



Bennie E. "Ben" Gantz

February 23, 1940 - April 15, 2026

Bennie E. Gantz ("Ben"), 86, of Dublin, Ohio, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2026, surrounded by family after a lengthy illness.

Born on February 23, 1940, in Wadsworth, Ohio, Ben graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1962 with a degree in Business Administration. He began his career as a shoe buyer for Lazarus, where he enjoyed traveling the world, and later helped establish a wholesale music supply company and a chain of 55 record stores, growing a lifelong love of music that was reflected in his vinyl and CD collection. He went on to spend a decade as a financial planner with MassMutual before retiring in 2005.

Ben's greatest joy was found outside of work. A lifelong gardener, he became part of the Ohio State Master Gardener class of 2006 and volunteered for nearly 20 years, generously sharing his knowledge. His yard, always immaculate and full of life, reflected his patience and care.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, collecting coins and seashells, and cheering on Ohio State football and basketball. He especially loved watching his children and grandchildren play sports, offering quiet encouragement and steady guidance.

Ben is survived by his wife, Carol K., whom he married 59 years ago on

September 3, 1966. They met in Columbus and soon settled in Dublin, where they built a home and raised a family they were immensely proud of. He is also survived by his son, Mike (Teresa); daughters, Nicole (Jason) Fox and Katie (Billy) Corbin; grandchildren, Brooke (Keaton) Meyer, Emma and Winston Fox, Abigail Corbin, Jessica Gantz, Julianne and Mitchell Corbin; and great-grandchild, Vivian Meyer.

He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Barry (Trudi) Britt, and sister-in-law, Jill (Tim) Richey, as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Esther and Donald Gantz, and his in-laws, Minnie and William Britt.

Visitation will be held at Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio, on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. A short remembrance will be shared by his son at 4:00 p.m.

Ben will be remembered as a calm, kind, and steady presence, a true patriarch whose love and example will live on in his family. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered in the simple things he loved, including a well-tended garden, a tropical fish aquarium, time spent with his beloved hunting dogs, and walks on the beach.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Master Gardener Volunteer Program. Checks can be made payable to Franklin County Master Gardeners and mailed to: OSU Extension, 2548 Carmack Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210. Please include Ben's name on the memo line.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
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<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Words of Remembrance

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Tribute Wall

WF

“ With love, Valerie, Dan and family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Bennie E. "Ben" Gantz.



With love, Valerie, Dan and family - April 24 at 03:23 PM



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

April 23 at 09:43 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Bennie E. "Ben" Gantz.



April 23 at 09:43 AM

SA

“ Sue and Annie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bennie E. "Ben" Gantz.

Sue and Annie - April 23 at 03:35 AM

SA

“ Sue and Annie purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bennie E. "Ben" Gantz.



Sue and Annie - April 23 at 03:35 AM

TF

“ The Clemens, Feeman & Struck Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bennie E. "Ben" Gantz.



The Clemens, Feeman & Struck Families - April 22 at 02:16 PM

TF

“ The Clemens, Feeman & Struck Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bennie E. "Ben" Gantz.

The Clemens, Feeman & Struck Families - April 22 at 02:16 PM

JB

“ Joe and Jill Boetsch purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Bennie E. "Ben" Gantz.



Joe and Jill Boetsch - April 21 at 12:28 PM

JM

“ Although brief, I had the privilege to meet and get to know Bennie. His calm through the storm will always be remembered. My condolences to his family.
-Jim M, RN Compassus.



Jim Mull - April 21 at 10:18 AM



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

April 20 at 01:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bennie E. "Ben" Gantz.



April 20 at 10:05 AM

AR

“ I had spent many years interacting with Ben during our time at Lazarus. I remember Ben as an outstanding merchant and good friend. My condolences to the family, may his memory be for a blessing.

Alan Rosenthal - April 19 at 03:30 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Bennie E. "Ben" Gantz.



April 19 at 10:03 AM



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

April 19 at 10:03 AM



“ Carol and family. We are so saddened to hear of Ben's passing. John and I and the boys will always have many fond memories of Ben as a wonderfully kind neighbor. Love and hugs

john and Candy Strawser - April 18 at 09:37 AM



“ Carol and Family,

We are so sorry for your loss. Ben was a great neighbor. Sending healing prayers and thoughts your way at this difficult time.

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Deb & Brian Allard
(7291 Macbeth Dr)

Deb Allard - April 18 at 09:21 AM



“ Michelle Keijner purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Bennie E. "Ben" Gantz.



Michelle Keijner - April 17 at 09:46 PM



“ Dear Carol,, Dan and I have talked about you two often and have wanted ri get in touch with you but not like this . Please know we’re sending you and your family loving thoughts. Carol I have never completely forgiven myself for forgetting your bouquet...love and sympathy, kit and Dan Cassidy

Kit Cassidy - April 17 at 07:58 PM



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

April 17 at 07:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bennie E. "Ben" Gantz.



April 17 at 07:56 PM



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

April 17 at 05:44 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Bennie E. "Ben" Gantz.



April 17 at 05:44 PM



“ Gantz family I am so terribly sorry for the loss of your beloved Dad and Husband. He was was the kind of man whose legacy lives on through the people he loved and raised so well. He built an incredible family, and that is a true reflection of his character, strength, and heart. Praying for peace for your family. Tim Farrel & Family

Tim Farrel - April 17 at 05:02 PM