



Ben A. Barber

December 15, 1994 - July 17, 2017

Ben Barber

Another vibrant young life left us too soon when Ben Alan Barber, 22, who was born on December 15, 1994, died on July 17, 2017 at his residence in Dublin, Ohio. He now joins his beloved dad, Brad Barber, in heaven, probably doubled over laughing at some shared joke. We will remember his mischievous smile, his quick wit, his contagious laughter and that beautiful, thick hair.

He is a 2013 graduate of Dublin Coffman High School and was a 2017 graduate with a B.S. degree in nursing from Ohio University with Honors. He was a member of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society.

In addition to his father, Ben is preceded in death by grandfathers Roger Krites, Melvin "Bud" Barber and Aunt Marta Barber. He leaves behind a family who loved him with all their hearts: his mom, Helen Barber Dunnan; stepfather, Dr. James Dunnan; brother, Brandt Barber; step-siblings, Abbey(Robin), Alex, Joe and Nick Dunnan; grandmothers, Robina Krites and Norma Barber and step-grandmother Mariella Dunnan; aunts and uncles including Dan and Lesa Krites and Dr. Mickey Barber(Bob); and cousins CJ(Ashley) Krites, Ryne(Briana) Krites and Logan Krites; Cameron and Lindsey Barber; and Chloe and Grace Bott. He also leaves behind his best friend and girlfriend since seventh grade, Olivia Kennedy, and longtime friends and roommates Reid Berschet and Marco Spada, among many other friends.

Visitation will be held on Friday July 21st at RUTHERFROD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL 450 W OLENTANGY ST, POWELL, OH, 43065 FROM 4:00-7:00 PM. Burial Private. Ben never met a dog or cat he didn't love, so consider contributing in his memory to the Capital Area Humane Society, 3015 Scioto Darby Executive Ct, Hilliard, OH, 43026.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
(614) 792-1471
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Ben A. Barber*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Helen, Brandt and all : Kathy and I just learned of this yesterday and want to extend our sympathy to you. Lots of memories of Ben from Mary Kelleys ! Kathy & Dick Hammond*

dick hammond - August 01, 2017 at 09:53 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ben A. Barber.*



July 21, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ben A. Barber.*



July 20, 2017 at 09:23 PM

ML

“ I worked with "our Ben" (what we called him) for 2 seasons at the parks. He was one of the most beautiful people I have ever had the pleasure of working with. If I came in sad, he always made me laugh. The most respectful young man ever and always willing to help anybody. I always told him that he gave me hope for the future generations with his sweet heart. He loved our morning coffee stops and was always smiling when I pulled up to get him. I hadn't seen him for a year but we kept in contact. It amazing how much you can grow to care for somebody when you spend that much time with them. I will forever remember you Ben, you was a bright shiny star and you will forever shine!

Missy Lemaster - July 20, 2017 at 06:37 PM

 Jennifer Pate

“ I think of you often and please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Jen Pate

Jennifer Pate - July 20, 2017 at 06:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ben A. Barber.



July 20, 2017 at 03:54 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ben A. Barber.



July 20, 2017 at 08:34 AM



“ Helen, I am so sorry to hear about Ben ! Please accept my deepest sympathy and I want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time.
Terry Fail



Terry Fail - July 19, 2017 at 10:56 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Ben A. Barber.



July 19, 2017 at 08:47 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Cousin of Brad Barber.
Diane Meister Knight

Diane Knight - July 19, 2017 at 04:23 PM

WO

“ *With Love, Ohio University BSN Organization purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Ben A. Barber.*



With Love, Ohio University BSN Organization - July 19, 2017
at 01:45 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ben A. Barber.*



July 19, 2017 at 11:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ben A. Barber.*



July 19, 2017 at 07:58 AM

DL

“ *David Locke purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ben A. Barber.*



David Locke - July 18, 2017 at 11:02 PM

Joy
Bryant

“ We so enjoyed getting to know Ben at Helen and Jim's wedding. A wonderful young man that had so much fun and life in him getting ready to start his career as a nurse. He was so good with our 4 year old grandson, playing in the pool and with his toys. We will treasure those memories.

Joy Bryant - July 18, 2017 at 10:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ben A. Barber.



July 18, 2017 at 09:32 PM

AW

“ Ben will always be with us on Thanksgiving day eating enough sweet potato praline to explode an over fed belly and then curling up in the lounge chair with his "favorite" blanket for a snooze. His ornery, beautiful smile and hugs keep us all smiling. . . Until we see you . . All our love, the aunt and cousins from Wooster

Aunt Betty from Wooster - July 18, 2017 at 08:31 PM

EB

“ So Ben, Reid and I went camping a few years ago on my family farm. Ben left the gate open and the cattle got into the beans. So we had to herd, chase, coax the cattle through the bean field to get them to the corner of the field to open the gate and get them back to the pasture. When it all started, I asked Ben and Reid who left the gate open.....Ben with that funny goofy smile admitted it. Then he asked what did we need to do. I said WTF, we need to get the cattle out of the bean field. I can laugh so hard watching this city kid running through the bean field trying to herd the cattle to the corner. He was half afraid of the cattle but probably more afraid of me.....it all ended well and the beans survived, Ben and Reid survived and we had a great camping night. Thanks for the funny memories Ben Barber.

Eric Berschet - July 18, 2017 at 08:12 PM

OK

This has always been one of my favorite stories of Ben and Reid's, it perfectly describes Ben

Olivia Kennedy - July 18, 2017 at 09:02 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ben A. Barber.*



July 18, 2017 at 06:23 PM

EP

“ I will remember his smile and outgoing personality. Even when he was a little guy he was so funny. I will never forget standing in line for an hour at Kenny wood to ride the pit fall with him. Rest in peace Ben. You will be missed.

Erica Pease - July 18, 2017 at 05:11 PM

LW

“ That Ben did indeed have the best smile we've ever seen. He mowed our lawn for years with no complaint (well maybe he complained to you, but he did a great job). He would take care of our dog Duke then our other dog Layla with such kindness. He could always be counted on to follow through what was promised. He will truly be missed by all his friends and family we are sure. We are so sorry. Love, The Wesley family

Lori Wesley - July 18, 2017 at 04:58 PM