



James F. "Jim" Benham II

September 3, 1967 - March 1, 2018

James F. "Jim" Benham II, of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, entered Heaven's gates on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at the age of 50. He was born September 3, 1967 in Waukegan, Illinois to Clifford and Laura (Jessen) Benham. Jim graduated from Waukegan East High School with the class of 1985. He furthered his education at Milwaukee School of Engineering where he graduated in 1989 with a Bachelor's Degree.

Jim met and later married the love of his life, Julie Marie Logue, on April 21, 1990 at the St. Bartholomew Church in Waukegan, IL. They shared more than 27 years of life and marriage together.

He was employed as an Engineer at Whitlock Packaging, now known as Refresco, where his work ethic and dedication were recognized as he became the Director of Engineering. He was known for his trouble shooting abilities and was very instrumental in successful product launches during his 21 year tenure.

His hobbies included fishing, golfing, basketball, drums, cards, and all other sports.

His greatest passion was spending time with his family. He will always be remembered for the love of his family and his enthusiasm for life.

Jim and his family attended Boulevard Christian Church where they were very active in the ministries of the church including the Life Groups.

Jim never met a stranger and was loved by many. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Laura Benham.

Jim is survived by his wife, Julie of the home; children, Ryan Benham of Waukegan, IL, Brooke Benham of Fayetteville, AR, Megan Benham, and MaryKate Benham, both of the home; siblings, John Riley (Judy) of Gurnee, IL, Elizabeth Haydock (John) of McHenry, IL, Robert Benham (RuthAnn) of Glendale, AZ, Steven Benham of Beaumont, CA, and Judy Strong (John) of Lindenhurst, IL; many nieces, nephews, other family members and friends. A memorial service celebrating Jim's life will be 2PM, Monday, March 5, 2018 at Boulevard Christian Church with Minister Steve Moss officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Jim Benham to the LakeCountry FCA Camp Scholarship Fund, 3809 S. Boulevard, Edmond, OK, 73013.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Boulevard Christian Church
1700 W. Shawnee
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ James F. "Jim" Benham II

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM

RN

I've never personally met this man, but have for years now gotten to see his legacy daily within the engineering accomplishments, automation integrations and associated technical drawings that he generated. Brilliant man. Prayers and condolences to his family.

*Ray Nizer
Muskogee, Ok.*

Ray Nizer - July 20, 2024 at 09:27 AM

BR

I grew up with "Jimbo" in Waukegan, IL, when we were both in middle school and high school. We played a lot of Dungeons and Dragons, competed in relentless ping pong in his parents' basement, did a fair amount of fishing, and hung out with our eclectic friend Frank Lewis, who also passed away a few years ago. Jim was full of life, had a heart of gold, and was quite the goofball. I had a dream about him last night and thought I would give him a call to catch up, but it turned out he has passed away. I'll say a prayer for you Jimbo. Hopefully, you're in Heaven laughing at all of us down here.

Brian - September 22, 2024 at 09:04 PM

JC

“ I was fortunate enough to have known and worked with Jim while at Whitlock/Refresco. As one of the Plant Controllers, I had occasional contact with Jim, discussing capital projects or issues with the plant operation in general. I got to know him much better and interact with him later in our time with the company. Jim was one of those quiet, thoughtful guys who approached challenges with a calm, rational demeanor. If Jim didn't have a smile on his face it was because he was deep in thought or working on something critical to the operations of one of the three plants. However, it didn't take much to see Jim smile or laugh as he seemed to always be in a good mood. He was such a good guy. I will miss him and I send my deepest condolences to Jim's family.

Jay Cella
(Lakeland, FL Plant)

Jay Cella - April 16, 2018 at 07:21 PM

 Kevin
Kerr

“ Jim was a great guy and I am sorry to hear of his passing. God bless

Kevin Kerr - March 08, 2018 at 04:45 PM

KJ

“ So lucky to have been friends with this guys for 21 years! His laughter will be missed! I'll miss him leaning on the counter top of my desk and almost ending up in my lap at least once a week! No matter how many times I'd tell him it was not attached, he'd always forget! So many great, fun memories at WPC with this guy who had a heart of gold! Prayers for Julie and the kids.

Kim Jaquez

Kim Jaquez - March 05, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James F. "Jim" Benham II.*



March 04, 2018 at 11:38 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James F. "Jim" Benham II.*



March 04, 2018 at 08:17 PM



“ *16 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - March 04, 2018 at 05:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James F. "Jim" Benham II.*



March 03, 2018 at 10:09 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Steve - March 03, 2018 at 07:13 PM



“ *We'll miss that infectious laugh!*

May God's peace surround your family.

Steve and Sharla Radanovich

Sharla Radanovich - March 03, 2018 at 05:18 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - March 03, 2018 at 03:26 PM

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“ *Saw him at the gym Thursday and kidded him about his basketball shoes. I told him they looked like bowling shoes, he smiled and said, my Jordan's, We both laughed, loved having Jim on my team. Always a smile and kept order, on the BBALL court at CLC. One of the best people, i have ever known, MISS U ALWAYS!*

Dice Dawson - March 03, 2018 at 12:42 AM