



Charles P. Benjamin

October 3, 1953 - September 18, 2016

Charles Paul Benjamin, age 62 of Powell, died Sunday September 18, 2016 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. He was born on October 3, 1953 in Cincinnati Ohio to the late Stanley B. and Lillian (Smith) Benjamin.

Charles was a graduate of the Norwood HS Class of '72, received his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Miami of Ohio in 1977.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Debra; sons Robert (Megan) and their son Oliver, from Hixson, TN, Chase (Sarah) and their children Alex, Ruby and Ada, and James and his Fiance Melinda Hutt; and his brothers Thomas and James Benjamin of Cincinnati, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

Charles was a member of the Norwood HS Athletic Hall of Fame, the Board of Directors of the Powell YMCA, the Mallory Men's Club at Miami of Ohio, and as an outstanding OT for the MAC Champions Miami Redskins that won the Tangerine Bowl in 1973,74, and 75, and enjoyed fishing and billiards, and was an avid Reds and Bengals fan. He was a member of the St. Mary Catholic parish in Delaware.

Friends may call on Friday Sept 23, 2016 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME IN POWELL. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday Sept 24, 2016 at 10:30 am at St Mary's Catholic Church, 66 William Street Delaware. The family requests Charles' wishes for donations in his memory to the Coach Bill Mallory Football Scholarship, 230 Millett Hall, 500 East Sycamore St Oxford Ohio 45056, or go

to [www.miamiohio.edu/graduating champions](http://www.miamiohio.edu/graduating_champions). Please specify Bill Mallory Scholarship or the Red and White Club.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
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Powell, OH 43065
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Funeral Mass

SEP **24.** 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
82 E. William Street
Delaware, OH 43015

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles P. Benjamin*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I just learned of Chuck's passing in the Miamian. I am saddened to hear and I will always remember how Chuck treated me as a football walk-on in 1974 at Miami...anything he could offer in helping to make me a better player and to make us a better team he would not hesitate to do. I was honored to be his team-mate. He leaves a strong and positive legacy. Thoughts and prayers to the entire family...*

Love & Honor...

Mario Macioce (Class of 1978)

Mario Macioce - November 23, 2016 at 03:32 PM



“ *Some of my favorite memories growing up were hanging out at the hog roasts and fish fry's over at the Benjamin's while listening to Mr. Benjamin tell stories from his playing days and fishing trips. I am sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with the whole family.*

- Derek Witt

Derek - September 24, 2016 at 11:13 AM

PA

“ *Debbie (and family), so sorry for your loss. Please accept our prayers and sympathy.*

Paula (Eggers) and Terry Kelley

Paula - September 23, 2016 at 03:38 PM

AP

“ *So sorry for your loss Debra. Another angel got there wings. Sending prayers to you and your family. Call me I just retired if there is anything I can do to help.*

Love Ann Marie Peskar

My number is 216-215-0147 if you want to contact me.

Ann Marie Peskar - September 23, 2016 at 01:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles P. Benjamin.*



September 22, 2016 at 09:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles P. Benjamin.*



September 22, 2016 at 08:39 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles P. Benjamin.*



September 21, 2016 at 09:26 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of this wonderful man - I have fond memories of Chuck from NHS. As a cheerleader back in the day, I admired his tenacity on the field and the respect he had from all the guys. My condolences to Debbie and boys - and all the friends....Bless all of you and God Bless Chuck.*

~Sharon Tungate Bailey

Sharon Bailey - September 21, 2016 at 03:56 PM



“ *Bob Handley purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Charles P. Benjamin.*



Bob Handley - September 21, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to Debra and her family during this time of loss.*

*Love,
Billie Jo Propst*

Billie Jo Propst - September 21, 2016 at 12:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles P. Benjamin.*



September 21, 2016 at 12:50 PM



“ *Howard Weyers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles P. Benjamin.*



Howard Weyers - September 21, 2016 at 11:28 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed Chuck. Wishing your family comfort and peace.*
Brent and Marge Culver

marge culver - September 21, 2016 at 07:53 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Charles P. Benjamin.*



September 20, 2016 at 08:24 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Charles P. Benjamin.*



September 20, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ *I remember Chuck fondly and sorry to get the news, A gentle giant with a big heart. In addition to his performance on the field, my most vivid memory is of our spring break trip to the Smoky Mountains. We should have gone to Florida with the girls! Thoughts and prays to the family. Best wishes Trent Meteer, Cleveland, OH - Redskin - Class of 76*

Trent Meteer - September 20, 2016 at 03:03 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles P. Benjamin.*



September 20, 2016 at 02:38 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of the loss of Benjamin . My prayers are with his family . I hope the memories you have will always burn brightly for you. We became friends in Scott Hall many years ago . Good man great heart . I think of him fondly and smile as many of the memories are still fresh . My best to the family Dale Koblenzer , Akron Oh class 76*

Dale Koblenzer - September 20, 2016 at 01:18 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Charles P. Benjamin.*



September 20, 2016 at 12:01 PM



“ *Benji, #68 - The Big Man from Norwood. We will all miss you buddy, most of all your genuine laughter, warm smile and steadfast friendship. However, we will forever enjoy warm memories of the good times we shared. Thank you for your friendship and we will continue to have Deb & Family in our thoughts & prayers.*

Steve & Tina Kramer

steve kramer - September 20, 2016 at 11:16 AM



“ *Deb and family, So sorry to hear about Chuck. Our prayers are with you.*

Michael & Karen Soros and family.

Michael Soros - September 20, 2016 at 10:02 AM



“ *Good Ole Chuck, he was in some of my classes, he was so tall and wide, he sat at the back of the class and behind me... He was always laughing and cutting up.. Always had a smile or a chuckle.. love him.. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.. Rest in Peace Chuck. You will be missed and loved by many..*



Cindy Simpson Mitchell - September 20, 2016 at 09:00 AM

SS

“ *Great teammate, Great guy, Winner in life. Prayers for the family.*

Steve Sanna - September 20, 2016 at 07:45 AM

CW

“ *I REMEMBER AND TREASURE OUR FISHING TRIPS ON LAKE ERIE WITH CHUCK AND CHASE.....AND OUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCES...
CHUCK WAS ALWAYS JOKING THAT HE COULD HAVE "TAKEN OUT"MY KNEES WHEN I WAS ON SCOUT DEFENSE IN 1973...HE ALWAYS HAD A BIG SMILE ON HIS FACE!!HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED....REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND.....CARL WINTZER*

CARL WINTZER - September 20, 2016 at 07:06 AM

JO

“ *When I came back to Ohio 10 years ago I was so glad to renew my friendship with Chuck. We had not seen each other for a long time, but when we did it was like we had just been together the day before. That's Benji. It was special to go on the fishing trip this spring. To Deb and the family, I am so sorry for your loss. All I can say is that I'm gonna miss him, a lot.*

John Blind

JohnBlind - September 20, 2016 at 07:05 AM

DS

“ I can hear his laugh and I loved his smile, with a slow head nod. He was a good friend to have as he was very loyal, supportive and not afraid of much. I remember a ride on his "bike" and he was very careful. Lots of girls had crushes on him...I sent football films of high school back in the 80's and got the nicest note. Loved rolling with that group. The stories are true and twice as fun as they sound. Know that he was admired, liked and loved. Debbie Simpson Class of 74 Norwood, Ohio

Debra Simpson - September 20, 2016 at 05:49 AM

RM

“ RIP Chuck. Remembering our school years fondly. Prayers for your family.

roxanne major - September 20, 2016 at 04:54 AM

CF

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Debbie and her three wonderful sons and their families. Also to Deb's and Chuck's extended families. Chuck was a life long friend and our families have shared many great moments and we will always be able to cherish those wonderful memories. It is so hard to put any words together that truly convey how much we loved, respected, and admired Chuck. Deb, please take consolation in knowing how much Chuck was loved and cherish what a great family you and Ben have. Love you guys!

Chuck and Katrina Fischer & Family

charles Fischer - September 19, 2016 at 09:05 PM

NS

“ Chuck as respected and admired by all who knew him. A gentle giant that you want on your team. Prayers to family and friends, I know he will be missed.

neal schulte - September 19, 2016 at 08:56 PM

RB

“ Chuck was a natural born leader and he inspired all that were initiated into varsity club at Norwood High in that era! He led us to be tough and prepared us for life. Thank you Chuck! You made a difference in many lives! May God rest your soul!

Ron Blair - September 19, 2016 at 08:37 PM

JN

“ Debbie, I can't begin to tell you how sorry I am about Chuck. He was one of the strongest yet gentlest guys I ever met. I loved him like a brother. You've heard about all the crazy stuff we used to do in Norwood. Some great memories that I will share forever. I have and will continue to lift you up and pray for you and your beautiful family. Find comfort that Ben is no longer suffering and that we will all see him again someday! Praise God! Love you guys! Jeff Northcutt

Jeff Northcutt - September 19, 2016 at 08:11 PM

KL

“ My sympathies to Chuck's wife and family...may you find comfort knowing he is no longer struggling. Karen Landess-Meinor, Class of '72

Karen Landess-Meinor - September 19, 2016 at 07:44 PM

BB

“ To all of Chuck's family (especially wife Debbie), please know that Sue and I love you guys and that we are hurting too today, knowing how much we will miss Chuck (aka "Benji").

I was a Junior on the Miami Redskins football team when Chuck was an incoming Freshman. It was pretty much of a Miami Tradition for upperclassmen to haze the frosh. But when Chuck and his class came rolling in there was an instant bond! We simply skipped the hazing part and went straight to being super close friends. As you know Deb, we are still super close today 45 years later!

We are going to be hurting for a long time but we all know that Chuck would be super positive and expect the same from us. So, that is just what we are going to have to do.

He fought a valiant battle with cancer and he did it with all the grace and courage that we all knew he had from our playing days together.

Bill and Sue Blind - September 19, 2016 at 07:12 PM

KH

“ Debbie and family we are so sorry for your loss Kenny and Peggy Henges Norwood ohio

kenny Peggy Henges - September 19, 2016 at 07:07 PM

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kenny henges - September 19, 2016 at 07:05 PM

GH

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Chuck was a good man! We'll miss him terribly. Love and hugs to all of you.

Gary and Vicki Hamilton - September 19, 2016 at 05:38 PM