



## Benjamin Michael Graham

March 30, 2018

Benjamin Michael Graham Age 3 of Elmer, NJ passed peacefully from the arms of his parents into Heaven, Friday, March 30, 2018 at 4:10 am. Ben-Ben as he was called, was the middle of 5 boys born to Wayne Graham and Amanda (Picchi) Graham April 17, 2014.

Ben fought a very brave battle against a rare form of Neuroblastoma, a Pediatric Cancer, that he was diagnosed with at 18 mo. of age. Sadly, Ben had the worst possible case due to very rare mutations. Those mutations made his cancer difficult to treat. Ben was a fighter from the start. In utero he was diagnosed with Hydronephrosis. At his 18 Month ultrasound they discovered a tumor on his right adrenal gland. Days later after its discovery Ben underwent his first surgery in October 2015. In January of 2016 scans were repeated and at that time they discovered a tumor completely surrounding his stomach. He was then diagnosed with Stage IV Neuroblastoma. Ben would go on to have yet another surgery and countless rounds of Chemo, radiation and a stem cell transplant. He went into remission and relapsed in June of 2017. From that point on it was a fight to find treatment that would put him into remission. Trips to various hospitals for consultations and numerous different chemo drugs, radiation and immunotherapy drugs all failed. Ben underwent more chemo at the end of December 2017. His condition deteriorated from that point on. He spent 46 days in the hospital only to return inpatient within 5 days after he was home.

His pain was not able to be controlled at home. He was readmitted to the hospital and underwent additional treatment all the while continuing to have heightened pain. It was then discovered on March 23, 2018 that his cancer had returned and had invaded all of his organs and was out of control. There were no options for any further treatment for him. It was a huge struggle to get pain medication adjusted for him and after his body could not fight any longer he peacefully entered the gates of Heaven on March 30, 2018.

Throughout the course of Ben's illness he was sworn in as an Honorary New Jersey State Trooper, Camden County Police Officer, Philadelphia Police Officer, Atlantic County Sheriff, Elmer Fire Fighter, Mizpah Fire Fighter and Malaga Firefighter.

He is survived by his loving parents, 4 brothers, Wayne Jr., Jaxson, Joseph and Dominic. Paternal Grandparents Harry and Elizabeth Graham, Maternal Grandparents Joseph Picchi and Melinda Picchi and numerous Aunts, Uncles, and extended family and friends.

Services for Ben will be Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the Elmer Grange Hall, 535 Daretown Rd., Elmer, NJ 08318. Public viewing from 1-4 pm and services will start at 4 pm. Immediately after the service Ben will be led by the New Jersey State Police, Elmer Fire Department and various other Police and Fire departments in a procession honoring him. After the procession the family will return to Elmer Grange to host a gathering honoring Ben's beautiful life.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to: All In To Win Foundation, 4801 Gulf Blvd. #197, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706 Donations can be made online at <http://allintowinfoundation.org> In the memo section please reference "Ben-Ben". Donations will be used for research for Neuroblastoma and assisting families of other Neuroblastoma children with financial help.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Elmer Grange Hall  
535 Daretown Road  
Elmer, NJ 08318

## Service

APR 5. 4:00 PM (ET)

Elmer Grange Hall  
535 Daretown Road  
Elmer, NJ 08318

# Tribute Wall

MI

“ You will forever be in my heart my lil fighter fly high Ben Ben



Missi - April 07, 2018 at 03:45 AM



“ Cheryl Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham



Cheryl Williams - April 06, 2018 at 03:58 PM

NF

“ Nelson Family lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham



Nelson Family - April 06, 2018 at 02:54 AM

Nikki Shead

“ Love you Amanda and Wayne! Fly high super Ben Ben!



Nikki Shead - April 05, 2018 at 12:46 PM

MF

“ *Martin Family lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



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**Martin Family** - April 05, 2018 at 12:20 AM

JO

“ *Johanna sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



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**johanna** - April 04, 2018 at 11:19 PM

 Sue MacLennan

“ *Sue MacLennan lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



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**Sue MacLennan** - April 04, 2018 at 10:22 PM

BO

“ *Amanda, I am so sorry for your loss. No words are enough, but just take comfort in that your handsome, special boy is no longer in pain and is flying with the Angels now. My deepest condolences to you, Wayne, and the boys.*

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**Belinda Oliver** - April 04, 2018 at 09:12 PM

MR

“ *Maria Rafferty lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



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**Maria Rafferty** - April 04, 2018 at 07:43 PM

CB

“ *You will be sadly missed Ben by everyone that loved you very much*



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**Candice Carroll Bluhm** - April 04, 2018 at 05:17 PM

DW

“ *Dee Warner lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



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**Dee Warner** - April 04, 2018 at 11:59 AM

TF

“ *The Shirk Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



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**The Shirk Family** - April 04, 2018 at 11:54 AM

TF

“ *The Shirk Family lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



**The Shirk Family** - April 04, 2018 at 11:53 AM

Hilda Santana

“ *Rest easy baby boy we all loved you and will never forget you Amanda Wayne and all family sorry for ur loss lots of prayers your way*



**Hilda Santana** - April 04, 2018 at 10:44 AM

WT

“ *Well even tho Ben did not know me he touched my heart and my wife's heart when I had the privilege to come to his house dressed up as Santa seeing his smiling face was worth the trip there may he rest in peace*



**William Turner** - April 04, 2018 at 09:53 AM

Lauren Freitag

“ *Lauren Freitag lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



**Lauren Freitag** - April 04, 2018 at 08:50 AM

Wendy  
Carter

“ Wendy Carter lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham



Wendy Carter - April 04, 2018 at 08:06 AM

FW

“ Friedhelm Weiß lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham



Friedhelm Weiß - April 04, 2018 at 08:01 AM

SH

“ Susan Hunkele lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham



Susan Hunkele - April 04, 2018 at 07:44 AM



“ Sending love and prayers for comfort and peace.  
Kristin Wanner  
Fire Chaplain, Houma Louisiana



Kristin Wanner - April 04, 2018 at 06:58 AM


JN

“ *My heart breaks for you all. May the Lord of all comfort and bring you peace. May he hold you tight and oh so close as you walk through this with each other. Sending love and prayers from Texas.*



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**Janice Nebgen** - April 04, 2018 at 06:51 AM

 Sunday Clevenger

“ *Sunday Clevenger lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



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**Sunday Clevenger** - April 04, 2018 at 06:39 AM

RI

“ *Rachel Inbar lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



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**Rachel Inbar** - April 04, 2018 at 06:11 AM

TH

“ *The Harnacks lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



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**The Harnacks** - April 04, 2018 at 02:47 AM



“ *Ruth Heuneman Birney lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



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**Ruth Heuneman Birney** - April 04, 2018 at 02:11 AM



“ *Such a beautiful lil guy. We love you BenBen. You are our hero*



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**Ashlie Maugans** - April 04, 2018 at 01:18 AM



“ *Dori Roselle lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



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**Dori Roselle** - April 04, 2018 at 01:04 AM

  
Deserie  
Cubler

“ *Week before he passed, gave him his stuffed puppy with Bunny ears for Easter. He fell asleep with it while holding my hand n each time I tried to move away, he would start to whimper a bit until I was holding his hand again. This happened about 5 times before I was able to let go n get to the meeting. He looked so peaceful n didnt seem to b in pain...  
...Was one of the most precious moments in my entire life!!!* ”



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**Deserie Cubler** - April 04, 2018 at 12:48 AM

HN

“ *Hanna Ngo lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham* ”



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**Hanna Ngo** - April 03, 2018 at 11:42 PM

DS

“ *my deepest and most sincere condolences. may the memory of your beautiful son Benjamin, be a blessing to you, and your loved ones* ”

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**Diane Strauss** - April 03, 2018 at 11:26 PM

DS

“ *my deepest and most sincere condolences. may your beautiful Benjamin's memory be a blessing to you and your loved ones* ”

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**diane strauss** - April 03, 2018 at 11:22 PM

LR

“ *Liz Ray lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



Liz Ray - April 03, 2018 at 11:20 PM

DS

“ *Diane Strauss lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



diane strauss - April 03, 2018 at 11:20 PM

KM

“ *Kim Martin lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



Kim Martin - April 03, 2018 at 11:05 PM

 Heather Winters

“ *Heather Winters lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



Heather Winters - April 03, 2018 at 10:56 PM

LC

“ *My heart is so sad. I have followed Ben Ben since he visited me while I was a patient in Elmer Hospital. He had the sweetest smile and loved to stick out his tongue. He was loved by so many people all over this world. Until We Meet Again, always be #BenjaminStrong #morethan4* 💙💙




**Lisa Coulter** - April 03, 2018 at 10:12 PM

AM

“ *Anita Mullenix lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



**Anita Mullenix** - April 03, 2018 at 09:53 PM

  
Melissa  
Adams

“ *Melissa Adams sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham*



**Melissa Adams** - April 03, 2018 at 09:49 PM

JP

“ I have never met Ben but have followed his story for a long time. I can truly say my life has definitely changed. Never take anything for granted. Tomorrow is not promised. Don't forget to tell someone how much they mean to you. Ben you are forever in my heart.



Jennifer Paollili - April 03, 2018 at 09:48 PM

Melissa Adams

“ Melissa Adams lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham



Melissa Adams - April 03, 2018 at 09:48 PM

JL

“ Sorry for your loss.



Joann Lynn - April 03, 2018 at 09:21 PM

DM

“ Debbie Mammucari lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham



Debbie Mammucari - April 03, 2018 at 09:12 PM

BM

“ I’m so deeply sorry for the loss of Ben Ben. Such a beautiful boy who touched the hearts of so many. He had a huge impact on the world and I have no doubt that his legacy will continue to live on. Sending love and prayers for peace and comfort for your family.



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**Beth Mitros** - April 03, 2018 at 08:53 PM

SC

“ Amanda & Wayne, don't really know you personally, but have followed Ben Ben's story on Facebook with you and have prayed for Ben Ben and you & the family. We have the words to convey that would take away the pain, but God is able to comfort you as you stay strong for the rest of your little family. Ben Ben will not be forgotten by you or the family. He is free from pain now. God bless you.

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**Stella Calvli** - April 03, 2018 at 08:28 PM

 Debbie Carver

“ Debbie Carver lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham



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**Debbie Carver** - April 03, 2018 at 08:22 PM



Debbie Carver

*My heart is shattered into a million pieces. You were the sweetest little boy who was always smiling thru all your pain. I'm going to miss talking to you, having you stick your tongue out at me and playing "Silly Eyes". You are my HERO Ben!!! You are one little 3 yr. old boy who changed the lives of thousands of people all over the world. You ARE larger than life! Rest in Peace sweet boy, we will all see you again someday. Much love honey.*

Debbie Carver - April 03, 2018 at 08:25 PM



TT

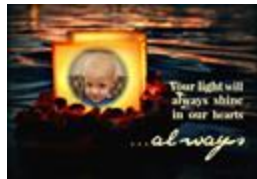
*I never met Ben, but when His Mom asked for different Badges from the different Fire Dept's and Police Officers I asked everyone I knew that could help make Ben happy, and the response was overwhelming. This little Boy Ben just captured the hearts of so many people God Bless those men and women who stepped up and gave him so much joy and love, and Amanda and Wayne, My final wish is that you and your family, heal your pain. knowing you did the very best for Your Loving son Ben,*

Theresa Torchio - April 04, 2018 at 10:00 AM



TF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tabitha Farrell - April 03, 2018 at 08:20 PM

SC

“ I will always remember the bundle of energy Ben was as Wayne and Amanda would chase him through the halls of CHOP to make sure he didn't pull his lines. My heart and prayers go out to the family. I know Nico was there waiting for him as he got such a kick out of his antics when he saw him around CHOP. Peace to you all.



Stephanie Cassabria - April 03, 2018 at 07:52 PM

Joyce West

“ My Deepest Condolences To Your Family. Ben Ben You Will Be Missed Very Much 😞 R.I.P. Ben 🙏 Fly High With The Angel's 🙏 Sending Lot's Of Love Your Way ❤️.



Joyce West - April 03, 2018 at 07:43 PM

PH

“ So sorry for your lost ben will be miss



patricia hoffer - April 03, 2018 at 07:37 PM

Joyce Szadorski

“ I'll always remember his smile,his laugh,and how he touched my heart.RIP SWEET BEN.FLY HIGH WITH THE ANGELS.

Joyce Szadorski - April 03, 2018 at 07:12 PM

Joyce Szadorski

“ Joyce Szadorski lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham



Joyce Szadorski - April 03, 2018 at 07:12 PM

MS

“ I so hope that I brightened his last few day with the pillow and flashlight. It is unimaginable sorrow that you have felt for so long. Your angel will surely be watching over his family. Maryanne Simpson

Maryanne Simpson - April 03, 2018 at 06:52 PM

AT

“ I will never forget the day that you told me what was going on with him. It was a horrible day. When you said he had neuroblastoma my heart dropped. He is, was and always will be a miracle boy. He has touched more people in his all too short life than people do in a lifetime. I will always be here for you. Sending love to you and your family.... Fly High Ben

Amy Taylor - April 03, 2018 at 06:43 PM

DK

“ This so broke my heart. My deepest condolences to your family. He was also a part of our family and therefore my little brother. Im honored to have had him amongst our ranks! Rest in Peace little brother/warrior and watch over us from above. Trooper Douglas Kelly #5366.

Douglas Kelly - April 03, 2018 at 06:22 PM

LM

“ I'll always remember his smile, his laugh, and how he touched my heart. RIP SWEET BEN. FLY HIGH WITH THE ANGELS.

Linda morton - April 03, 2018 at 06:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benjamin Michael Graham.



April 03, 2018 at 06:20 PM



Patricia Graham

“ Ben you will be miss but one day we will see you in heaven



Patricia Graham - April 03, 2018 at 06:19 PM

AC

“ Annemairie J Cossar lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Michael Graham



annemairie j cossar - April 03, 2018 at 06:19 PM