



## Ben West

September 10, 1965 - March 15, 2024

With broken hearts, we announce the passing of Ben Edwin West on March 15, 2024 in Houston, TX. Ben was born in Fairbanks, Alaska on September 10, 1965 but got to Texas as quickly as he could at the age of 4. It would have been much sooner had he been better able to control his destiny at that young age.

He was a proud member of the Eisenhower High School Mighty Eagle Marching Band where he played the trumpet. This is where he met his future wife, Kristin Robertson, 45 years ago. He made many life long, special friends during this time. Ben went on to graduate from the University of Houston with a degree in accounting. Although the degree sounds boring, the man was not. Ben and Kristin were married March 12, 1988 at the Rothko Chapel in Houston, TX. They soon welcomed daughters Erin and Madison to this wonderful world which led to a very active time of life rushing from soccer games to school activities to all of the other activities that are a part of an active family life. Ben found that he had a green thumb and was talented at growing watermelon vines that took over the backyard as well as cucumber vines that took over the watermelon vines. We will all cherish the memories of him chasing off the squirrels and screaming when he came upon snakes in the veggie patch. As was the case with many of Ben's hobbies, he then moved with gusto to building Legos which quickly took over the home décor. Ben leaves behind his wife of 36 years, Kristin, as well as their daughters Erin Torres and Madison West. In 2023, our family was blessed when we added

Erin's husband Rob Torres as well as our precious granddaughter Quinn Rhea Torres. Ben leaves an extended family that includes Mike and Judy Robertson, Ritchie Robertson and wife Kathy, Casey Robertson and Tracy Driggers as well as nephews Jacob, Ryan and Taylor. We have many hilarious holiday gatherings that will live on in our memories that may or may not have included many quotes from Talledega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby as well as some very entertaining gift exchanges.

Ben also leaves to cherish memories his siblings, Candy Diezi and husband Jack, Larry West and wife Donna and Jeff Slaton and wife Kay. His nephews Robert, Jon, Shawn and Josh were very much loved by Ben as were many great nieces and nephews . Extended family includes Ken and Jane Rupard. He is predeceased by sister Melanie Slaton who was his hero.

We must also mention Ben's beloved chihuahua, Mr. Big or Biggie as Ben so fondly called him. Little Biggie misses his Ben as they were Thunder Buddies and loved each other so much.

Ben was a sweet, caring man that loved his family and friends without end. He had a very clever sense of humor that left many in tears from laughing so hard. He wanted so badly for all to be happy but as we know, this can be quite a challenging feat for mortal man. At this time of sadness we must remember the words of Dr. Seuss – "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." And there is no doubt that friends and family are smiling because Ben was a part of our lives through good times and bad times. Ben was loved and will be loved forever and always..amen.

We would also like to mention the importance of organ donation and urge others to consider registering to be an organ, eye and tissue donor through Donate Life America. It is because of a decision made by a family years ago that Ben was able to see both daughters graduate from high school, college, the birth of the Quinn, etc. So many more memories to be cherished because of that selfless gift by a donor family. And in death, Ben also became a donor.

# Previous Events

## Receiving of Family and Friends

MAR 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Addison Funeral Home  
18630 Kuykendahl Road  
Spring, TX 77379  
(281) 350-0998  
addisonfh@yahoo.com  
<https://addisonfuneralhomes.com>

## Memorial Service

MAR 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Ben lived down the street from me and waved hello to me and my daughter while I took her in her stroller. He also gave my daughter lots of candy for Halloween. God bless you Ben and your lovely family.

Sandy Morrell McFaul - March 23, 2024 at 07:20 PM

RE

May Ben rest now. The family has my sincere condolences and prayers 🙏. Yes I remember Ben in the band at Big IKE, my name is Ronica Evans I was 1st chair clarinet section. Those were some good days.

Ronica Evans - July 24, 2024 at 09:19 AM

ML

“ Mrs j diezi III purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Ben West.



Mrs j diezi III - March 20, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ben West.



March 20, 2024 at 07:27 PM

CC

“ Courtney Eckert and Dillon Carter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben West.

Courtney Eckert and Dillon Carter - March 20, 2024 at 07:27 PM

FF

“ Faler Eloff Karnoski Daniel Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ben West.



Faler Eloff Karnoski Daniel Family - March 20, 2024 at 04:19 PM

JO

“ Johnny purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ben West.



Johnny - March 20, 2024 at 11:13 AM

JO

“ Johnny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben West.

Johnny - March 20, 2024 at 11:13 AM

TW

“ *Team West purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ben West.*



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**Team West** - March 20, 2024 at 10:39 AM

TW

“ *Team West planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben West.*

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**Team West** - March 20, 2024 at 10:39 AM

KF

“ *Kristen Heredia and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ben West.*



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**Kristen Heredia and family** - March 20, 2024 at 10:14 AM

TD

“ *I met Ben at Hoffman Middle School. We both played the trumpet. Ben was always first or second chair and I was always closer to last chair. My trumpet and band days were short lived. I attended Eisenhower and graduated with Ben in 1983. I will always remember Ben for his intelligence and wittiness. I'm praying for the entire family.*

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**Tim Dixon** - March 19, 2024 at 10:15 PM

TF

“ The RTA Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ben West.



The RTA Family - March 19, 2024 at 03:57 PM

AK

“ Al Kopczynski purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ben West.



Al Kopczynski - March 19, 2024 at 02:31 PM

SH

“ Sherry H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben West.

Sherry H. - March 19, 2024 at 07:31 AM

KR

“ Kathleen R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben West.

Kathleen R. - March 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ben West.



March 18, 2024 at 09:28 PM

BZ

“ Bethany Zakielarz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben West.

Bethany Zakielarz - March 18, 2024 at 09:28 PM

LK

“ Love, Lisa, Erika & Kyle Lori & Ken purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Ben West.



Love, Lisa, Erika & Kyle Lori & Ken - March 18, 2024 at 08:32 PM

LK

“ Love, Lisa, Erika & Kyle Lori & Ken planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben West.

Love, Lisa, Erika & Kyle Lori & Ken - March 18, 2024 at 08:32 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ben West.



March 18, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ben West.



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March 18, 2024 at 07:33 PM



“ Jann S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben West.

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Jann S. - March 18, 2024 at 07:05 PM



“ I met Ben when I was in 7th grade in the trumpet section of Hoffman Middle School. He was such a nice, quiet guy and so talented. As we grew older I really enjoyed hearing him in our concerts and band class.



*I'm so glad that we've been able to include the West family in a number of family celebrations, and have kept in touch through the years. I have so many great memories of Ben in my heart and he will be greatly missed.*

*So much love to Kristin, Erin, Madison, and the rest of the family.*

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Missy Roth - March 18, 2024 at 06:25 PM

VB

“ *Vinny, Missy, and the boys purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ben West.*



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**Vinny, Missy, and the boys** - March 18, 2024 at 06:20 PM

LM

“ *I have very fond memories when I used to babysit the girls. Ben would bring them every morning and always so kind...he loved his girls. We had many great times on the soccer fields watching our girls play. Rest peacefully Ben and love and prayers to the family. Lisa, Erika and Kyle*

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**Lisa May** - March 18, 2024 at 06:10 PM

SH

*Ben was well loved by many no doubt, but mostly his wife, Kristen, and daughters Erin and Madison. Made the many good memories of him provide strength through these extremely difficult times.*

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**Sherry Hultsman** - March 18, 2024 at 06:34 PM



*Kristen, Erin and Madison I sorry to hear of Ben's passing. Rest in peace. Bob Jaworski*

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**Bob Jaworski** - March 18, 2024 at 07:04 PM

JE

*Working with Ben over the past few years I am blessed to say we became friends, not just work associates. I knew Ben as a kind person, slow to anger but with a clear perspective of right and wrong, honest and realistic while being anchored in his spiritual beliefs. I appreciate his friendship greatly, it was certainly a blessing in my life and I am sure in many others.  
Jim Edwards*

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**Jim Edwards** - March 22, 2024 at 10:42 AM

CK

“ *Christina Krueger purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ben West.*



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**Christina Krueger** - March 18, 2024 at 05:44 PM