



## Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Byer III

May 19, 1958 - December 23, 2020

Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Byer, III, age 62 of Lookout Mnt., went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 23, 2020. He was born to the late Benjamin Byer Jr. and Jaunita T. Batson Byer in Chattanooga, was a lifelong resident of Lookout - Mnt., GA and was a member of Lookout Mnt. United Methodist Church. He retired after more than 5 yrs. from Silverdale Correction Center. Ben was a loving father, grandfather, and friend who will be greatly missed. Ben was also preceded in death by his loving brother and longtime caregiver, Steve Byer. He is survived by his loving children, Daniel R. (Judy) Byer of Ringgold and Jared R. Byer of North Carolina, grandchildren, Jacob, Terra and Fiona, special friend and companion, Tonya Pierce, 1 niece and 2 nephews. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

# Tribute Wall

DT

“ I was fortunate enough to be Ben's social worker and friend here at the facility. He was such a great guy and made me laugh every time I was around him. We always have a huge number of patients here and it always amazed me how well he was able to know the majority of them in activities, church and just passing them in the hall. He loved the Lord, his family and Tonya more than I can even say. He will really be missed here at our center. We all loved Ben very much.

*David Turner, Chattanooga*

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**David Turner** - January 01, 2021 at 08:24 AM

DB

“ Ben is dearly missed by me and many others at Standifer Place where he had created friendships and community as it seems he did wherever the Lord led him throughout his life. At Standifer Place, Ben was always thinking of others, sharing kindness, and giving. In fact, for at least the past couple years, including this year, he purchased and filled out Christmas cards for every fellow resident. At his request, we helped pass them out this year. What an amazing man that I'm blessed to have been befriended by and to hav known.

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**Dave Boozer** - December 31, 2020 at 06:17 AM

LE

“ Leisha Espy lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Byer III



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**Leisha Espy** - December 30, 2020 at 06:03 PM

VD

“ Vicki Davis lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Byer III



Vicki Davis - December 29, 2020 at 11:26 PM

LH

“ The Standifer Place Auxiliary will certainly miss Ben. He attended the services weekly. He served as one of the monthly inspirational speakers. May God bless give you peace and comfort in the days ahead. We will cherish the memories.

Laretta Harrison - December 29, 2020 at 10:09 AM

NA

“ The passing of Ben was a big shocker to me. I work at Standifer Place and Ben was a joy to get to know over the years there.. His love for people and his team Tennessee.. Ben and I would always talk about the Georgia and Tennessee game. This year Georgia beat Tennessee again and I decorated his chair with Georgia pics.. He had to wear a Georgia hat, which I learned came from his brother, who loved the same team as me.. Ben smile and him always finding the positive out of things, will be missed..

Natasha - December 27, 2020 at 09:15 PM

LB

“ Ben was a special person and a special part of our family. My sister Tonya loved and cared for him more than most know. He would say, I'm craving Krystals and off she would go to get them and take them to him. Or he might say I sure would like a Route 44 drink from Sonic...she'd deliver it. And he'd sometimes get a hankering for a tomato sandwich. This was a problem you see, because my sister hates mayonnaise! So she'd have my Mother make that and they'd both go deliver it. During the past 8 months it was a challenge for sure, but they always found a way to take care of what he needed. Ben loved her, and she him. I'm sad that her world will be empty of another loved one this year. Ben was always able to encourage her and make her understand things even when she didn't want to. She will struggle, cry many tears and think of him often. Time will help, but not take away all the pain. Knowing that you will see him again will ease the pain and trusting in our Lord will get you through this. I pray for you, Ben's family and friends. Ben, I will miss you and you're text messages that always lifted me just when I needed them. Rest In Peace until we see you again.  
Love, Lynn & Bob

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**Lynn & Bob** - December 26, 2020 at 06:48 PM

RH

“ I'm not sure there has ever been a brighter soul than Ben. We were fortunate to meet Ben at church after our churches merged when ours burned to the ground. Ben had just lost his leg, but he was the most upbeat person I had ever met. And thoughtful. A moment with Ben always changed your day. My heart goes out to Tonya and the Byer family for the enormous hole left by Ben's passing. I will miss his humor and outlook.

*Robert Harland*

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**Robert Harland** - December 26, 2020 at 10:56 AM

TR

“ *Big Ben will be missed by all who new him..my prayers go out to his family in there time of need, He watched me grow up as he was my dad's best friend for so many years ( James Hays) we all love him like family and he will truly be miss but he will always we in our hearts*



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**Tracie.reich@yahoo.com** - December 26, 2020 at 07:32 AM

AN

“ *Being Pastor of the Lookout Mountain United Methodist Church I came to know him and his whole family. He and his family always treated me like a V.I.P. and he will be missed but Thank God for the memories.*

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**Alfred Newman** - December 25, 2020 at 07:50 PM

MO

“ *Ben Byer helped me in many ways during his time on earth. His faith and positive outlook were mesmerizing. I met him at a Singles Bible Study around 2007. We talked often and he often shared his opinions about things I did with my sons. His opinion was not always welcome, but he was usually correct. He has fought hard to stay with us but God called him home. I selfishly wish he were still here to talk to me but that would be wrong. God healed him and took him home. Rest In Peace good man. You made a difference here...*

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**Ms. Jimmie Ovington** - December 25, 2020 at 06:25 PM

AT

“ *Andi Townsend lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Byer III*



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**Andi Townsend** - December 25, 2020 at 06:06 PM

CC

“ *I met Ben on my very first day working at standifer place. He was incredibly kind and introduced me to nearly every staff member and resident. Ben never met a stranger and would and did help anyone in any way he could. From this day forward I will live my life as he did and be kind to all. Mary Christmas to the Byer family*

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**Christian Craig** - December 25, 2020 at 04:41 PM

KB

“ *Benny was a very special friend of my family when I was younger. I remember them playing games and laughing and having a fun time and me always wanting to be a part of the good time. His laughter is a lasting memory of my youth. His mom was my third grade teacher. When my uncle passed he came to the funeral home and I was genuinely so happy to see his face. I am so sorry for the tremendous loss for his family and closest friends.*



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**Kerri Baker** - December 25, 2020 at 04:38 PM

PS

“ Patricia Shelton lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Byer III



patricia Shelton - December 25, 2020 at 09:41 AM

MF

“ Mary Faye McCullough Franklin lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Byer III



Mary Faye McCullough Franklin - December 24, 2020 at 02:24 PM

MF

So sorry for your loss praying for the family

Mary Faye McCullough Franklin - December 24, 2020 at 02:25 PM

Paula Coll

“ Benny was such a great friend and always so uplifting in my life. You will me terribly missed my friend. May you run this way and that on your new legs.

Paula Coll - December 24, 2020 at 12:44 PM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**jacob byer** - December 24, 2020 at 11:49 AM

DB

*Miss you dad*

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**Daniel Byer** - January 01, 2021 at 03:36 PM

BK

“ So sorry for your loss. I'm a high school classmate. I know he will be truly missed.

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**Brenda Kaylor** - December 24, 2020 at 08:56 AM

PC

“ Phyllis Cash lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Byer III



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**Phyllis cash** - December 23, 2020 at 06:02 PM

PC

“ I am sorry for your loss I went to school with Benny He was a wonderful man he will be missed just remember you will see him again one day

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**Phyllis cash** - December 23, 2020 at 06:01 PM

GW

*So sorry for your loss Ben was a great friend of mine. I know the love he had for the Lord and I rest confident in knowing he is with our Heavenly Father singing his praises. You will be missed Benny, we love you*

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**Greta Tylee Walton** - December 24, 2020 at 06:16 PM