



## Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt

February 1, 1989 - March 22, 2015

Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt, 26, of Napoleon, Ohio died Sunday, March 22, 2015 at the Henry County Hospital. He was born February 1, 1989 in Napoleon to Thomas & Linda (Chester) Behnfeldt.

Ben was a 2007 graduate of Napoleon High School and worked for Clubhouse Pizza, Napoleon and Job 1 USA. He enjoyed listening to and creating Hip Hop music, fishing, and spending time with friends and family. He was an avid sports fan and loved The Ohio State Buckeyes and Cleveland Cavaliers. He was a life member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona. He is survived by his parents, Tom and Linda, brother, Brett Behnfeldt of Delaware, Ohio, sister, Bethany (Zackary) Lerch of Uniontown, Ohio, and paternal grandmother, Florence Behnfeldt. He was preceded in death by a paternal grandfather, Earl Behnfeldt, and maternal grandparents, Floyd and Norma Chester.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 27 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church- Okolona. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio or Bethlehem Lutheran Church- Okolona.

Online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Okolona

30997 Gerken Road  
Defiance, OH 43512

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 26. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545  
(419) 592-2333  
[help@rodenbergergray.com](mailto:help@rodenbergergray.com)

## Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona  
30997 Gerken Road  
Defiance, OH 43512

## Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona  
30997 Gerken Road  
Defiance, OH 43512



# Tribute Wall

DL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with the entire Behnfeldt family. Deb Meyer (Lambert)*

Deb Lambert - March 27, 2015 at 10:19 AM

TD

“ *Tim Downey lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt*



Tim Downey - March 27, 2015 at 07:38 AM

TD

*Loving memory, Bethy...Sara, Tim and Pam*

Tim Downey - March 27, 2015 at 07:39 AM

TB

“ *Tim + Becky lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt*



Tim + Becky - March 27, 2015 at 07:35 AM

MW

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to such a wonderful family. You are all in our thoughts.  
The Winkelfoos Family  
Highland*

michele winkelfoos - March 26, 2015 at 07:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt.*



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March 26, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt.*



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March 25, 2015 at 08:42 PM



“ *Tom, Linda, Brett and Bethany,  
My heart goes out to you with the loss of Ben. I know there's nothing anyone can say or do to ease the pain you're experiencing right now. Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. The memories I have mostly of Ben were from church, Sunday school and of course the Christmas programs he shared with the boys. Makes me smile.... to me, he always had that somewhat shy, yet ornery look on his face! What great times those were!! You brought him up right - the whole Behnfeldt family was always so strong in their faith. He surely has God in his heart... He's with our God now feeling nothing but pure joy and he's with all those special angels that went before him waiting with open arms. Wishing you that PEACE FROM GOD that Ben is feeling right now.... Hugs, Lori*

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**Lori Schuette** - March 25, 2015 at 07:48 PM

BN

“ I was blessed to meet Ben and his siblings at NHS when I taught there. What great kids--each uniquely different! Even though Ben disliked literature & composition, he was an excellent student who worked diligently at his studies and always had a humorous quip about the lit being read! I recall instructing Ben many times to "pull up those shorts", and always receiving a huge smile and obedience in response! I'm sorry I will not be able to attend Ben's visitation/funeral as I'm out of town, but my thoughts and prayers are with you all. You have my deepest sympathy. And I send Bethy a huge hug. . . Come by and get a real hug soon! Nelson

Bev Nelson - March 25, 2015 at 03:34 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt.



March 25, 2015 at 11:39 AM

 Cathy  
Ruehl

“ Cathy Ruehl lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt



Cathy Ruehl - March 25, 2015 at 07:35 AM

BT

“ I was privileged enough to coach Ben and when I first met him I knew he was special rest in peace buddy my prayers go out to Mr and Mrs Behnfeltdt and family he truly was a joy

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**bruce tackett** - March 25, 2015 at 06:55 AM

TK

“ Prayers for Behnfeltdt family. Rip Ben you were a awesome guy. You will truly be missed



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**Taya Keeran** - March 24, 2015 at 09:53 PM

RC

“ Worked with ben at Sauders, a job we both hated..but his sense of humor got us through. He lived by my bf rich on Woodlawn ave. And brought his awesomeness to many cookouts. We knew 2 things wholeheartedly about ben....he struggled with some demons...and he loved his family. Spoke of his mom dad and 2 younger siblings a lot!

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**rich crosser** - March 24, 2015 at 09:48 PM

AM

“ I worked with Ben at Sauders,a job we both hated..but his humor got us through. He lived by my bf von Woodlawn ave. And brought his awesomeness to many cookouts! We knew 2 things about ben wholeheartedly he suffered from some demons and he loved his family! We will miss u ben....God has u now

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**Amy mock** - March 24, 2015 at 09:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt.*



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March 24, 2015 at 08:58 PM



“ *Josh And Lindsay Schieber lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt*



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**josh and Lindsay Schieber** - March 24, 2015 at 08:18 PM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant you peace and comfort in the days ahead. With love - Denny and Cathy Price and family*

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**Denny & Cathy Price** - March 24, 2015 at 07:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt.*



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March 24, 2015 at 06:20 PM

LB

“ TO Tom, &Linda,&Family, I,m so sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you. Mrs. Iona(George) Burdue

Lisa Belcher - March 24, 2015 at 05:03 PM

JV

“ John And Sheila Vajen lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt



John and Sheila Vajen - March 24, 2015 at 04:46 PM

BT

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. May your pleasant memories sustain you in this time of grief.

Bob and Sarah Ann (McCally) Troyer

Bob and Sarah Troyer - March 24, 2015 at 03:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt.



March 24, 2015 at 02:35 PM

JB

“ Dear Tom, Linda, Brett & Beth,  
Gary & I are deeply saddened by the loss of Ben and disappointed to be out of town this week. We would love to be of support to you all. I will always remember him as an eighth grader. Handsome, bright with a wonderful sense of humor. I saw him several times at Clubhouse pizza and he seemed to be happy. My heart aches but I know he is in the Lord's arms. He was so good at heart. Jamie Bostelman

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**Jamie Bostelman** - March 24, 2015 at 12:34 PM

CH

“ Tom and Linda and Brett and Bethany. Words can't express our sadness with the Passing of Ben. You are all kept in our thoughts and prayers.  
Todd and Chris Hesterman Family

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**Chris** - March 24, 2015 at 10:44 AM

SA

“ What a sweetheart! His struggles are over and he is with God. My thoughts and prayers to the family. Sandi



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**Sandi** - March 24, 2015 at 08:46 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt.



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March 24, 2015 at 07:52 AM

SK

“ Sara Kruse lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt



Sara Kruse - March 24, 2015 at 01:07 AM

RT

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends.



Rob Terrill - March 24, 2015 at 12:50 AM

DC

“ Thank you Ben for playing Basketball with my sons when they were younger, you took time to play and give instruction and even "schooled them" to make a great memory for my boys. My sons enjoyed seeing you play football at Napoleon and made the playoffs. Thank you.

David Chester - March 23, 2015 at 10:55 PM

DC

“ David Chester lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt



David Chester - March 23, 2015 at 10:36 PM

LH

“ We have good memories of Ben spending time at our house back in his Junior High days when he and Libbey were an "item". I remember how much he loved basketball, always wearing the team jerseys. What a polite and friendly guy. I remember hauling him and others around in my van and them listening to loud music. Such a shame.....our sympathy to all of the Behnfeldt's. May you find peace knowing that Ben is now free. Prayers to you all!

*Doug, Lori, Amanda, Libbey and Sarah Hall*

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**Lori Hall** - March 23, 2015 at 06:50 PM

LI

*Switchfoot cd and back seat kisses in the astro vans. Lol. Seems like just yesterday. My prayers are with your family. RIP Ben. You will be missed*

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**libbey** - March 25, 2015 at 01:05 AM

PM

“ Our thoughts and prayer are with you.  
*Ken & Phyllis Miller*

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**Phyllis Miller** - March 23, 2015 at 06:23 PM

MV

“ I was honored to photograph Ben for his "Senior" Portraits while in High School. Quite photogenic and very fun to be around. Remembering Ben as a capable athlete and a frequent guest at our home as he and Jordan traveled through high school together. He and my oldest, Josh became friends while working at Hawks together. They shared a dream of owning a pizza place. Since I saw Ben as an athlete, it was quite interesting to learn he loved cooking. As Ben's family suffers through the tragedy of losing a son and brother at such a young age, I hope they can find some solace that over the years, others will also remember Ben as a young man with hopes, dreams and a plan for a positive life. It is with a heavy heart that I learned Ben's dreams will remain just that; dreams of a young man with not enough time on this Earth to showcase the talents he possessed. May God wrap his arms around Ben and give him the beautiful life in Heaven that Ben so deserves. My sincere and deepest sympathy to all Ben's family. Hold tight to the wonderful memories, heal with time, and please know Ben will hold a place for you to embrace him once more.

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**MaryLou VanAusdale** - March 23, 2015 at 05:39 PM

CK

“ Prayers to the family.



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**Courtney Kruse** - March 23, 2015 at 05:10 PM

TH

“ *Tari Hockman lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt*



Tari Hockman - March 23, 2015 at 04:21 PM

SL

“ *Sending our sympathy to you all. So sorry for your loss.*



Steve & Kathy Lieb - March 23, 2015 at 03:05 PM

BA

“ *Babu lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Jay Behnfeldt*



Babu - March 23, 2015 at 02:13 PM

BA

*I still cant believe it. I convey my heartfelt condolences to Tom and his family for the loss of their beloved son Ben; It was in Jan I saw all of you when I flew to Ohio to attend the wedding of your lovely sister Beth.*

Babu - March 23, 2015 at 02:18 PM

SP

“ *Scott and Jenny Plassman purchased the Reunion Memorial Framed Art for the family of Benjamin Jay Behnfeltd.*



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**Scott and Jenny Plassman** - March 23, 2015 at 11:44 AM

DD

“ *My Buddy Forever...Ben, I'm going to miss YOU...Jeremy Davis*

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**Debra Davis** - March 23, 2015 at 11:13 AM

SB

“ *Sally M. Buehrer lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Jay Behnfeltd*



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**Sally M. Buehrer** - March 23, 2015 at 10:41 AM

SC

“ *Steven S. Cox lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Jay Behnfeltd*



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**Steven S. Cox** - March 22, 2015 at 05:45 PM