



## Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington

September 25, 1992 - April 28, 2020

Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington, age 27 of Mattoon, IL tragically passed away in an automobile accident at 9:52 PM, Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Pastor Brad Brown will officiate. Burial will take place in Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be Friday evening, May 1, 2020 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the funeral home.

Ben was born on September 25, 1992 in Effingham, IL the son of Laura C. Harrington and Marc G. Reardon. Survivors left to cherish Ben are his mother, Laura Hettinger and husband Jeff, sister Olivia of McKinney, TX; his father, Marc Reardon and wife Jonda, siblings Brooke, Kalen, Whitney and Jordan of Altamont, IL; the love of his life and fiancée, Adriana Cisneros and her daughter, Katalina of Mattoon, IL; maternal grandparents, Mary Harrington and Lee Eley of Highland, IL; Tom Harrington and wife Cordia of Nashville, TN; paternal grandparents, Tom Reardon and wife Phyllis of Altamont, IL; paternal great-grandmother, Lois Ooton of Effingham, IL; three aunts, Beth (Harrington) Westjohn and husband Stan of Tuscaloosa, AL, April (Reardon) Brewer and husband Jim of Altamont, IL, Natalie (Reardon) Denton of Altamont, IL; one uncle, Clint Reardon and wife Lisa of Altamont, IL; numerous cousins, Ford and Max Westjohn, Alissa Bales, Mackenzie and Kolby Brewer, Adria and Kylie Denton, Kelsey, Connor, Logan and Libby Reardon; one great-aunt, Betty White of Saugatuck, MI; and many lifelong

friends.

Ben graduated in 2011 from Mattoon High School. He attended McKendree University in Lebanon, IL on a football scholarship and was later recruited by The University of British Columbia in Vancouver, CA, where he and his teammates triumphantly won the Vanier Cup Award.

After moving back to Mattoon, IL Ben was employed by Anamet Electrical Inc. He was an avid Rams football and Chicago Cubs fan. Ben loved the outdoors, he could often be found in the mud either hunting or fishing.

With his friendly smile, charming personality, and kind heart, Ben was loved by everybody and Ben loved everybody. He knew the value of family and friendship, and will be forever remembered as a beloved son, adoring brother, and dear friend.

Memorials in Ben's honor may be made to Thrivent Mutual Fund, 116 North Main Street, Altamont, IL 62411 to assist with Katalina's college fund.

Please visit [www.mitchelljerdan.com](http://www.mitchelljerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfune](http://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfune) ralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
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## Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Ben was such a great kid. Coached him in LL baseball. Always very very respectful. Such a great friend of Jake. So very sorry he or I can't make it to the services. Jake sends his deepest sympathy, as I do. Will miss him immensely. Jeff Gates

Jeff Gates - May 01, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ So incredibly sorry for your loss. We remember back several years watching Ben and our son Garrett on the baseball field and basketball court. Breaks our hearts that you and your family have to go through this. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Lisa McDowell - May 01, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



May 01, 2020 at 04:57 PM

BN

“ To Brooke & the entire family:

*We share in your loss for a bright young man. He will be missed but he will be on your shoulder now!*

*Grandpa & Grandma Niebrugge*

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**Bruce & Joyce Niebrugge** - May 01, 2020 at 04:55 PM

JG

“ JB and Kayla Gilbert purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



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**JB and Kayla Gilbert** - May 01, 2020 at 01:48 PM

KK

“ Kelly Kotche purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



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**Kelly Kotche** - May 01, 2020 at 12:57 PM

EL

“ Ervin Equipment & Hometown Logistics purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



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**Ervin Equipment & Hometown Logistics** - May 01, 2020 at 12:28 PM

BW

“ I didn't see much of Ben over the years because we were so far apart, but I remember him as a fat, smiley baby and then it seemed suddenly he was a tall, handsome young man at a wedding! It's so sad to think of how young he was and how life was going so well for him. I'm trying to be with all of you all from a distance and hoping you can get through this sad time together. Most of all I think of Ben's sweetheart, mother, sister and grandfather and grandmother. God bless you. Love, Aunt Betty

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**Betty White** - May 01, 2020 at 12:16 PM

LH

“ *Laura, and all of Ben's family: My mind is filled with so many happy memories of Ben and Michael and all the boys, but my heart hurts to know Ben is gone from us. I know you will be surrounded by love and family and friends at this time, and although I can't be there physically, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Lori A Heller** - May 01, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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May 01, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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May 01, 2020 at 09:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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May 01, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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May 01, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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May 01, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



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May 01, 2020 at 01:52 AM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



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April 30, 2020 at 11:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



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April 30, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



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April 30, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



April 30, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



April 30, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ My condolences, thoughts and prayers with you and your family. I remember like it was yesterday when Austin, Ben and all the guys were hanging out at the house. My heart hurts, Angie Benninghoff

Angie Benninghoff - April 30, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ This is very sad news. My heart goes out to all of his family.

Randy Rentfro (and Ron Lennon)



Randy Rentfro - April 30, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ 96 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - April 30, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



April 30, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



April 30, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



April 30, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



April 30, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ *Laura, you and the family are in our prayers. May God be merciful and grant you comfort and a peace that passes all understanding.*

*Much love-  
Kace and Steve Lykins  
Nashville*



**Kace and Steve Lykins** - April 30, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ *The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.*”



**Suzanne LaHatte** - April 30, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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April 30, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ *I am heartbroken for your loss! Even though I didn't know Ben personally, I know he was loved by so many and he was an amazing young man. I'm keeping the entire family in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Heather Green and Family*

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**Heather Green** - April 30, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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April 30, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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April 30, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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April 30, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ *I don't know Ben personally, but I know some of his family and I just wanted to say how terribly sorry I am for your loss. From everything I've read, he sounds like he was a wonderful person and will be missed terribly. I hope all these great memories I just read about will help bring comfort during this difficult time. Adriana, you don't know me, but be strong and cherish your memories and share those with your daughter as she gets older. You are in my thoughts and prayers, God bless you all.*

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**Kelly Kotche** - April 30, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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April 30, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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April 30, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



April 30, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



April 30, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



April 30, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ *. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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JU

“ I am so sorry for your loss of Ben. He was such a nice kid. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.  
Sincerely, Julie and Paul Uphoff

Julie Uphoff - April 30, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



April 30, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



April 30, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ I remember one day before a JFL game I was standing at the fence watching the players warm-up and run and stopped to visit with Laura. She had a proud smile on her face and replied "Ben just can't run"! We both laughed, but she was so proud he was doing what he loved! Rest in Heaven Ben... you made memories everywhere you went!!



Tammy Rentschler - April 30, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



April 30, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ *My sons, Lee and Derek Agney, and I are so sorry to hear of Ben's passing. When Ben was in early grade school, I babysat for him before and after school. We all have very fond memories of Ben. Sending up prayers for you, Laura, and all of Ben's loved ones and friends. God certainly has a new angel in heaven. Love, Missy (Agney) Armstrong*

**Missy Armstrong** - April 30, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



April 30, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



April 30, 2020 at 09:10 AM

RC

“ *Dearest Family,*

*My deepest condolences, prayers and love are with you all. We cling to the hope of the resurrection and reunion to come. May God grant you comfort and strength during this sad time.*

*Love and hugs,  
Renee Copeland  
Nashville, TN*

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**Renee Copeland** - April 30, 2020 at 07:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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April 30, 2020 at 12:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.*



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April 30, 2020 at 12:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



April 30, 2020 at 12:33 AM



“ *Adoration Casket Spray* was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



April 30, 2020 at 12:27 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



April 30, 2020 at 12:09 AM



“ *Most sincerely, Roberta McQuade, friend from Arbor* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Cole Harrington.



**Most sincerely, Roberta McQuade, friend from Arbor** - April 29, 2020 at 10:09 PM