



Benji Ray Hotema

March 23, 1978 - August 3, 2020

Benji Ray Hotema, 42, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away on Monday, August 3, 2020. He was born on March 23, 1978 to Benny Rae Hotema and Bessie (Charley) Hotema in Gallup, New Mexico. Benji graduated from Muskogee High School with the class of 1996 and attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Benji worked at Lowe's in Muskogee as a sales specialist for many years. He loved taking family trips every chance he got and enjoyed watching old and new movies. Benji was an avid collector of 80's movies and sci-fi movies. He also had a way of collecting friends wherever he went. He loved decorating his home every holiday and made sure his nephews and nieces were taken care of. Most of all he loved his family and would do anything for anyone who needed help. Benji will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Cyrus and Georgine Hotema; maternal grandmother, Annie B. Charley.

Benji is survived by his parents, Benny and Bessie Hotema of Muskogee, OK; brother, Garrett Hotema of Muskogee, OK; sister and brother-in-law, Benita Hotema and Juan Becerra of Muskogee, OK; nephews, Victor J. Hotema, Jose A. Rodriguez and Benito S. Rodriguez all of Muskogee, OK; niece, Valencia J. Rodriguez of Muskogee, OK; maternal grandfather, Don Charley, Sr. of Chinle, AZ; and many friends.

A celebration of Benji's life will be 2PM, Friday, August 7, 2020 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Woody Wilson and Rev. Benny Hotema

officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery with Victor J. Hotema, Jose A. Rodriguez, Jr., Benito S. Rodriguez, Christian Taylor, Scott Wilson and Colton Brewer serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Jeremy Dreadfulwater, Michael Hotema, Jr., Jason McCaleb, Thomas Hotema, Michael Martinez, and special honorary, Don Charley, Sr., represented by Garrett Hotema to walk for him.

A meal will be served afterward at First Indian Baptist Church, 510 S. 9th Street, Muskogee, OK 74401.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Service

AUG 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Tribute Wall



“ *Benji Ray Hotema*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Rhonda and Freddie Witte purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Benji Ray Hotema.*



Rhonda and Freddie Witte - August 07, 2020 at 10:24 AM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - August 06, 2020 at 01:16 PM



Awww, my son

Emma M Charley - August 06, 2020 at 02:20 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - August 06, 2020 at 09:57 AM

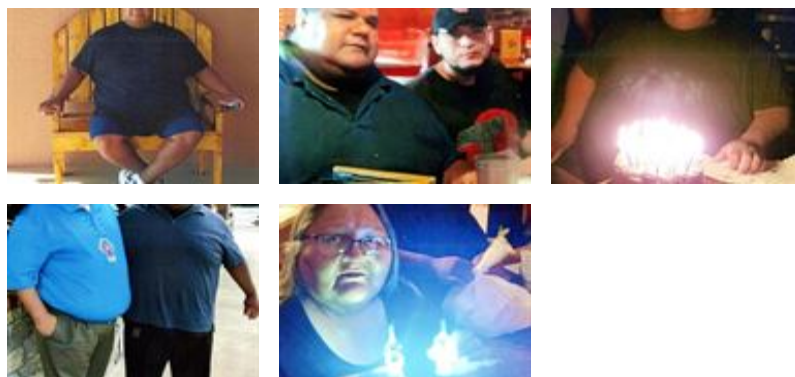


“ Dear Benny and Bessie. I am so sorry to read of the death of your son Benji. He was so very young to leave this life on earth. I will join the many people who are praying for you and your family during this time of sorrow.
Marlene Smith

Marlene Smith - August 05, 2020 at 07:03 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - August 05, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ I'll miss hearing 'well, well, well if it isn't a Sith Lord' And I would reply 'Jedi' That's how we greeted each other everytime. Benji was an amazing person, who brightened up the darkest corners. I'll miss our talks. Gone too soon.

Tim Butler - August 05, 2020 at 02:56 PM

DH

“ I will miss him at lowes every time I went In i would look for him and we would talk about everything from family to Christian movies to Jesus all while he worked.

Dixie Hooper - August 05, 2020 at 01:41 PM

AE

“ Benji was such a bright light in this harsh world we live in! He had a heart of gold and was always the first to volunteer to help with any project or need, whether it was an overnight night reset, someone needing a place to crash, or hurricane relief efforts! He was always such a delight to work with and made the shifts so much better, I could always count on him coming in and saying “ What you want me to get done today Miss Angela” which was then followed with “I got you”. I always enjoyed hearing his stories about his momma and family. He was always one of the first to ask how my daughter did at a show the prior weekend. He genuinely cared about others! Benji will be greatly missed, thoughts and prayers for healing and comfort for his family. I hope his momma knows she raised a one of a kind man that anyone was blessed to know.



Angela Eakins - August 05, 2020 at 12:32 PM

PL

Benji, you are going to be missed by many people. I had my last hug from you not too long ago. People didn't understand how you were my grandson since we were so close in age. Of course we laughed and would have to explain. Ayóó anííníshní.

Primrose Lester - August 05, 2020 at 04:41 PM

SR

Benji, you are so missed! Your neighbor, Sammye!

sammye rodden. - August 12, 2020 at 10:49 PM

TC

“ *A smile to bring happiness into anyone's lives. I love you Benji Bear.
-always Sis*

Tammy Chavez - August 05, 2020 at 12:31 PM

MA

“ *Instantly knew he was a great person with an awesome heart. My only wish is i would've made it to one of those Halloween parties lol. I LOVE YOU BRO..see you on the other side*

Manny - August 05, 2020 at 12:21 PM

PK

“ *Benji was a generous and personable man who was ever friendly and kind to me. My thoughts and prayers go out to His parents, sister, and brother and all his family. He will be deeply missed.*

Patti Jo King - August 05, 2020 at 12:30 AM

CF

Benji was kind and insightful. A friend to all the people he touched. Rest in Peace my brother.

cooper furniture - August 05, 2020 at 12:09 PM

RS

“ I have no words except I hope God blesses and comforts you all. I know how much Benji loved you all. I loved him like a brother and am heartbroken and saddened beyond measure. May God bless Benji and you all. Love you all.

Rick and Kim Sells - August 04, 2020 at 04:43 PM

CD

“ So sorry to hear of Benji's passing!!! He was such a great guy. Very smart, generous and loved a good laugh. We enjoyed working with him and were blessed to know him. Praying for peace and comfort through this time for you all. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Jason, Cindy and Grayson Dennis



Cindy Dennis - August 04, 2020 at 01:47 PM