



Ben Leonard Ridings

January 26, 1954 - August 20, 2023

Ben Leonard Ridings, age 69, of Kingston, Tennessee, passed away during the early hours of August 20, 2023. He graduated from Roane County High School in 1972, where he excelled as linebacker in football. He then attended Roane State Community College, followed by further education at University of Tennessee in Knoxville and Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville.

Ben was preceded in death by his father Alex, his mother Rose, his brother Jan, and his sister Eva.

He was divorced from Teresa Ridings, formerly Jackson, and was stepfather to Derek Kennedy and Chastity Kennedy. Like his mother, Ben enjoyed art, creating impressive paintings of landscapes and animals and even taught art for a while at Midway Elementary School. During his recent hospitalizations, Ben acknowledged his belief in Christianity and his acceptance of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

A celebration of Ben's life has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston with Reverend Jody McLoud officiating. Ben had a large number of friends and will be missed. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Ridings Family

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **29**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ben Leonard Ridings*



Kyker Funeral Home - August 29, 2023 at 02:16 PM

LC

My thoughts and prayers for his loved ones

Lillian Hereau (Bonnie Shields Caregiver) - August 29, 2023 at 06:43 PM

RL

*Ben I Planted a Tree in your honor because I feel like it was cut short just like your Receiving friends memorial and funeral.
I know you want it to be buried with your mother because I remember you talking about it.
You Were Loved And Deserved so much more.
Until we meet again may this tree grow in your honor the way your love grew happy, helping hands*

Randa Lee - August 29, 2023 at 10:38 PM

SS

I was out-of-town when they had the service for Ben. Ben was in our prayers. Gary and Sherry Samples

sherry Samples - September 04, 2023 at 03:10 AM

RL

“ Randa L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Leonard Ridings.

Randa L. - August 29, 2023 at 10:25 PM



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Kyker Funeral Home - August 23, 2023 at 12:48 PM

BT

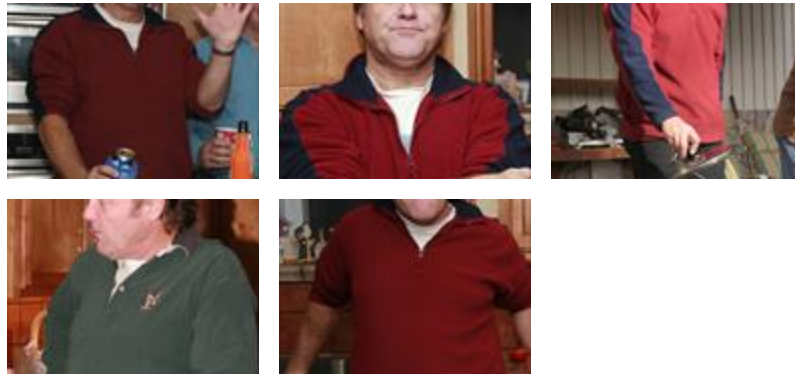
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bob timmerman - August 23, 2023 at 08:12 AM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



bob timmerman - August 23, 2023 at 08:11 AM

KE

“ Ben was a awesome uncle. He will never be forgotten. It was my pleasure to help with his care in his last days. It was the least I could do for him. He was very good to me. Go rest high on that mountain buddy. I love you and will miss you terribly

Kitty Edgemon - August 22, 2023 at 03:42 PM