



John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis

April 22, 1981 - June 8, 2023

John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis was born on April 22, 1981 in Lynchburg, Virginia, the son of Jack Kayle Lewis and Barbara Holland Lewis.

Growing up in Amherst County, Ben loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter in his youth. He played Dixie Youth baseball in Madison Heights and played football at Monelison Middle School and Amherst High School. Ben also loved the New York Yankees and Pittsburgh Steelers.

Ben was a graduate of Amherst County High School, Longwood College (Class of 2002), and received his Juris Doctorate in 2009 from Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, Florida.

Ben enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserves in 1998 and served until 2006. He was called to active duty in 2004 and deployed to Iraq with Charlie Company, Combat Engineers from Lynchburg and was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon as well as promoted to Sergeant while overseas. He served with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office from 2002 until 2006, as a Field Deputy, School Resource Officer and Investigator to Blue Ridge Thunder.

Tragically, the effects of his service left him with many scars, as he suffered from both Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and a Traumatic Brain Injury.

Despite many programs and much professional assistance, he lost his battle on June 8, 2023.

The greatest joy in his life came from his three children, Charlotte Paige Lewis, Jackson Bennett Lewis and Holland Angeline Lewis who survive him along with his parents. Ben was blessed by the friendships of those who knew him growing up, his coworkers in Law Enforcement and especially those fellow Marines who proudly served their Nation with him. He also had the gift of one who never gave up on him and was always there when he needed her support, right up to his last days.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home, Westover Chapel. A memorial service will follow visitation at 2:00 p.m. with Military Rites being rendered by the United States Marine Honor Guard as well as Masonic Rites.

Memorial donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home, Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Lewis family.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JUN 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel
5858 Riverside Drive
Danville, VA 24541
(434) 793-5511
info@wrenn-yeatts.com
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

MD

“ MD purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.



MD - December 31, 2024 at 05:28 PM

MD

“ MD planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.

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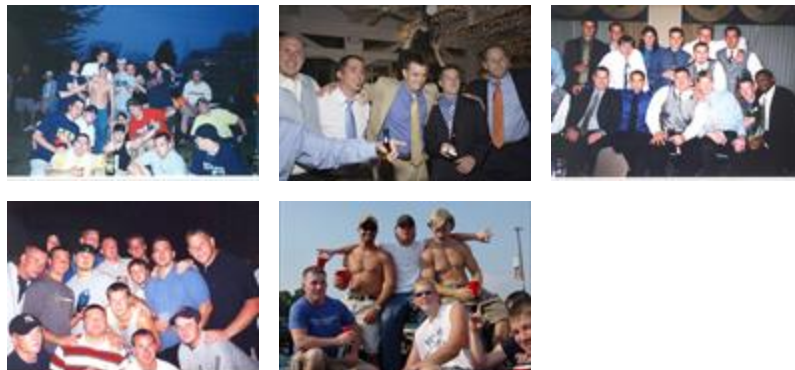
AG

“ Jack and Barbara: My heartfelt sympathy to you during this difficult time. Tommy and Ben had some good times growing up. Ben is finally at peace. He served our country well and in the end, he lost the battle. Prayers for his children also.

Anne & Everett Gay - June 19, 2023 at 06:40 PM

DG

“ 5 files added to the album Longwood



David Gregory - June 17, 2023 at 10:21 PM

AG

“ and Zack & Emily and all The Grandkids purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.



and Zack & Emily and all The Grandkids - June 16, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.



June 16, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.

June 16, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.



June 16, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.

June 16, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.



June 15, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.



June 14, 2023 at 06:01 PM

BB

“ Jack and Barbara you guys are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time!!! So many good times growing up together on that mountain !! Always plenty of laughs and great memories made !!

Ben Burch - June 14, 2023 at 04:31 PM

TR

“ I knew Ben through his dad Jack and mom Barbara I worked with his mom at Kroger my name is Tim Roberts I'm I knew him when he was in middle school my thoughts and prayers goes out to the Lewis family

Tim Roberts - June 14, 2023 at 09:50 AM

EV

“ So sorry to learn of Ben's passing! My sincere condolences to Jack and Barbara. Praying for peace and comfort for the family during this difficult time.

E W Viar - June 13, 2023 at 12:38 PM

EH

“ We extend our heartfelt condolences to Ben's children, parents, family, & friends. We pray you find comfort in knowing Ben left his footprints in many people's hearts and lives. Our family will continuously cover each of you in our positive thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely ~ Ernie & Crystal Hunt

Ernie & Crystal Hunt - June 13, 2023 at 11:25 AM





“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.*



June 13, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *I had the honor of serving in the Corps with Ben. We stayed in touch over the years and finally got up for a coyote hunt on his home turf. No luck because of a torrential downpour we got caught in but man what a night full of laughs, cries, reminiscing, and memories both old and new. I'll always love and miss you brother, until we meet again at the pearly gates...M.S. out.*

Logan Champion - June 12, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Ben, You will be missed. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Love Lois and New Freedom Farm.*



Lois Dawn Magill - June 12, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.*



June 12, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.*



June 12, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Kevan Sherman - June 12, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ *To the Lewis family please accept my deepest sympathies on your loss. Ben will always be remembered with fondness and affection.*

Tom Moore - June 12, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.*



June 12, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.

June 12, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.

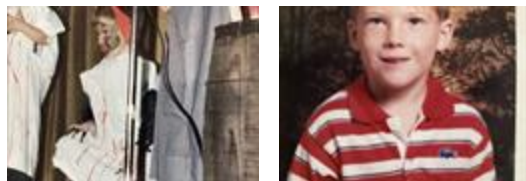


June 12, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ Ben was the cutest little kindergartener in my class at Amelon Elementary. He was also very smart! He loved being a goblin in our Halloween play! And he liked being at the head of the class....

I will never forget the many birthday parties and overnights he and Vinnie and Brandon shared! We have many memories to cherish. RIP Ben! We will never forget you. Jack and Barbara, you are in our prayers. 🙏



Suzanne Bryant - June 12, 2023 at 01:41 PM



We are so so sorry to hear about your son. We are praying for you 🙏

Dale Norton - June 12, 2023 at 03:04 PM

ND

Jack ,So sorry to hear about your son. T. Neal

Neal and Linda Dodson - June 12, 2023 at 08:46 PM

JA

“ *Jack and Barbara, you are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. Ben sounds like an incredible young man who served our country, community and others with distinction and honor. May God bless you and hold you tight. Jeff and Christie Adler*

Jeff and Christie Adler - June 12, 2023 at 01:01 PM

GH

Barbara and Jack sorry to hear about your son you both are in my prayers if any thing I can do for you please let me know . Love you all George Holland

George Holland - June 12, 2023 at 07:01 PM

RK

Jack and Barbara, I am so sorry for your loss. May you receive comfort in knowing that your wonderful Son is in Gods hands. My thoughts and prayers are with you both and Ben's family.

Rick Kidd

Rick Kidd - June 14, 2023 at 02:02 PM

KL

“ *Our heart goes out to your family during this time. Continued prayers for peace.*

Tiny & Kim Loyd

Kim Loyd - June 12, 2023 at 12:58 PM

MB

“ Oh....Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. I am so greatly sorry. Ben, or as we called him "Rockdawg" was such a special person. Ben and I were pledge brothers at Longwood College and shared so many great memories. I've often told my kids stories of the fun adventures we got into. We kept up over the years and I last saw him down in Charleston after his surgery a few years back. Please know we are all praying for you in this difficult time.

Matt Brashares - June 12, 2023 at 12:56 PM

WD

“ I am so sorry! We are praying for Jack and Barbara.

Wayne Duff - June 12, 2023 at 11:44 AM

JS

My deepest sympathy to the family. I I know God will carry you through this pain many thoughts and prayers are with both of you.

Jean Saunders - June 12, 2023 at 12:54 PM

AJ

Being Ben's second Mom for the first two and a half years of his life while his Mother worked. My three daughters spoiled him rotten. We always held him close to our heart . Jack and Barbara are still close friends MY Prayers are with you for Peace and Comfort. Always a phone call away.

Alice Jamerson - June 12, 2023 at 01:54 PM

KS

I didn't know Ben but he was a Brother In Arms. Condolences & Prayers from American Legion Riders Post 3 Roanoke, Va.

Ken Stallard - June 12, 2023 at 02:06 PM

CH

“ 5 files added to the album bl



Chris - June 12, 2023 at 11:44 AM

BH

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss, my heart is heavy for you Jack and Barbara, Sincerely, Bobby Harris, Leslie and Seth

bobby harris - June 12, 2023 at 11:38 AM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.



June 12, 2023 at 11:38 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.



June 12, 2023 at 10:58 AM

JV

“ I’m so very sorry to hear. My condolences to his family. One of my Pi Kappa Phi pledge brothers at Longwood in 99’ you will be missed. Lots of great memories with you brother. Keep on smiling with that crooked lip grin up there. RIP until we meet again.

Justin Vanderspiegel - June 12, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ Oh my- Rocky! My Pi Kapp brother. This news makes me very sad; however, I hope you have found comfort and peace in HIS arms. Prayers to you and your family. Brothers for life.

Nick Shahan #348-

Nick Shahan - June 12, 2023 at 10:25 AM

JB

“ Jack and Barbara , We are so very sorry for the loss of your precious son. Sound like he was an amazing man. May God be with each of you and wrap you in His arms of Comfort and Peace. Joe and Debbie Broce

Joe Broce - June 12, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ Prayers going up for you all. Steve and Debbie Taylor

Steve Taylor - June 12, 2023 at 10:01 AM

LS

“ Barbara and Jack, We are so saddened to hear of Ben's passing and will be keeping all of your family in prayer.

Lou and Deborah Shannon - June 12, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John Benjamin "Ben" Lewis.*



June 11, 2023 at 10:32 PM



“ *You never got over me winning our race in high-school. You had the big chevy truck with the 502 crate motor that cost more than my entire car. I'm sorry you're life was so troubled to end this way. May you forever Rest In Peace my old friend!*

Steven Pierce - June 11, 2023 at 03:47 PM



*Jack & Barbara,
We are saddened to hear of Ben's passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with you!
God bless in this difficult time!*

Jerry & Sandy Fix - June 13, 2023 at 01:52 PM