



Kenneth John Benda

April 6, 1955 - November 11, 2021

Kenneth John Benda, 66, of Fort Collins, passed away on November 11, 2021.

A Memorial Service will take place at 9:00 am, Wednesday, December 1 at Primrose Studio in Fort Collins. Please carpool if you can as parking is limited. Light brunch will follow. Ken will be laid to rest in the Colorado mountains he loved, at the Colorado Burial Preserve outside of Florence, Colorado.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 1. 9:00 AM (MT)

Primrose Studio
4300 W Co Rd 50
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Interment

DEC 1. 3:00 PM (MT)

Colorado Burial Preserve
7997 CO-67
Florence, CO 81226
<https://www.coloradoburialpreserve.com/>

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Ken and I were at U of I in the theatre department. My favorite memories are from *One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest*. Funny, talented and a good friend.

Jan Rohan - May 03 at 05:22 PM



“ Kenneth John Benda

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

DD

“ Ken was a student of mine at U of Illinois. I found him a talented, warm, and funny guy. We reconnected recently via Zoom alumni gatherings. He was still warm, funny, and thoughtful. He was one of my favorite students, D Roger Dixon

D, Roger Dixon - February 11, 2022 at 02:42 PM

GR

“ Seeing Ken and his beautiful spirit and loving nature was the highlight of my coworkers and I's day. We lament his passing and our condolences to his family, friends, and all those who will miss this brilliant fella!!!!

Gil R - January 18, 2022 at 09:31 PM

AH

“ Ken was such a kind and gentle soul, I am so sad to be hearing of his passing. I had the honor and privilege to perform with him in several theatrical productions and he was such a talent to work with. You will be greatly missed, Sir.

Andrew Horsford - December 15, 2021 at 02:01 PM

JC

“ *I have fond memories of Ken singing and joking at the front desk at United Way. His love of music, the theater, and talent for both will be missed in the world! God be with you , Ken and all those who loved you! Judy Chapman*

Judy Chapnan - December 01, 2021 at 11:53 AM

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FUNERAL CARE

“ *9 files added to the album Ken's Theater Days*



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - November 29, 2021 at 08:34 PM

MM

Nostrovia my friend. May the flowers bloom over your grave in the same way you made my life richer and more fertile.

Marlin May/fellow actor and one of two best friends

Marlin May - December 01, 2021 at 02:15 PM

BA

I am saddened to learn today of Ken's passing. We were roommates our senior year at the University of Illinois. I was privileged to have acted with Ken in some plays at Illinois, he was a brilliant actor, but more importantly, we became close friends. I know it is a cliché to say we were like brothers, but we were. We stood by each other during that difficult time of being 21 years old and wondering, what's next? Ken was simply one of the smartest, most talented and most unrelentingly positive people I have ever known. Over the ensuing decades, I went to California to pursue an acting career and raise four children and Ken went first to Chicago to pursue his acting career and later to Fort Collins to embrace his other great love: environmental science. I was blessed and fortunate to visit Ken in May of 2021. He took me to many of his favorite places in my rented Jeep. We went to Rocky Mountain National Park and visited many of the streams and rivers he loved so much. We enjoyed some great meals at some of Ken's favorite restaurants. Though our visit was just for a long weekend, we vowed to get together again soon. Now, sadly, that will never happen. I am heartened to hear that Ken was laid to rest in the beautiful Colorado Mountains he loved so much. Rest In Peace my friend, the world has lost a shining light.

Bill Ackerman - February 10, 2022 at 05:22 PM