



Kevin Benzel

March 25, 1964 - February 13, 2009

Kevin Lee Benzel, of Bailey, Colorado was born March 25, 1964 and died February 13, 2009 at his home. He loved the great outdoors, camping and hiking. However the light of his life was his 17 year old daughter Jessica who lives in San Luis Obispo, California. Kevin had a beautiful gift of craftsmanship and love of woodworking. He gained his many skills from his father, under the apprenticeship of others, and through his own dedication and attention to detail. His family moved to Fort Collins from Sidney, Nebraska in 1965. While here, Kevin attended O'Dea Elementary, Boltz Junior High, and graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1983. Survivors include his daughter Jessica Benzel and her mother Sylvia Ortiz; his parents, Leonard and Belle Benzel; best friends and brothers, Tom Benzel and wife Wendy Anderson-Benzel, Randy Benzel and wife Susan Benzel; four sisters, Brenda Gifford, his best friend and sister Nancy Behrendt and husband Tim Behrendt, Molly Jones and husband Troy Jones, and Amy Smith and husband Mark Smith; and his dear friend Lola Miller. Kevin was loved by his ten nieces and nephews who will miss him greatly. He is preceded in death by his brother Jeffrey Allen Benzel; grandparents Carl and Molly Benzel; and Alfred and Helen Koester. Kevin's hearty laughter will always ring in the ears of his family and friends. Mass of the Resurrection will be held beginning at 1:00 pm Thursday, February 19th at Blessed John XXIII University Parish. Interment will be in Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery. Kevin's family requests that any memorial donations please be made, in lieu of flowers, to the Kevin Benzel Memorial Fund (for his

daughter) in care of Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Dr., Ft. Collins, CO
80524.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Benzel*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Dear Benzel Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad and difficult time. Know that you are loved and care for by all of your friends. If you need anything, we are there for you.
Kelli Jo and Allan*

Allan and Kelli Jo Stadlman - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Randy and Susan,
We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Your Neighbors,
Renee' and Derrick Karas*

Renee Karas - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kevin Benzel*

February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Leonard, Belle and Family. Our thought and prayers are with you in this time of grief.*

Charles , Mary Kavalec - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Our sincere condolences and prayers to you during your time of loss*

Chuck & Diane Ballenger - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

N(

“ *I am very sorry for the loss of your son. My family and I send our deepest condolences. May Our Holy Mother and Our Lord Jesus Christ bring you comfort and peace Love Nancy(Vigil)Aylward*

Nancy Aylward (Vigil) - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Brenda and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Dierdre Cook - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the family of Kevin.*

While we didn't know Kevin personally we knew Brenda, Leonard and Belle.

It is so difficult to understand God's plan at times, but your strong faith will carry you through these difficult days.

God is good.

Ron and Katie

Ron & Katie Lautzenheiser - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *My sincerest condolences to all the family and friends of Kevin. I wish all of you God's peace and wisdom in coping with your loss.*

Sincerely,

Mark DeOrio

Mark DeOrio - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ *We will really miss camping, riding 4-wheelers or just plain old dinner's and dominoes. We spent almost every weekend at each other's house. We also worked together from time to time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Please know that he is at peace now. May the Lord hold you close in his arms as you go thru this difficult time together. Much Love to your family, Cheri and Jerry*

Jerry and Cheri Yockel - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss.*

Di & Dennis Hogerty - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Kevin was such a dear soul to our Lord. He was born on the Feast of the Annunciation - March 25th!! I am sure that Kevin accepted the Divine Mercy of our Lord that was extended to him at the moment of his death. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Joyce Sickbert - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Dear Friends and Family -*

We are so very sorry. At this time of deep and very personal sadness, please know that our heartfelt thoughts and sympathy are with you all. How lucky and blessed we feel to have known Kevin. We shared with our dearest friends, Tim and Nancy that we will never forget that endearing laugh and smile. We shared how he was always good for a hug!!

It is difficult to find the words but we just wanted to share with you a poem that we had received at times of good-bye. We hope you don't mind.

*A ship sails away
and we see it no more,
But we know it is going
to some other shore.
Our dear ones pass on
and we see them no more,
But we know they are waiting
on some other shore.*

Helen Steiner Rice

*With our love and prayers,
Scott and Teri*

Scott & Teri Gummere - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ *My most sincere sympathies to Kevin's family. I can only imagine the deep pain of such a loss. I knew Kevin as my son's (Michael Mathias)friend. It seems far too soon for Kevin to leave. Praying that God will give you comfort during this very difficult time, and that time will ease your grief.*

Ev Kaufmann

Evelyn Kaufmann - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Our dearest Leonard & Belle and Family,
Not a more giving spirit-
Not a more loving heart-
Not a more gentle soul...
A beautiful man who brought joy to so many just by his presence.
What a privilege to have known and loved him. We love and pray for each one of you and know we will hold you all close in prayer.
Blessed and at peace, his journey continues...*

Bill and Kathleen Stambaugh - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you*

Isabel Pena - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My family and I express our deepest sympathies to the entire Benzel family.
Kevin was a very kind and gentle person.*

Jenny Russell-Ochwat - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dear Benzel Family,
My heart breaks for you. Kevin was one of the kindest men I've ever met. He rented a room from me a few years ago for about 5 months. And he was so comfortable to have around. Like a cousin. My daughter who's close to Jessica's age liked him a lot too. One day he made us the best fried chicken. He said his grandmother taught him. After he moved out, he left some tools and other things at the house. And he'd come by once in a while to pick something up and say hello. Lately, I'd been wondering where he was because he hadn't stopped by. I left a couple of messages asking if he remembered something my brother said or did when he was here, and to tell him he had mail. That was around the holidays. I never heard back. Maybe he lost the phone or it wasn't working. I'm sorry I didn't see him more recently. I feel horrible for you and very sad about losing Kevin so young. If someone in your family would like to pick up some of his things, I'll get them together.

God Bless You All.

Sincerely,
Lori W.

Lori Winterbottom - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Kevin was such a nice person!! I met him through the Doziers and the work he and Lola did for them. They painted my office and Kevin did some minor remodeling work. He was so patient with me and fixed everything just the way I wanted it. What a great craftsman he was. Kevin was a hard worker and quick to ask what he would do to help. He always seemed to have a smile, even at the end of the long day. I will miss this laugh.....

Gail & Scott Crawford - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Your family must feel the love and support of all your acquaintances during this time of mourning. May your faith bring you peace and healing; may the good memories ring loud in your thoughts. May God bless each one of you!

Julia (Ruppel) Crawmer - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ To Leonard, Belle, Jessica and all of Kevin's loved ones;

We are heartbroken for your loss and share your grief during this very sad time. Our love and best thoughts are with you all.

With Sympathy,
David, Pamela and John

David, Pamela and John - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Dear Belle, we are very sorry for your loss, Anna Maria Georg and sons

Anna Maria Georg - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ To the Benzel family: May the Good Lord comfort you in these difficult times. You are in our thoughts and prayers! CODY CORDOVA and FAMILY

Cody Cordova - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I remember Kevin from way back when he was in highschool, dating my friend's big sister. So charming, so sweet. My heartfelt condolences to the entire Benzel family.*

February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Belle and Leonard:*

I was so very sorry to read of Kevin's death. Please know that I pray for you and your family - I pray that many wonderful memories will help ease your sorrow.

Pat Brown - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are saddened to hear about Kevin. Our thoughts, prayers and heartfelt sympathies go out to Kevin's family and friends. We pray that God provides you all comfort as you mourn the loss of a father, son, brother, uncle and friend.*

Webb Family - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so very sorry about the loss of your son, Kevin. There are no words or actions to console you now, but please know that we will help with anything you need just as you helped us a few years ago. Our love and prayers to your entire family.....*

Bill and Marcia Volesky - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ To the Benzel family and friends,
I feel fortunate to have known Kevin Benzel, he is a one-in-a-million.
He touched the lives of so many people because he knew the
importance of love and kindness. He is the Jonathan Livingston
Seagull of our time.

*"If anybody can show someone on the ground how to see a
thousand miles, it will be Jonathan Livingston Seagull." Richard
Bach*

*Kevin will be truly missed on earth.
Sincerely,
Shawna Bellone*

Shawna Bellone - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Nancy, please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss of
your bestfriend and brother Kevin. My heart and thoughts are with
you and your entire family during this difficult time. Words seem so
inadequate to express the sadness we feel when the death of
someone so precious is taken so suddenly! Death leaves a
heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.
With Love and Hugs! Denise

Denise Grieve - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Randy and Susan, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please
know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

John and Lisa Pendleton - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dearest Kevin,
Your name rhymes with Heaven because that's where you'll be for all eternaty, but I wish you could have stay on Earth longer with me.
The Lord Bless you and keep you.
Peace and God Bless,
Susan

Susan Bellone - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So sorry to here of your loss.

Our Prayers.
The Weinbenders

Tim and Alicia Weinbender - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dear Leonard, Belle and family,
I just learned of Kevin's death. My heart and prayers flow to each of you for solace and consolation. And, they unite with all your family, friends, and the heart of God--that you might experience the feathered touch of loving comfort.
I will continue to pray with you and with Kevin. May the angels lighten this grief.
Much love coming to you from Alaska,
Pegge (and Jim) Bernecker

Pegge Bernecker - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Uncle Leonard, Aunt Belle and family,
We are sorry to hear about Kevin and want you to know that you are
in our thoughts and prayers.

The Eiles Family - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. Just want you to know you are in my
thoughts and prayers. I love you!!!

Ruth Pearl - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Dear family, I can not express the great deal of sorrow I am feeling
upon hearing about Kevin, I can only imagine how you are feeling. I
take comfort in the fact that I know all the family is around for
support and strength at this difficult time for Aunt Belle and Uncle
Leonard. I will keep everybody close to my heart in thoughts and
prayer, Kevin will be greatly missed! With all my love, cousin Tina

Tina Koester - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Dear Uncle Leonard, Aunt Belle, and Cousins,

We are sorry to hear of the loss of Kevin. We are praying for your
family and know God will comfort you.

Hort Family - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Leonard & Belle,
So sorry to hear of Kevin's death. Please know that you are in our prayers.
Bill Smith & Family
Estes Park

Bill Smith & Family - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ My heart and thoughts are with the Benzel Family and all the friends of Kevin. God Bless.

Brandon

Brandon Desilet - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Brenda and Family
How terribly sorry and sadden both John and I are to have heard of your brother Kevin's death. Please know our thoughts, prayers and wishes are with you all through this difficult time. As a family of the same tragic event, we know that no words can ease your sorrow nor thoughts make the time easier but we are with you all to give comfort and support. We pray that somehow you all know the love that goes to your family today and every day. Ginny and John Owen

ginny owen - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ We are sorry to hear the loss of Kevin. We send our sincere sympathy to all of you in this time of sorrow. May God give you comfort in this time of mourning.

LeRoy and Betty - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ My heart goes out to all of you in the loss of Kevin. There are no words that I can say to help you thru your sorrow, but I am praying for Kevin and asking God to help you thru this. I just wish I were there to give you all a big hug. My deepest sympathy,
Peggy

Peggy Fehringer - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Dear Ones , Our thoughts and prays are with you. We are sorry we will not be with you on Thursday as we are going to be with our Marks children. Is there anything we can do before we leave. Please call us . we will do almost anything. Our Love and prays to you all Pat and Elaine Hehn

Pat and Elaine Hehn - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

May Our Lord, God, console you with His peace as you mourn the loss of your son, brother, uncle, and friend.

Mr & Mrs Warren E Lybarger Sr - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Dear Belle and Leonard,

There was great sadness felt upon hearing the news of Kevin's death. Our thoughts will be with you and the family as you gather to honor his life.

*Peace
Tim*

Tim Gifford - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM