



Rick Lee Benfield

June 27, 1980 - September 13, 2018

PRINCETON – Rick Lee Benfield, 38, of Princeton died Thursday, September 13, 2018. Born June 27, 1980 in Seoul, South Korea, he was the son of Song Sim Benfield of Princeton and the late Ronald Benfield.

His family moved from Korea in 1980 and then to Princeton in 1984. He was a 1998 graduate of Princeton High School. He served in the United States Air Force and achieved the rank of Technical Sergeant. Rick was a musician, artist, outdoorsman and loving father.

In addition to his mother he is survived by sons, Aiden and Luke Benfield of Byron, GA; brothers, Robby Benfield and Kenny Benfield both of Princeton; half-sister, Tressa-Lynn Lambert of Arkansas and nephew, Tyler Benfield of Hinton.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 17, 2018 at First Baptist Church in Princeton with Dr. David Dockery officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Princeton where military honors will be conducted by Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Celebrate Recovery or the charity of your choice.

Friends may visit with the family from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, September 16 at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute or send the family online condolences please visit www.bailey-kirk.com.

*Please check back after 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 16 to view a video tribute to Rick.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

1917 West Main St.
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 425-8176
info@bailey-kirk.com
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
1116 Mercer Street
Princeton, WV 24740

Tribute Wall



“ *Rick Lee Benfield*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Song and Rick's family,*

Nell and I are so sorry for you. We enjoyed the time we were allowed to know

Rick and have known his family. He was always cheerful and full of life. He has spent many hours at our house, when he was younger playing with our son Chase. Again we know he will be missed greatly.

Ron and Nellie Bowman

Ron Bowman - September 27, 2018 at 12:17 PM



“ *Some how some way we managed to stay in touch 20+ years. I'm so grateful for the time we spent together in the past couple years. At 35 Rick taught me to fish lol and I'll think of him everytime I do. Rick had the best smile. He was always kind to me, he was a best friend, and I loved him.*

Sarah E. Belcher - September 21, 2018 at 12:06 AM

MB

“ I was Rick’s third grade teacher and remember him with great affection. He was such a beautiful boy with an infectious smile. What I remember most was his artistic talent. At Thanksgiving we made a booklet with information and accompanying illustrations. I can still visualize his greatly detailed “Mayflower” with billowing sails and sailor in crow’s nest shouting “Land Ho!” I told him many times he was a true artist. I would like to express my deepest sympathy to his mother and family.
Mavadell Skeen Bailey

Mavadell Bailey - September 20, 2018 at 08:37 AM

BY

“ Song, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your faith in our Lord will be your strength and comfort. I don't understand how He gets us through our sorrow and pain, but He does. I love you and your boys. My boys spoke very fondly of Rick.


Becky Yearout - September 19, 2018 at 02:03 AM

RR

“ Renea Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Rick Lee Benfield



Renea Rodriguez - September 18, 2018 at 12:37 AM

 Danny Venable

“ I called Rick ' Cousin Benny,' he and I served in the desert together. We sang songs together and we shared a banjo I brought along on a deployment, he amazed me in every way with his music ability, and great voice. He would have to take over our work on the aircraft because I had no patience, he was great to know and brother I am so thankful God let me know you and be part of your life!

Danny Venable - September 17, 2018 at 02:43 PM

TE

“ song, I am thinking of you and hoping your faith in Christ is taking this sorrow for you. this is tough but God is tougher. remember all our talks about our faith and how God is all our strength. I will pray and ask our God to give you that peace that passes all understanding. trish estep

trish estep - September 17, 2018 at 12:43 PM

RC

“ Ronald & Jennie Cordle lit a candle in memory of Rick Lee Benfield



Ronald & Jennie Cordle - September 17, 2018 at 11:48 AM

GR

“ Spent a lot of time with Rick while he was in the Air Force. So sad to hear of his passing. Rick was a very caring person. My heart aches for his family in his passing.

Greg - September 17, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Rick Lee Benfield.*



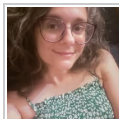
September 17, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ *Although I didn't know him as well as some, we sure did have some fun in our teens and 20s. He would tag along with my boyfriend (who became my husband) on our dates, we would go out and he pretended to not speak English and Billy and I would "translate". Later he and Justin Hypes would become my favorite next door neighbors ever, even if I did have to come over and tell them to turn their tv down a time or two, or twenty. ;) ...He also helped Billy build my mom a screened in porch. Later once distance was an issue but MySpace and Facebook were my way "out" we reconnected via the internet. I started making live videos on Facebook and he inspired me to do so. He would encourage my singing and I would his. Wow, he was so talented! You are missed Rick. We all love you! Big hugs and prayers for peace from me to all who love him!*

Michelle Burdiss

Michelle Burdiss - September 17, 2018 at 04:11 AM



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singing not signing

Auto correct. Ugh ;)

Michelle Burdiss - September 17, 2018 at 04:14 AM

MS

SONG I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. PRAYERS FOR YOU AND THE FAMILY. I USED TO WORK AT LILLY'S JEWELERS IN THE MALL AND YOU WOULD COME BY AND SEE US. JUST TO LET YOU KNOW I AM THINKING OF YOU!

MARTHA STABLES - September 17, 2018 at 04:07 PM

LD

“Glen and Letha Davis- Princeton WV. Dearest Song, with deepest Sympathy we remember your Rick. May God hold you and your family in His everlasting Peace and Comfort. Please know we are praying and sending our love to you all!

Letha Davis - September 17, 2018 at 12:24 AM

JS

“Such a laid back, funny, and talented guy. All the memories I have of you make me laugh just thinking of them. You will be forever missed. Prayers to Rob, Kenny, and Song. RIP

JONATHAN SHORTER - September 16, 2018 at 11:51 PM

JW

“While I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Rick as well as I do his brother Robbie, every single time I talked to him he had the most infectious smile and personality. I'll always remember him singing his "Percy Sledge" song at Sarah Belcher's apartment, and how effortless he could entertain his friends. Gone way too soon. I'm so sorry to Robbie, Kenny and Song, and all others who loved Rick.

Jimmy White - September 16, 2018 at 07:52 PM

TW

“ My heart breaks for him, for his boys and for his family and friends. He was a good person who had a good soul. He offered many times in the past, if I ever needed anything to let him know (when my husband was deployed) and he'd be there. I remember many fond memories of a bunch of us getting together and even sometimes singing songs while he played his guitar. I remember one night he hillbilly style rapped "Ice Ice Baby" by Vanilla Ice! We had such a good time that night! And he was hilarious too, i can hear his laugh now. Gone WAY too young!!! My prayers are with everyone effected by his loss 💔😭 This is so sad.....

Tina Wilkerson - September 16, 2018 at 01:25 PM

BB

“ Rick and I sure used to have some fun times, from creating our own language at Wendy's to frequenting the mall and pretending I was his translator. Primus drum air drum offs and the ever famous Dragon Wagon to which I foolishly towed to Rock Hill with the 4 cylinder S-10....one of the best mud bog adventures we ever accidentally went on (to all the friends there will remember), Rick will truly be missed as he has been already in the long distance life created. My sincerest condolences to his family and friends. Rick will always remain in my heart and memories...very many of the best in my life!

Billy Burdiss

Billy Burdiss - September 16, 2018 at 11:05 AM

MI

“ *Mistylawson09@yahoo.com lit a candle in memory of Rick Lee Benfield*



Mistylawson09@yahoo.com - September 16, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rick Lee Benfield.*



September 16, 2018 at 10:31 AM

DH

“ *Dwayne Horton lit a candle in memory of Rick Lee Benfield*



Dwayne Horton - September 16, 2018 at 09:31 AM

 Rachel L Worley

“ *I will never forget Rick or (RICKYYYY BENFIELD) as our 6th grade teacher called him. He was very talented and his beautiful voice touched many lives.. He was such a funny, friendly, special kind of guy. He will be so missed.*

Rachel L Worley - September 16, 2018 at 02:42 AM

MC

“ *Margie Conley lit a candle in memory of Rick Lee Benfield*



Margie Conley - September 15, 2018 at 10:53 PM

CG

“ *Rick and I both attended youth group at First Baptist Church in our teens we formed a close friendship. I am sad to say we lost contact over the years between my addiction and his relocating to Georgia. Rick always had a good attitude and had an ability to make others feel at ease. He never met a stranger and brought life to any situation. I am very sorry for this loss to the Benfield family and our community in general.*

Craig Gilpin - September 15, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ *I love you brother, our families have been close for years.... words cant express how much hurt i have for Song , Robbie, and Kenny. I love you guys. I just talked to you about a week ago.... Gone too soon. God bless*

Eric Plumley - September 15, 2018 at 08:45 PM

RM

“ *Ruth Marshall lit a candle in memory of Rick Lee Benfield*



Ruth Marshall - September 15, 2018 at 08:20 PM

JP

“ Sorry for this loss, Rick was an awesome guy always making sure others were smiling...
RIP



Joseph Pennington - September 15, 2018 at 08:17 PM



“ May he find peace and comfort in the Lord's embrace. RIP Rick.



Heather Horton - September 15, 2018 at 07:52 PM

SP

“ Sabrina Pinkus lit a candle in memory of Rick Lee Benfield



Sabrina Pinkus - September 15, 2018 at 07:39 PM

PA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Rick was a childhood friend of my son Jonathan. May God comfort the family during this time and may Rick rest in peace.

Pam - September 15, 2018 at 04:07 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Rick. Many prayers for his family
Leanne Nichols

Leanne Nichols - September 15, 2018 at 03:33 PM



“ Song, I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort for you and
your family . *Janet Shrewsbury from PCH*

janet shrewsbury - September 15, 2018 at 02:38 PM



“ Remember him fondly as a youngster and youth at First Baptist. He
was an active, intelligent, kind young fellow. Hugs and prayers for
peace and comfort for his family.
Tom and Lynne Gilpin

Tom Gilpin - September 15, 2018 at 02:08 PM



“ I remember giving him a birthday party when he was very young at
Wendy's. He was such a cute little boy and always had a smile on
his face. His mom has been a long-time friend of mine and a very
special lady. I will be praying for all especially you Song..

CONNIE TILLER - September 15, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ To: Rick Benfield's family;
My condolences to each member of Rick's
family. May God's word be with you as Rick
is. May God bless each of during this time.
R.I.P. Rick Benfield



Vickie Duggan & John O. Lowe - September 15, 2018 at 01:43 PM