind heart and welcoming personality left all wanting more time. He cherished several lifelong forged friendships and he will be greatly missed.

He loved to participate in his children's school activities and events. Benn

enjoyed Boy Scouts in his youth, then with his boys.

Benn was an active member of Journey Christian Church. He openly shared his faith and the wonders associated with living a purposeful life.

Benn is survived by his wife Carmela, daughters Emily and Avery, sons Benn and Blake, grandsons Parker and Pierson, mother Gloria and siblings Richard and Frances.

In lieu of flowers the family graciously requests donations be made in Benn's name to any of the following:

The Mayo Clinic <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donatemc>

Journey Christian Church <https://journeychristian.com/give/>

The Myeloma Foundation <https://www.myeloma.org/donate>

Previous Events

Music, Picture Video and Fellowship

MAR 13. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Journey Christian Church
1965 S. Orange Blossom Trail
Apopka , FL 32703

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Man, what a beautiful service today. I know you were watching down from heaven and sending your love to everyone who came to show their support. We can not thank you enough for the love and guidance you gave us. You were such an amazing soul, always positive, head held high, very willing and caring. You are a warrior! We miss you so much already! We will forever look up to you and admire you. You had made such a big impact on our lives. We owe so much to you. We will love you forever! Especially your little buddy Nathan* ❤️



Chris Williams - March 13, 2021 at 08:35 PM

CS

“ We will always remember Benn for his uplifting and positive light. While we are heartbroken to be forced to say goodbye so very soon, as Benn is a man of strong faith, it is our hope that we will see his beaming face again...until then, bud ❤️ Our karaoke nights will never be the same...your beautiful voice and spirit will be sorely, sorely missed. Rest in eternal peace, friend.



Charlene and Devin Sanford - March 13, 2021 at 03:13 PM

SL

“ It was a great pleasure to be friends with Benn. He was one of the smartest and most uplifting people I've ever known. I will be forever grateful for his mentorship and advice. Rest in peace Sir. Our prayers go to Carm and the kids. Stay strong.

Shawn Landry - March 13, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ *Benn's light is continuous*

C - March 13, 2021 at 04:36 AM

RS

“ *Benn will always hold such a special place in the hearts and minds of our Family. Benn brought a special combination of positive attributes to each and every day he lived. He was loyal, loving, considerate, thoughtful, fair and kind. His positive and energetic attitude toward life gave him the special human qualities necessary to manage others. I am proud to have had the opportunity to have worked with him for several years. He truly touched and left an eternal imprint on The Shaver family. I know he is in heaven with a front row seat. May God eternally bless you and your family.*

Ron Shaver - March 12, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ *Fred Neuhart lit a candle in memory of Benn Steven Irwin*



Fred Neuhart - March 12, 2021 at 12:02 PM

CW

Wow! I am just seeing this information now, I did not realize we lost Benn, shocker! We all knew Benn from Show Choir, Barbershop, and wrestling. Godspeed Benn!

Chuck Weaver - April 17, 2024 at 05:03 PM

GH

“ I was so fortunate to have met Benn back in 1986. Sonny, Benn and a few more amazing guys were such a big part of my life. I was the 17 year old who got to be the little sister, princess with this group of guys! I was initiated into the close knit group by seeing how hot ketchup and sugar when mixed would get. From that moment on I had a group of big brothers that always looked after me! We have such great memories of you Benn! They will be cherished forever. From you black SAAB, songs on the radio, and many Wally's visits, concert trips and many more!! As life happened, started having kids we didn't get to see each other much. But when we did we all picked up right where we left off! Sending your family strength, love and prayers to get through these times. Love you always and forever!!

Gina Helms - March 11, 2021 at 10:07 PM

CF

“ Benn was a long time partner, mentor, and friend to hundreds of people throughout his time with Tijuana Flats. He was a part of opening, operating and leading numerous locations throughout his years as an owner and he inspired and impacted the lives of so many people. Benn will be missed by the people that knew him and by the Company as a whole.

Rest in peace Benn; you will be missed.

On behalf of the Tijuana Flats Family



Christine Fields - March 11, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *If I shut my eyes, I can still hear Benn, Susie B, Adam D and myself - the freshmen rat pack of the Lyman Cross Country Team - laughing, always laughing. Benn was forever smiling and positive, on a lifelong journey to bring others up with him to share his joy of life. My prayers and sympathy for his family and loved ones. Another angel to watch over us all. Bless you, Benn.*



Shayna Reich - March 10, 2021 at 06:16 PM

MM

“ *Too soon, too sad. The most enthusiastic and uplifting person one can ever meet. Thoughts and condolences to his family. RIP Benn*

Mike Miller - March 09, 2021 at 07:33 PM

KF

“ *Benn was one of the nicest guy I have ever met He would show up early at our MM meetings all the time to help set up. There was never a dull moment. when Benn was around.He was a man of God and Faith. He had a big heart with so much Love for his family and friends. He will be missed by many, many people. He would always give me a hug and say I love you bro.. We will always remember Benn at our meetings. I know he is in Heaven telling the Angels jokes and funny stories. RIP my friend !!*

Ken Fabian - March 09, 2021 at 04:40 PM

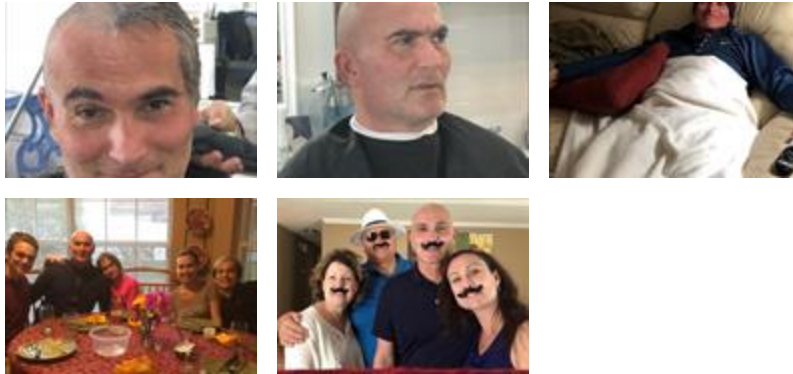
DM

“ So very sorry for you and your families loss Carmela. Benn was an amazing Man with a big heart and full of life. I'll miss Benn not only as a dear friend but as a co worker as well.
Prayers for you and family....

Donald W Matthews - March 09, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ 18 files added to the album FCRC-FRUIT COVE RECOVERY CENTER, JAX. 2018



A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations - March 09, 2021 at 03:48 PM



Sending our condolences, love, hugs and prayers to Carmela and family, for the loss of Benn. He was a wonderful friend and will sure be missed. We were blessed to have time with Benn and Carmela at the FCRC in Apr.-May 2018, with an enjoyable weekend visit from the children. While there were ups and downs with Benn's treatments, we had good times together as he recuperated, and made lasting memories. With love, Will & Joyce Schmitz

Joyce Schmitz - March 09, 2021 at 04:48 PM

AS

“ Ashley Shryock lit a candle in memory of Benn Steven Irwin



Ashley Shryock - March 09, 2021 at 03:15 PM

JM

“ My deepest sympathies and prayers for all the Irwin family

John McCormick - March 09, 2021 at 01:41 PM

BE

Benn was one of the most happy and cheerful person I've met. Even during the biggest fight of his life Benn was always humorous and never complained. His kindness and respect for others was exceptional. Rest in Peace Benn and may perpetual light shine on you.

Beverley - March 09, 2021 at 10:05 PM

LC

“ Lisa Castaneda lit a candle in memory of Benn Steven Irwin



Lisa Castaneda - March 09, 2021 at 01:21 PM

CM

“ Christopher McDermott lit a candle in memory of Benn Steven Irwin



Christopher McDermott - March 09, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ *From the moment I met Ben in a training room at work he was an immediate friend. His energy was infectious to say the least. He will be missed. Peace and love to his family and those he leaves behind.*

Bruce Merton - March 09, 2021 at 12:51 PM

RH

“ *I always enjoyed working with Ben, I found Ben to be upright and honorable. I will miss him and I wish the family the best in these hard times. God Bless!*



Ronald Hall - March 09, 2021 at 12:32 PM

CM

“ *Colin Mclean lit a candle in memory of Benn Steven Irwin*



Colin Mclean - March 09, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ *Benn was my third cousin and part of a large English family. The last time I saw Benn was in 2013 when my mother, son, grandson and I visited Florida. My condolences to Carmela, Gloria, Belle and Benn's children may he R.I.P.*

Lynda Tate - March 09, 2021 at 09:42 AM

MB

“ I didn't know Benn as well as I would have liked to, but he was one of those people that made the most minimal of interactions enjoyable. He was always curious to know how I was doing and how things were going at my restaurant. And he always eager to offer advice and help any way he could.

Rest In Peace, Benn, and God bless your family. I'm sure you were loved by many.

Max Berry - March 09, 2021 at 09:25 AM

MT

“ It's hard to believe this young man has past. He was always full of life.. I knew Benn from high school. I enjoyed our times in choir. He was always good for a laugh.

His beautiful wife was/is truly blessed to have received his love. Just know that now he is without pain and he will see you again with the Father.

I send lots of prayers and Gods blessings to Benn's wife, children and friends. Benn will be missed...Rest In Peace my Brother in Christ until we meet again with Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Marlene Gronski Torres - March 08, 2021 at 10:35 PM

CW

Wonderful statement Marlene

Chuck Weaver - April 17, 2024 at 05:06 PM

RL

“ We were friends of Benn’s from his TGIFridays days. We wish nothing but peace and love and comfort for his family. May his memory always be for blessing. Vince and Randi Long

Randi Long - March 08, 2021 at 07:53 PM

MP

“ Prayers and strength to the whole family during this hard time losing a great man,god bless



Mark and Julie Parent - March 08, 2021 at 05:36 PM

DT

“ I first met my (third) cousin Benn and the rest of the family when he was in his late teens (and I was a mere ten years old). We went to Disney World and he miraculously caught my glasses when they fell off riding the coaster Space Mountain! He was a great guy; warm with an awesome sense of humour and will be greatly missed. My condolences to all the family, and I hope to be able to see you all soon.

Darren Tate - March 08, 2021 at 05:20 PM

TS

“ *Benn and I lived around the corner from each other in Altamonte Springs. We had an incredibly fun childhood in the 70s. Benn was the neighborhood kid that was always out and ready to play. In the 70s, that meant climbing trees, riding bikes, and planning how to sneak over to the Interstate Mall. While throwing rocks and tangerines never became an Olympic sport, Benn was as good as anyone at throwing them in games of war and hide and seek. We played on the golf course, swung from vines, and looked for golf balls, all the time trying to avoid any run-ins with water mocassins.*

Benn left a mark on my heart. While I didn't get to spend much time with him in our adult years, I am grateful for social media that kept us connected.

My sincere condolences to Carmela and his children. My heart breaks for you all, and yet I know that he left you with love and a deep understanding that you will see each other again.

To his Mom, Mrs. Irwin, who was like a second Mom to me for many years, I send you my deepest condolences and love. Thank you for raising such a kind and giving man.

May the Lord's strength that surpasses all understanding comfort you all during this difficult time,

*Much love,
Tracy Stempkowski Seely*

Tracy Seely - March 08, 2021 at 02:00 PM

SS

“ Alex and I send our deepest condolences to you, Carmela, and your whole family. Benn was a wonderful person with the biggest heart and spirit. We will miss him greatly at our Myeloma meet-ups. May his memory be a blessing.

Sheryl Sacharoff - March 08, 2021 at 11:40 AM

PW

“ To the entire family of Benn Irwin, I am so sorry for thr loss of your Son, husband, father and friend. Our sincerest condolences to all of you. Benn had never met a stranger, the world is dimmer without you in it, but the heavens are brighter with you watching over your family and your loved ones. 🙏🙏🙏

Patty Wilmoth - March 08, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ We know been Benn had a passion forife. He was such a great person. I know he did not have a mean bone in his body. I do not think I know of any one that was so strong in his conviction of life. It was an honor to call him a friend.

Cheryl Barone - March 08, 2021 at 11:31 AM

GF

“ Greg Ferraro lit a candle in memory of Benn Steven Irwin



greg ferraro - March 08, 2021 at 10:33 AM

MH

“ Condolences from the Haas family to all of Benn's family. Benn you are free from the pain that bound you here on earth and now you are with our Lord and savior in heaven. God bless you Benn may you live in eternal lite

Michael Haas - March 08, 2021 at 09:57 AM

SB

“ Benn, Godspeed to you. Good and faithful servant. My earliest memory of Benn was in the 6th grade at Milwee Middle school and the talent show. He sang Leaving on a Jet Plane with his friend Adam DeMino. I think I had the biggest crush on him after that!
To his wife Carmela and his children, praying for you and that you will have peace in knowing that Benn is residing in heaven and there is no more pain. God bless you all.

Shawn Marie Farley Booth - March 08, 2021 at 08:21 AM

BS

“ RIP my friend. Loved the back and forth at the support group meetings. 🥺

Bill Snowberger - March 08, 2021 at 07:58 AM

SH

“ Scott Hora lit a candle in memory of Benn Steven Irwin



Scott Hora - March 08, 2021 at 06:23 AM