



Larry Benning

January 27, 1950 - March 25, 2024

Larry "Baby" Benning, 74, of Chattanooga, passed away Monday, March 25, 2024, after bravely battling multiple ailments. Larry's journey through life was marked by an unwavering spirit, kindness, and an enduring commitment to those he held dear. He was born January 27, 1950, to proud and loving parents, Rufus Benning, Sr. and Mary E. Benning in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A beloved father, brother, and friend, he touched the hearts of countless individuals with his warmth, generosity, and sense of humor. Larry's style and commanding presence illuminated every room he entered, leaving a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him. After graduating from Howard High School in 1967, Larry was formerly married to Phyllis Benning, the mother of his children. He landed his first job as a machine operator at Dupont, where he remained a devoted employee for more than 20 years. His passion for work was evident in everything he did and his focus and resilience will be remembered for years to come. Larry was raised under Christian values. He was baptized at a young age and he was a long-standing member of St Mary Baptist Church. Larry found joy in simple pleasures. As the owner of Larry's Lounge, he was happiest when seeing people having a good time. He loved music, his hats, and cars, as can be seen by the purchase of his first car, a 56' Chevy which he affectionately called "Spot". But above all else, he absolutely loved making money! He instilled in many, life's lessons surrounding his ability to "make a dollar out of 15 cents", and he always made sure to give Mum and Rufus their cut! Larry was preceded in death by his

parents, Rufus Sr. and Mary E. Benning; his son, Michael Benning; brother, DeWayne Benning; three nephews, Randall “Yogi” Hamler, Terrance Patton, and Antonio Few; aunts, Dorothy Smith, Bonnie Sparks, Lizzie Mayfield, Willie B. Benning, and Christine Benning; and two uncles, Edward and Alonzo Benning. Survivors include his beloved son, David (Tia) Benning; seven loving grandchildren, Domenique Marie Roberts, Alexander Boney, Michael Benning Jr., Mariah Benning, Carmen Taylor, Kyrah Benning, and Jada Benning; loving and devoted brothers, Rufus (Annie Bell) Benning and Mahood Abdullah; loving and devoted sisters, Linda Benning and Brenda Davis; beloved nieces, Adriane (Steve) Harris, Sonja Benning, Errika “Tenderlove” Benning, India Benning, Monica “Babygirl” Davis, Tamiaka (Darrell) Hinton, Shana Benning, Yolanda Benning, Dawanda Benning, Monika Benning, and Tasha Benning; loving nephews, Timothy Lawrence, Charles Davis “Ba Boy”, and Stacy (Sonya) Anderson; loving and devoted cousins, Charles “Remike” Smith, Arletra Bolden, Darryl Smith, Jerry Smith; and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and the Lovelace Family; devoted friends left to cherish his memories are Sandra Tremble, Bernard Readus, Holland Jones, Red Sims, Robert Stubberfield, James Keith, and Donell Talley. Though Larry’s physical presence may be gone, his spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. His character of love, kindness, and compassion will forever serve as a guiding light, inspiring us to live our lives with purpose and to cherish every precious moment. Larry leaves behind a legacy of love and a lifetime of cherished memories. Larry will lie-in-state on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 9 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12 noon in the chapel. Burial will be in Forest Hills Cemetery.

DIRECTIONS FOR LIVE STREAM:

Click on the link below to view the service.

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Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37409

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

APR 2. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

APR 2. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Prayers and Condolences to Family and Friends* ”



Janice Sledge - April 15, 2024 at 04:12 PM

MJ

“ *Marie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning* ”



marie jackson - April 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - April 04, 2024 at 08:33 AM



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CT

“ My sincere condolences to all. You were always a member of our family and will be remembered forever.
Charlesetta Woodard-Thompson and family



Charlesetta Thompson - April 02, 2024 at 02:19 PM

DR

“ So sorry to hear this. My sincere condolences 🌸 to the family. Larry was a kind and gentle soul and whenever I would see him he always had a big smile and would say “Hi Lois”. May God bless and comfort the family in this time of sorrow. No more pain for Larry only joy in the Lord.

Delores Readus-Elder - April 02, 2024 at 01:12 PM

KW

“ To the Benning Family,
It was such a pleasure and an honor to be
a part of Mr. Benning care team at NHC. My
thoughts and prayers are with you all. May
God continue to comfort you during this
difficult time.

Keisha Wheeler
NHC Station 3 Social Worker



keisha wheeler - April 02, 2024 at 01:01 PM

TG

“ To the Benning I want say to all you,that my prayers are with you.
My condolence in the lost of your Brother Larry he will be truly
missed

Terri Glover - April 02, 2024 at 11:40 AM

DD

“ Diane Dews lit a candle in memory of Larry
Benning



Diane Dews - April 02, 2024 at 09:16 AM

GM

“ Gloria McClendon lit a candle in memory of
Larry Benning



Gloria McClendon - April 02, 2024 at 08:36 AM

NC

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning*



Natalie Carter - April 02, 2024 at 02:04 AM

S(

“ *Shirley,Renae,Vicki,Darryl (Neighbors) lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning*



Shirley,Renae,Vicki,Darryl (Neighbors) - April 02, 2024 at 01:41 AM

BD

“ *Betty Davenport lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning*



Betty davenport - April 01, 2024 at 11:46 PM

BD

May the peace of the Lord rest upon the family

Betty davenport - April 01, 2024 at 11:48 PM

BS

“ Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning



Beverly Sales - April 01, 2024 at 10:37 PM

CS

“ Curtis And Jo Swain lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning



Curtis and Jo Swain - April 01, 2024 at 10:31 PM

NT

“ Praying for the family. He will be missed.



Neva Thurman - April 01, 2024 at 10:29 PM

DL

“ Praying for the entire family during this difficult time of the loss of your love one. May God continue to strengthen and keep you all in perfect peace.
The Lovelace family.

Doris Lovelace - April 01, 2024 at 10:23 PM

YM

“ Yolanda Moss lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning



Yolanda Moss - April 01, 2024 at 06:29 PM

LS

“ Larry and I had our first real conversation on our way to work at Dupont in 1969. His spirit and kindness reflected in his words. Three months later, I was drafted into the army. Fast forward three years, Larry and I was able to pick up where we left off. It seemed as if no time had passed. He was always inspiring. You will be missed. Your Friend LaVaughn "Red" Sims

LaVaughn Sims - April 01, 2024 at 06:29 PM

SJ

“ Sandra Jones lit a Candle in memory of Larry Benning



Sandra Jones - April 01, 2024 at 04:30 PM

JC

“ Thinking of you and asking the Lord to surround you with His love, strength and peace at this difficult time. Much love to all of you. Janice, Connie, Neva and Butch ❤️❤️❤️



Janice Cameron - April 01, 2024 at 01:04 PM

CR

“ *In memory of Larry and praying for the Benning and Lovelace families.* ”



Christy Rashed - April 01, 2024 at 12:37 PM

VB

“ *Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning* ”



Vincinetta Brown - April 01, 2024 at 10:58 AM

VB

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Benning family. God bless.

Vincinetta Brown - April 01, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ *Carolyn Sandilands lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning* ”



Carolyn Sandilands - April 01, 2024 at 10:08 AM

AR

“ RIH to my beloved cousin Larry "Hound" Benning. Forever in our Hearts 💕! Gone too soon! 🐕❤️



Arletra - April 01, 2024 at 09:34 AM

MW

“ Mary Wright lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning



Mary Wright - March 31, 2024 at 10:10 PM

SB

“ Sheralaine Woodard Boseman lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning



Sheralaine Woodard Boseman - March 31, 2024 at 09:46 PM

VF

“ Vickie Fielder lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning



Vickie Fielder - March 31, 2024 at 09:34 PM

HS

“ God makes know mistake!! He know all and see all, he has all power in his hand praying for the family you all stay strong in the Lord...Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Strickland and Family

herschel s strickland - March 31, 2024 at 06:12 PM

RH

“ Condolences and prayers goes out to the family. May the peace of God continue to bless you during this time.



Reginia Hamilton - March 31, 2024 at 05:28 PM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning



yvonne Sanders - March 31, 2024 at 05:17 PM

YS

I worked at company with Larry, his wife, Niece, Nephew and Son. Larry was one of the most sweetest, respectful person,it was a privilege to know. Sending my sincere condolences to the Family & Friends. So sorry for your loss. Rest on Larry
Yvonne Sanders

yvonne Sanders - March 31, 2024 at 05:33 PM

SC

SENDING LOVE, PEACE AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE BENNING FAMILY. NOW REST IN HEAVEN MY FRIEND LARRY WITH OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. LARRY WILL DEFINITELY BE MISSED NEVER FORGOTTEN AMEN.

Sonja Chalmers - March 31, 2024 at 09:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Benning.*



March 31, 2024 at 04:45 PM

LF

“ *From: Linda and the DeVeaux family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Benning.*

Linda and the DeVeaux family. - March 31, 2024 at 04:45 PM

H“

“ *Howard High Class Of “67” lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning*



Howard High Class of “67” - March 31, 2024 at 12:30 PM

CB

“ *Comm. Greg And Pat Beck sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Benning*



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck - March 31, 2024 at 12:22 PM

CB

“ *Comm. Greg And Pat Beck sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Benning*



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck - March 31, 2024 at 12:21 PM

CB

“ *Comm. And Pat Beck sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Benning*



Comm. and Pat Beck - March 31, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ *Tanna Bailey lit a candle in memory of Larry Benning*



Tanna Bailey - March 31, 2024 at 09:37 AM

JW

“ Larry Benning was our neighbor who became an extended family member my granddad John H Winston cherish Larry Benning has a son. They would hold long conversations and love to watch sports together. When we cookout Larry would be sitting in the backyard talking with my granddad and drinking Beer. They laugh and joke around. Larry was more than neighbor he was family. We will miss our family member. Rest in Peace!!!!

Joelle Winston - March 31, 2024 at 09:23 AM

DK

Sorry for your loss Linda and the Benning Family

Debra Keith - April 01, 2024 at 10:38 PM