



Benjamin J. Kendziorski

June 9, 2017

Benjamin J. Kendziorski passed away on 6/9/17 in Winsted. Ben was born on 4/11/81 and was raised in West Hartford, attending several West Hartford schools, graduating from Hall High School in 2000. Growing up, he played hockey, won a gold medal in martial arts, and spent much time on his skateboard. He enjoyed his trips to California and Disneyworld with side trips to Ron Jon's Surf shop for new skateboards. He was a lover of all animals including his dogs, Sparky and Ralph. He loved scouring the beaches of Cape Cod for marine animals and other adventures with his beach friends. He enjoyed spending time with his grandparents and cousins during summers in Alpena, Michigan. Ben attended the CT Culinary Institute. He became an accomplished gourmet chef working in many Connecticut restaurant including the Elbow Room and Amici's as well as restaurants in Seattle. He took great pride in cooking for his friends and family who greatly enjoyed his gift. Ben graduated from Marine boot camp at Camp Lejeune on Parris Island in 11/05. Due to a back injury, he was unable to continue to serve his country. Ben became a power weight lifter focusing much time on building his body. Ben was very generous to his numerous friends that he met throughout the country through employment, AA/NA, the gym and the neighborhood. Ben struggled with learning disabilities and mental health issues throughout his life. At the time of his death, he had been seeking admission to a rehab facility for the past 4-6 weeks. He became hopeless and gave up the fight by taking his life. Ben is survived by his parents, David and Vicki Kendziorski of Yarmouthport,

MA; his sister, Juliana Capozzoli of whom he was a fierce defender, and her husband, Anthony Capozzoli of Astoria, NY; Ben's gift to the world, his precious daughter, Mary Kendziorski of Winsted; his loving partner, Michelle Grant and her children, Isaiah, Stonewell, Shera and Shyla as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins throughout the USA, Ben loved adventures to Highland Lake with the kids, teaching them how to swim. A memorial visitation will be held on 6/17 at Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, from 2-4 pm with a sharing of memories from all from 4-5pm. The family request that all support improved access to mental health and addiction treatment. Donations may be made to; Connecticut Community For Addiction Recovery, 75 Charter Oak Avenue, Suite 1-305, Hartford, CT 06106 in Ben's name.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Celebration of Life

JUN 17. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I miss you* ☐

mary Kendziorski - November 18, 2025 at 02:16 PM

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kendziorski, Ms. Michelle Grant, daughter Mary and other family and members and friends,

I am a complete stranger but when I read Ben's obituary in the Hartford Courant this past week, I felt a profound sadness for your loss and the death of a young man who seem to have so much to offer to his family and the world, but suffered like I have suffered over the years from depression and mental illness. When I read Ben had been waiting six weeks for admission to a rehab facility at the time of his death, not only as a fellow human being was I deeply saddened, but also incredibly angry that somehow a person who was in such need of help was unable to get and it resulted in his death. That to me is a crime and a tragedy as now his partner, daughter and family have to pick up the pieces and somehow going on living.

First, I want to express my sincerest condolences and share, for whatever it is worth, that I will keep Ben and all of his family in my thoughts and prayers. I wish you all well and pray that somehow, you may have the strength and wisdom to overcome this tragedy and one day gain a sense of hope for the future, especially for his daughter Mary.

I've been and continue to be an educator for many decades and had the experience to work both with young people and colleagues who suffered from depression and mental illness. It is an incredibly difficult thing to deal with as I too know what it was like to feel like I was drowning in a pit and could not see above the surface of that pit. I was lucky, I was able to get the help that I needed and able to pick myself up and continue my life as a father, spouse, and educator. I was lucky.

It angers me that the State of Connecticut is not providing the resources it should to a place like where Ben was waiting for treatment from so that he could have received treatment, gotten the help that he needed, because people can recover, get better and go

on to live the lives that he should be able to live.

After writing this, I will be writing my state of CT representatives in the House and Senate and argue that full and complete funding of agencies that serve folks like Ben should be fully funded so that not another single life has to be lost.

May blessings be yours and please know that perhaps I'm not the only stranger that grieves when he or she learns about a passing like Ben's.

I wish you all the very best and I hope you can cherish all the good things in your heart that Ben gave to his family and this world. He will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,

*Roland G. Axelson
Wethersfield, CT*

Roland Axelson - June 18, 2017 at 12:23 PM

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You will be missed . You got to big bro . You better train me when I get back , you look big af . Hey man take it easy , we have a lot to talk about

Raymond Parkel - June 20, 2017 at 04:53 AM



“ *My rock what else can i say? You gave me the strength to believe in myself .. when I thought it was no hope.. your work out plans brought hope, discipline , and results to my life.. all you had to do was call me , fuck it come by the house .. I have always been 100 with you.. now you gone and there's no turning back.. Im glad you got to speak with your sister.. I use to tell you family is all you have ... so happy when you told me you was keeping some kinda contact with her.. I love you Julie Ben . you took a piece of me with you ... I want you to hold it until we meet again.*

Wesley Nelson - June 17, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin J. Kendziorski.*



June 17, 2017 at 12:32 AM



“ *Ben was a very kind and generous person.He was very respectful to all.When Ben was doing well he was awesome. He was a great chef and proud of his talent.His face lit up when talking about cooking.He was also a very proud father .He will be greatly missed by his friends and family but will be in the arms of his loving grandparents now. Aunt Lisa*

Lisa Sample - June 15, 2017 at 08:07 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin J. Kendziorski.*



June 15, 2017 at 03:42 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin J. Kendziorski.*



June 15, 2017 at 12:58 PM



“ *Dave & Vicki -There are no words. My heart is breaking today for the two of you. The love you gave to Ben was unconditional and heartwarming. I am so very sorry for your loss. Cathy and Rob Davis*

Cathy Davis - June 15, 2017 at 05:09 AM

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“ Ben was a gentle kind person genuinely giving by nature he was very helpful to me and my son in helping us to move after the death of my husband he did this out of pure goodness expecting nothing in return a man of few words but what he did have to say was comforting and supportive sometimes funny a beautiful smile when talking about Michelle and his family it was clear to me how much he loved them he also spoke of his struggle with anxiety and how difficult it was living with that sometimes I was very sad when I heard the news of his passing and want to send my condolences to his family and anyone else who was fortunate enough to know him

sharon kelly-levesque - June 14, 2017 at 05:38 AM



“ Dear Vicki and Dave,

My heart is breaking for both of you. Over the years, you both strove to do everything possible for Ben. He was so very lucky to have you as parents. I am so glad that you have a granddaughter to love and to remind you of Ben.

*Love,
Mary Ann and Les*

Mary Ann Kenny - June 13, 2017 at 03:04 PM