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Benjamin “Ben” Franklin Erwin IV, age 79 of Harbeson, DE, and Wildwood Crest, NJ, passed away on Friday, March 10, 2023 at Delaware Hospice in Milford, DE. He was born on September 3, 1943, in Philadelphia, PA, son of the late Benjamin F. Erwin III and Marcella F. (Berhardt) Erwin.

Mr. Erwin resided in Ambler and Lower Gwynedd, PA, before spending his retirement years in Delaware. He graduated LaSalle University with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and continued his studies, obtaining an MBA from Temple University and a master’s degree in computer science from Villanova University. Mr. Erwin enjoyed a varied career working as a systems analyst at Honeywell for 27 years, an athletics coach at Hatboro-Horsham High School for 20 years, and a teacher at Penn State University for 27 years.

Mr. Erwin loved to teach. He coached girls track and cross-country at Hatboro-Horsham High School, assisted the runners at the Ambler Olympic Club, loved to help others learn to surf at the Jersey shore, and realized his dream when teaching business and computer science classes at Penn State Abington. He was instrumental in the campaign to obtain a Nittany Lion shrine for the Abington campus.

Mr. Erwin had many and varied interests and hobbies. He was a very active outdoorsman and enjoyed running for 44 years; surfing, a hobby he took up when he was 52 years old; and biking. Mr. Erwin could often be found watching football and baseball. The Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies were his favorite pro teams, but watching Penn State football and tailgating at home games was his number 1 sporting event. He also enjoyed entering his restored 1965 Triumph TR4 in car shows, setting up his model train layout, and taking photos. His favorite vacations were at the Jersey shore and Hilton Head Island, SC.

Mr. Erwin truly treasured time spent with his daughters and their families and being with them always brought a smile to his face. He was a loving and nurturing husband, father, grandfather,



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and friend. Loved by many, he will be deeply and genuinely missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Mr. Erwin was preceded in death by his sisters, Marcella Gates and Dolores Sommers. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Karen Erwin; his children: Terri Welsh of Perkasie, PA, Julie Kent (Larry) of Salisbury, MD; and Dale Wigglesworth of Salisbury, MD; his grandchildren: Rusty and Alexis Kent, and Logan and Chase Wigglesworth; and his brother, Charles Erwin.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, March 17, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, Delaware, 19958, where friends may call beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Odd Fellows Cemetery, 514 Union St, Milton, Delaware, 19968.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Mr. Erwin's memory to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963 or the Dementia Society of America, PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901, www.dementiasociety.org

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.




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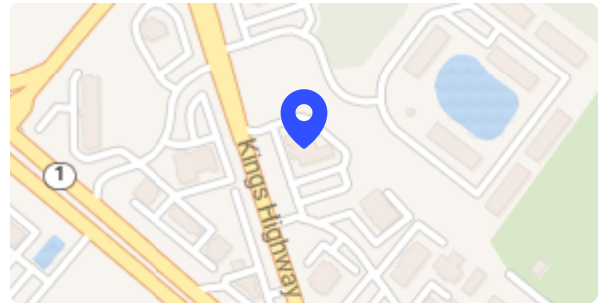
Visitation

 **Friday**, March 17, 2023


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

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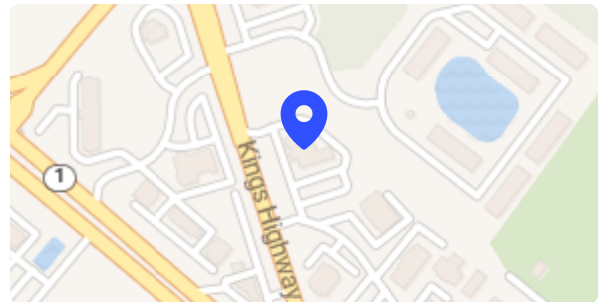
Funeral Service

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Chase posted:

he was my grandpa i miss him a lot

April 18 at 4:27 AM



Marlene Wescott lit a candle in honor of Benjamin.



March 16 at 5:57 PM



Janet O'connor posted:

Ben, the man for all seasons.. the bike rider, jogger, surfer and snow plower!!We first met Ben and Karen in the fall of 2006 in our new community. We lived next door to each other and quickly became friends. We called them the energizer bunnies and the eager beavers. They were always going and doing.During the winter, when we had snow storms, Ben would plow his driveway with his snow blower and then do ours and go and do others in our cul-de-sac, and Karen would shovel walkways and steps. They were the best neighbors anyone could ask for.Ben loved his Lionel train set and its landscapes that he set up every year, it grew and grew with gifts from his family.It was really huge. I would bring my sons and their girlfriends over to see it at the holidays. It was magnificent and he was so proud of it.His other every year around the holidays tradition was his pork and cabbage for New Years Day, ofwhich we had with them many times. One year I made black eyed peas for good luck.Denis and Ben had the love of sports in common, and it was always a topic of conversation when we all got together or saw him outside in the yard. Of course each had their own teams to root for.Ben was much the tour guide. When we visited them in Wildwood or Hilton Head he would enjoy taking us around and showing us the sites and all he knew about the area.Ben and Karen are the reason why we are living down here off island of Hilton Head.We send our sympathies and condolences to Karen and the family. Janet & Denis O'Connor

March 16 at 12:27 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Erwin family.



March 16 at 6:31 AM



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DB

Delores Breon posted:

Ben and Karen were our favorite B&B guests for many years. Not many Penn State football games were missed by them. These two became friends and Ben always decorated their apartment with various Penn State items. We enjoyed a cruise up the New England coast with them. Ben will always remain in our hearts and be missed.

March 15 at 7:02 AM

SH

Sue Hannan posted:

Was so sorry to hear of Ben's passing on Friday. Spent many fun years as friends of both Ben and Karen in Hilton Head Island S.C. Thoughts and prayers are with Karen and family during this difficult time. With Love from your Canadian Friends the Hannan Family Sue, Dave Hazel, Lauren and Cali Hannan

March 14 at 1:34 PM



Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Erwin family.



March 14 at 12:04 PM

FD

Frank Dimaria posted:

Very sorry! Ben and I worked together many times for Ambler Olympic Club from the late 1980s through the 90s. He was smart, fun and always willing to help at the club. A great guy. You have my prayers Karen and family. Frank DiMaria

March 14 at 8:53 AM



Brenda Galate posted:

Our hearts are sad, we will miss your beautiful smile. You welcomed us into the neighborhood with open arms ... and we immediately became friends. Your kindness and loving manner made us feel right at home. We will do our best to help your loving wife, Karen... get through this season in her life. Our Dear Lord has you in the palm of his hands... Fly Ben.... You are free at last. Brenda and Danielle Galate

March 13 at 11:02 PM



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Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Erwin family.

March 13 at 5:35 PM



Harry Disilvestro posted:

We will always treasure All the wonderful times spent with Ben & Karen..in Wildwood Crest, Delaware, Hilton Head,Florida..& Virginia Beach..He will be greatly missed by all, especially by our good friend, and his wife, Karen. Ben loved all of his careers, pastimes..& family; & we hope that the wonderful memories he left behind will be comforting to all...Coleen & Harry DiSilvestro

March 13 at 4:49 PM



Charles Middleton posted:

We are very sorry to hear of the loss of our dear friend Ben. We will always treasure our time spent on Hilton Head with Ben and Karen--such a joy to vacation with this happy, loving couple. Our caring thoughts and prayers to Karen and family at this difficult time for all! Much love, Shirley and Charlie Middleton

March 13 at 11:12 AM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Erwin family.

March 12 at 8:20 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Benjamin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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