



Benjamin Karl Likes

December 9, 1988 - September 20, 2014

Benjamin Karl Likes, gentle spirit, musical muse and beloved son, grandson, brother, uncle, and cousin passed away Sept. 20, 2014, at the tender age of 25. He was a friend to many and a special gift to his parents.

Known as “Ben Ben” in his early years, he was born December 9, 1988, in Fort Collins, CO. He earned his GED after attending Ault, CO schools and at age 17 joined the US Army. He was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina after basic training in Fort Benning, Georgia. He then served his country in the 82nd Airborne in Afghanistan for 18 months in Operation Enduring Freedom. He was awarded an honorable discharge in 2009. Ben worked at multiple Best Buy store locations, earning promotions in the retail computer and cellular phone divisions.

Ben was determined to carve his own way; teaching himself how to navigate bikes, computers, skateboards, guitars and keys. He wrote, performed and recorded music with his older brother, Richard Dempsey III, with whom he also lived and worked at KFC. He was a member of a Christian Youth Band as a teen and in the military, he would play guitar for his friends. He often looked after the stray animals that he met when deployed and tended to many stray animals with affection his whole life. Ben was wonderful with younger children who knew him; especially his little niece Abigail Lynne Dempsey.

Benjamin is survived by his mother, Christina D. Ulrich-Jones of Loveland, CO and his father, Jeffrey A. Likes of Westminster, CO; Brother Richard C. Dempsey III and family; stepfather Lawrence E. Ulrich-Jones and stepmother Shelly L. Likes, step-siblings Megan A. Jones and Libby K. Booton and was preceded in death by stepsister Lindsay E. Jones. He is also survived by grandparents Bonnie Ulrich and Robert and Sonnie Likes; uncles Rodney Likes and Leonard Verrett; aunts Jana Verrett, Lynette Likes and Barbara Hill; and cousins Robert Verrett, Christopher Verrett, Catherine Hill and Stephen Hill.

Ben enjoyed many trips with his family. Recently he mastered boogie boards, snorkeling and pontoon fishing and kayaking. He loved playing golf with his father and had equal

affection for fishing with his mother and stepfather. Ben was especially close to his grandfather, Stanley S. Ulrich, who died in 2013 and was instrumental in supporting the Fort Collins Senior Center Expansion Committee.

A memorial service for Benjamin will be held from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 9, 2014 at the Fort Collins Senior Center's Twinberry Auditorium, aka "Stan Center." In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Fort Collins Senior Center Expansion Committee in his honor, c/o Goes Funeral Care. His family will also be remembering him through service via 'Recovery Road Ministries' established in 2010 in memory of Lindsay Elise Jones; to help comfort young men and women in Northern CO with PTSD.

<https://www.facebook.com/RecoveryRoadMinistries>

Benjamin will be interred at Fort Logan National Cemetery on Oct. 10, 2014 near his grandfather Stan, who was a World War II veteran.

Cemetery

Fort Logan National Cemetery

4400 West Kenyon Avenue
Denver, CO, 80236

Events

OCT 9 **Celebration of Life** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

Fort Collins Senior Center
1200 Raintree Drive, Fort Collins, CO, US, 80526

OCT 10 **Interment**

Fort Logan National Cemetery
4400 West Kenyon Avenue, Denver, CO, US,
80236

Comments



“ I worked with Ben at Best Buy. He was my mobile manager at the Denver West location. He was such an amazing soul and cared for everyone around him. He had a smile that could light up a room. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I'm truly sadden to hear about this.



Candice Friess - September 22, 2015 at 11:16 PM



“ Thank you
ChrisTina - July 14 at 02:30 PM



“ Though I did not know hi well he was a great and honorable man and he will be missed dearly.

Baylee - November 14, 2014 at 03:41 PM



“ Today we saw your marker at Fort Logan via Dorian. We all miss you and still I feel your hug and hear your voice. How can this be real my son? God hears my cries and I hold your butterfly wings in my heart. I love you son. See you soon



Christina Ulrich-Jones - November 12, 2014 at 12:40 AM



“ Ma'am do you know how I may reach out to the family of Likes? I was his team Sergeant when he first arrived in country. Ssgt Lorenzo was our squad leader. I would like to send my condolences. Thank you maam. Romero.jaime310@gmail.com

Jaime Romero - May 01 at 01:39 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' was purchased for the family of Benjamin Karl Likes.



October 14, 2014 at 12:06 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benjamin Karl Likes.



Alicia Dempsey - October 09, 2014 at 10:22 AM



“ You were and will always be my friend. Your memory will stay in my heart forever. Condolences sent to your family. May you have finally found peace now. I miss you.



Pamela - October 08, 2014 at 10:02 PM



“ I'm glad I got the chance to meet My Brother in law, it was so easy for me to clam him as a brother. We had great conversations with one another that I will always hold with me. We love you Ben



Alicia Dempsey - October 08, 2014 at 12:38 PM



“ Tina, Larry, Bonnie, and Rick- lifting you up in our thoughts and prayers. Teresa, Roberta and Bill, and family



Roberta Choma - October 07, 2014 at 07:58 AM



“ Ben was an amazing man who was so full of life. As a fellow veteran, I'm honored to have known him and my prayers are with his family during this difficult time. You will be missed Ben :)



Dannisha McElveen - October 07, 2014 at 01:04 AM



“ Danielle Rupp lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Karl Likes



Danielle Rupp - October 06, 2014 at 11:31 PM



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October 06, 2014 at 11:00 PM



“ My sincerest condolences.



Laura Carter-Beck - October 06, 2014 at 01:04 AM



“ So honored to have been friends with Ben. His laughter and sense of humor was contagious. So grateful for every single laugh we shared. I'll miss you BKLounge!

Emily Jansen - October 05, 2014 at 06:50 PM



“ Catie Hill lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Karl Likes



Catie Hill - October 05, 2014 at 04:50 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of the loss of this wonderful person. Shelly, Jeff and Family-You have my deepest sympathy. Bev Gourley



Beverly Gourley - October 05, 2014 at 03:36 PM



“ Christina, Bonnie and Family, I felt so sad this morning reading Ben's obituary. I am so sad for your loss. I looked at the pictures of him, what a handsome young man Ben was. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all during this difficult time. Thinking of you and wishing you peace, Julie Wertz (Dunn/Washington counselor and PRSEA scholarship co chair)

Julie Wertz - October 05, 2014 at 02:09 PM



“ Julie Wertz lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Karl Likes



Julie Wertz - October 05, 2014 at 02:04 PM



“ Mim Miller lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Karl Likes



Mim Miller - October 05, 2014 at 09:39 AM



“ Richard and I have so many wonderful memories of he and Ben when they were together. I think I have told Ricky the best ones but the most beautiful memory was the smile Ben had that lit up the whole room when he walked in. Your smile will follow you forever, as it will be with us forever. With all of our love and prayers to you and all of your amazing family , Kathi Boehler, Richard Daggett, and Marion and Dick Boehler.

Kathi Boehler - October 05, 2014 at 03:45 AM



“ Kathi Boehler lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Karl Likes



Kathi Boehler - October 05, 2014 at 03:40 AM



“ This is my journal entry from the 20th after God and Ben whispered to me in love.

“Had a dream about you my son Benjamin! Was hearing you and holding you, you were telling me you were happy and safe in a calm and exuberant voice, ‘Mom Mom!’ I saw and felt you, wearing a white shirt, your strong arms around me and the scent of your familiar skin and brush of scruffy whiskers. I knew it was all you and felt great hugs from the Lord. I love you my child. You are like my caterpillar, hiding away in your cocoon, letting the world and its evil push at you from all sides. The heartless tugs are keeping you hidden and afraid. But my dear boy, take a breath and a moment to feel the wind! A breeze of love from the Holy Spirit is surrounding you, always protecting you from falling off the branch. He calls your name, He knows your heart. He is staying with you as you grow in your cocoon and slowly change. Someday soon you will hear His call to emerge and shake off the world! Your beautiful new wings will astonish you! Your sins washed away by His precious blood. Oh the freedom you will feel! No more shame. Forgiveness will come so easily, for others who have hurt you and especially for you to forgive yourself. You see, you are perfect in His image! No more tormenting thoughts and emotions when we fly in God’s Eternal Hope. I pray for you to find your wings every day. God bless your journey home, He loves you! Mom

ChrisTina Ulrich-Jones - October 02, 2014 at 03:45 PM



“ Oh, Tina, I am so sorry for your loss, as well as your Mom's loss of a grandson. I'm thinking of you both, and of your families. Prayers are with you. Sharon (Bruss) Loewen.

Sharon Loewen - October 07, 2014 at 02:56 PM



“ We wish to say Thank you to your loved one for his service to our great country. Our sympathies are with your family.

Marine Corps League Auxiliary #785 - October 02, 2014 at 03:17 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Benjamin Karl Likes



Christina - October 02, 2014 at 03:11 PM



“ Darlene Kissler lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Karl Likes



Darlene Kissler - October 02, 2014 at 10:10 AM



“ Sending our sincerest condolences to the family during this difficult time of loss. Praying for God's comfort for you all.



Sue Erickson and Family - October 02, 2014 at 07:23 AM



“ In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the “Twinberry Auditorium” Chair Campaign in memory of Benjamin Karl Likes, in care of Goes Funeral Care.

Chrissy - September 30, 2014 at 03:59 PM



“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Karl Likes



Chrissy - September 30, 2014 at 03:51 PM