



## Benjamin G. Shunkwiler

May 18, 1978 - July 10, 2010

Shunkwiler, Benjamin, July 10, 2010. Age 32 of Livonia. Wonderful husband of Sara. Treasured son of Kim and Peggy. Favorite brother of Sara and Katie. Adored grandson of Mary Shunkwiler and Rose Wegienka. Beloved son-in-law of Gordon and Jane Otto. Best friend of big brother Jay Thompson. Fun loving uncle of Lindsay and Erin. Dear brother-in-law of Emily (Jayson) and Hannah. Visitation Sunday 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM and Mon 2:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 West Ann Arbor Road Plymouth (between Sheldon and Beck). In state Tues 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. Michael Catholic Church 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Memorial contributions in Ben's memory may be made to Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517. To share a memory with the family, please use the view and send condolences link on this page.

# Tribute Wall



“ Benjamin G. Shunkwiler

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ Dear Dr. Kim and Peggy, We are so sorry on the loss of you son Ben. Neither of us can imagine losing a child. May God and your wonderful memories keep him close your heart until you meet again one day. Love, Debbie & Cliff Mosier

The Mosiers - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM



“ Sara, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. May God's love comfort you now and always. Jill Hafenstein-Klawitter

Jill (Hafenstein) Klawitter - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM



“ To Ben and Sara's families: We are praying that God gives you the strength you need during this difficult time. Our thoughts are with you always.

Courtney and Nathan Bartlett - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

BR

“ Sara, My thoughts and prayers go out to you, your family and Benajmin's family at this time of loss. I was very sorry to hear about your husband's passing and want you to know that I am praying that God provides you with inner strength and support from your loving family at this time when you need it most. Please know that I am thinking about you. -Beth (Hafenstein) Riege and Jamie Riege

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**Beth (Hafenstein) Riege** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

AM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Amanda** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

CH

“ Dear Sara, You have my deepest sympathy as you deal with the loss of your husband. May God be with you and carry you thru this trying time in life.

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**Chelsea** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

NF

“ Sara and The Shunkwiler Family, They say a human life is a story told by God. Surely, with Ben's smile, humor, cheerful demeanor and uncanny ability to befriend everyone-God must have been telling the story of one of his dearest friends when he gave us Ben. When a life has been lived completely honestly, completely successfully, or just completely, the correct response to death's perfect punctuation mark is a smile. I know that Ben is at Peace and basking in the Glory of our Creator. So, today, I will smile in memory of Ben and the lives he touched. Peace be with you. Nicole

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**Nicole and the Birkett Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

LL

“ Sara, I am so sorry to hear about Ben. As you know I went to high school with Ben and I will always remember him as being up beat and friendly. My heart goes out to your family and Ben's.

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**Lori Grammer - Quicken Loans** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

MM

“ Dear Kim, Peggy, Sara, Katie & Sara, Your Family is in my Thoughts & Prayers at this very Sad Time. I am so Sorry for Your Loss. Ben will always be in Your Hearts with the Wonderful Memories, You Shared Together. I will Pray the Lord will Comfort You in the Days Ahead !

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**MaryRose Julian Manor** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

JS

“ We are so saddened by your loss of Ben. We are praying for your family's strength, comfort and peace during this challenging time.

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**Jack, Jan, & Klai Shirlin** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

AP

“ Sara-Im so sorry to hear of your loss, You and your family are in my prayer..... God Bless Mandy

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**Amanda Porter** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

JL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. My memories of Peter will always include Ben and the Shunkwiler Family.

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**Janet (Miesiak) Lang** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

AB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Sara in this very difficult time.

Alicia Banes - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

KB

“ Sara--I'm so sorry to hear about Ben. I did not know him, but have known you and your family for a longtime. My prayers are with you.

Kathy Birkholz - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

SC

“ May God Bless Benjamin's soul. I pray that today he's in paradise with The Father, The Son and Holy Spirit. Sara, may the Blessed Virgin Mary watch over your husband and keep him close to her. Amen.

Steve Chandler - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

TV

“ To The Shunkwiler Family, My deepest sympathy to all of you. He will be missed and was a great guy and good friend. Glad I had the chance to be friends with him. My parents also give their blessings and sympathy.

Tony Volante - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

PJ

“ Sara: My thoughts are with you and your family during your period of sorrow. My heart goes out to you wishing there was a way to take away the pain.

Patty Jeffers - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

JS

“ Sara thoughts and prayers are with you and family

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**Josh, Stacy and Gracie Schmitt** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

GD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Gerry, Jenny, Luke, and Dylan** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

CS

“ Kim and Peggy, You raised a wonderful young man and he is gone much too soon. Treasure the fun times and the memories and his wonderful smile. Sorry we can't be there in person with our condolences but we are there in spirit. If you need someone to talk to on those late nights I am here for you. I am up late and the phone is always next to me. Love You!

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**Cheryl and Don Shane** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

TG

“ Praying God's perfect peace and comfort for your family. We love you!

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**Terry & Debb Gatrell** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

RM

“ Dear Sara, We are deeply saddened by your loss. We will always cherish the memories of the times we spent with Ben. He was such a wonderful person. We pray that looking back at memories will comfort you during this difficult time. Please remember how much we care about you. LOVE, Ron and Nancy

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**Ron and Nancy McFarland** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

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“ Sara, Jane & Gordy and the Otto Family and the Shunkwiler Family  
~ We are very sorry for your loss. You will be in all of our prayers  
and thoughts. Love, The Oathout's

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**Donna & John Oathout** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

TF

“ Our deepest condolences for you Sara and the family...you are in  
our thoughts and prayers... Todd, Deanna, Larry and Libby Rumler

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**The Rumler Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

FP

“ Gosh you guys I am soooo sorry for you all. I hope the days get a  
little easier and the fun memories come soon. Know you are allll in  
my prayers and thoughts. Take care. Francine Posa

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**Francine Posa** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

AS

“ I am so saddened by this news. Ben was a wonderful man. My  
prayers are with you all.

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**Amy Lucas Spurlin** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

SL

“ Kim and Peggy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and  
Prayers are with you. Scott Lopez

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**Scott Lopez** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

BK

“ Yes Ben I did buy the flip flops from a lady I met at the post office. The fish dinners were the best. We will always see your smile, hear your laughter and remember the great love that you treasured in your heart for your family. *Bobbie and Bill*

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**Bobbie and Bill Kelley** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

DB

“ Dear Sara & Families: Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time.

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**Don & Susan Baloun** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

CL

“ That huge smile that was Ben, always smiling & happy to see you. a truly kind man very sweet, polite & caring. May you Rest in Peace, no more pain & suffering with God's arms around you. *Love, Carol*

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**Carol LaPorte** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

DB

“ Dear Kim & Peggy, Our thoughts and Prayers are with you at this time. We are expressing our deepest sympathy at this time to you. *Dr. Skip*

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**Dr. & Mrs. Skip Book** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

JR

“ kim and family..gus anderson called me this morning telling me of the passing of your son. my heart is heavy with grief for your loss. we are sure that GOD in his mercy and love for us will embrace him in Heaven. may your cherished memories with your son give you comfort at this time of sorrow. while i'll not be able to attend the services , be asured your son will be remembered in my prays at mass. with my prayers, joe

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**joe randazzo** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

AH

“ Kim...my old friend...I am so very sorry to hear about Ben this morning. I know we shared what was happening and how much Ben meant to you. I know Ben is in a much better place right now free of the pain and suffering. We all mourn the loss of a love one, but we must celebrate the life, the love we shared. Those memories will carry you through. Ben is in your heart, he loved you, as you loved him...he is at peace. I can't be there with you and your family but know you are in my prayers from this far away place. Peace and love my friend. Allan Hagelthorn

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**Allan Hagelthorn** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

BF

“ May all of the prayers from family and friends assist Ben in his journey to heaven and provide comfort to all the loved ones he left behind. May God bless both the Shunkwiler and Otto families during this sad time. All of our love to all of you.

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**Bornick Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

MS

“ Dear Sara and Family, We were really heart broken to hear the news,just really got to know Ben when you visited last fall. Everyone that met him loved him and feels your loss, With Love, Mike,Dorine and family

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**Michael Straseski** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

LM

“ Shunkwiler Family, Ben was one great individual, a one of a kind. It was a pleasure knowing Ben and he will be sadly missed by us and I'm sure by all who had that same pleasure of knowing him. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to you for the loss of a son and brother. Les & Mary Schraufnagel

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**Les & Mary** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

KH

“ Sara & Family; We had the honor of hosting a fishing trip with Ben and Jay a few years back in Montana. It was our first true opportunity to be around Ben. We felt like we had known him forever. He was great with our two children, and was an incredible person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

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**Kirk, Julia, Piper and Caleb Hutchinson** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

AL

“ Sara, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Angela B. - Quicken Loans** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

TS

“ so very sorry for the loss of Ben. Sara we at Giulio's are gonna miss him, but will always remember Ben. You are in our thoughts & prayers & we are always here for you.

Tina Sabbadin - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

KN

“ Shunkwiler family please know that I love you, and you are all on my mind and in my heart and prayers. With condolence, Karen Neal

Karen Neal - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

GB

“ To Ben's wife and family...May God be with each of you and give you peace at this difficult time. Our prayers are being offered up for you all. Ben and I were acquainted through my wife's cousin Jay and the annual golf trip. Ben was a great golfer and it was an honor to have known him. Peace and Comfort... George & Star Bertone

George & Star Bertone - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

GT

“ Ben was one in a million; a devoted husband, loving son, caring brother and the best friend our son could ever have. Our hearts are broken.

Glenda Thompson - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

AL

“ It deeply saddens us to learn of the loss of a great guy and husband to our niece Sara. Ben was an exceptional guy and Sara made an extraordinary choice when planning a lifetime together with him. Sara it is with our deepest sympathy that we write this note knowing words are hard to come by to wish for you the best during this tragic time in your life. When I talked to Ben a couple of months ago he was not concerned of himself but for what "Sara would be going through" at which I told Ben that Sara is one tough gal and would be fine. May the Lord help you through this difficult time Sara. With Love and Prayers, Aunt Mary & Uncle Les Schraufnagel

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**Aunt Mary & Uncle Les** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

SL

“ sara and Ben's family,, my heart is sad for you and all my prayers for you... will miss his smile and his big heart... wish we could be there... sending you love and lots of hugs,, love Aunt luci and uncle Steve Tischer

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**steve and Luci** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

RF

“ Our sympathy to all of you at this time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Roxanne & Jay Ciatti Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM