



## Benjamin David Arbeiter

July 7, 1977 - August 6, 2017

Benjamin David Arbeiter, 40, of Murphysboro, passed away as a result of a trailer accident at 12:10 a.m. Sunday, August 6, 2017, at his home in Murphysboro.

Benjamin was born on July 7, 1977, in Carbondale, to David R. Arbeiter and Barbara (Ridge) Arbeiter.

He was a farmer and an avid hunter. He was a member of the Jackson County Farm Bureau. He enjoyed showing his antique tractors and would also include them in the area parades.

Mr. Arbeiter was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Murphysboro.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and he was a member of the American Legion Post # 127 and V.F.W. Post # 7190.

Ben was a trustee on the Somerset Township Board.

He loved to spoil his niece and nephews.

Ben married Holly A. Dekeyrel on November 2, 2013, in Murphysboro, and she survives.

Other survivors include his parents of Murphysboro;

two sisters Alinda Heron of North Beach, Maryland, and Rhonda Kings and her husband George Kings of San Clemente, CA; and his niece Laura Heron of North Beach, Maryland, and nephews Ethan Kings, Alex Kings, and Vance Kings;

his mother in law Patricia DeKeyrel of Milan, IL

one sister in law Melanie DeKeyrel-Bell of Janesville, Wisconsin, and his nephew Elias Bell and his niece Adeline Bell, who was just born Friday;

and aunts, uncles, and a multitude of cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Rudolph and Katherine Arbeiter and C. W. and Edna Ridge, and his father in law Frank DeKeyrel.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. Josemon Hoem officiating and burial at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery with military services conducted by the Paul Stout American Legion Post # 127. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Pettett Funeral Home and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, the American Legion Post # 127, or the V.F.W. Post # 7190. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin David Arbeiter*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM

BP

“ My condolences to Holly and Arbeiter Family.  
Holly and the Arbeiter Family we have never meet but My heart goes out too you. I would just like to share how i had the pleaser of meeting such a great man. I meet Ben at Rend lake collage and we both continued on at SIUC. The first time we meet we were just sitting around talking at Rend Lake Collage between classes when Ben told me how he just get out of the Marines. This was so intresting to me because my 2 best childhood friends were in the Marines. So Ben would tell me all about his time as a Marines and for coursrse we talked about farming and tractors. :) But Bens stories about the Marines were always so interesting to me. I think this is Because i had no idea what my Best friends were doing in their new Marine life. And this really meet a lot to me. In a way the Marines took my 2 best friends but the Marines also gave me back a great friend Ben Arbeiter. :) Ben always made me laugh and I always make sure I was listening when Ben was talking because he was going to make me laugh or make me smarting with the facts he would know... lol And after collage ben continued this by being Ben's Facebook friend. I always made sure i read all of his posts. :) and he still was making me laugh and smile and learn. Just like we were back in collage. :) And through Facebook we continued to keep tabs on each other. And here I seen my friend the Happiest i have ever seen him. He was truly living the life he always wanted. From all the pic of him with you Holly and the look in your eyes. I know that my friend is truly in love. The love that everyone dreams of....

And all the great pictures of him working on the farm or with the family and or the many great thoughts/ quotes of the day. Ben always keep me intrested laughing, smiling and learning. Just like the day i meet this great man. "Ben Arneiter" Ben will always have a part of my heart and I'm so thankful to have meet such a great man.

My heart deeply hurts for your loss. I'm so tore on what words to write but i guess there in no words to help your heart from hurting. So I wanted to share what Ben meet to me. I never told Ben this. But I wanted to share the this with you.

*Ben was a great man and i will never forget him for the rest of my life and i will be always be indebted to him for the knowledge, laughter and smiles that he have gave me over these many years.*

*And Thank you for reading this and wanted you to know that Ben touched so many peoples heart that you have never meet.*

*Too: Mom and Dad you raised an man that is a real Angel.  
Thank you*

*Too: Holly Thank you for making my friend the Happiest Man in this world.*

*Love  
Brian Pingsterhaus*

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**Brian Pingsterhaus** - August 09, 2017 at 06:57 PM

AO

“ *My condolences to Holly and Arbeiter Family. Your in my prayers and thoughts. Love you Holly!*

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**Amie Ortiz** - August 09, 2017 at 11:57 AM

GS

“ *Holly, words cannot express how truly sorry I am for your loss, and those for Ben's family and many friends.  
You're in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Gail Septer** - August 08, 2017 at 09:46 PM

MW

“ *Holly, so sorry for your loss. I lost my husband almost 4 years ago, I now how devastating this is. If you ever want to talk I am a good listener. Praying for you and all your family.*

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**Maddie Williamson** - August 08, 2017 at 09:01 PM

NP

“ *Holly, David and Barbara,*

*My heart is heavy and saddened by Ben's death. I loved talking with Ben on the serious side of agriculture and respected his views. I, also, love his humorous stories....like the Alphabet Soup letter to the Campbell Soup company. Watching him give Holly a kiss in a parking lot when leaving the Rome.*

*My sons, Aric and Aaron are stunned and saddened also. Ben was a friend to both.*

*May God give all of you some type of comfort. If not now; later. He will never be forgotten because who could forget Big Red....RIP in Ben!!*

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**Nancy Harsy & Leonard Pullis** - August 07, 2017 at 04:31 PM

BT

“ *Dear Barb, so sorry for your loss. Our sincerest condolences, Bill and Grace.*

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**Bill and Grace Taylor** - August 07, 2017 at 03:49 PM

LJ

“ I am sorry for your loss! My prayers and thoughts are with you!  
Heaven got another angel!

Love,  
Lisa Johnston and Doris Weber

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**Lisa Johnston** - August 07, 2017 at 11:59 AM

MK

“ A lifetime of memories growing up together will always bring a smile  
to my face. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you, Holly and  
the entire Arbeiter Family. Ben was a great friend and man. Rest  
easy Ben, you will forever be loved and missed.

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**Mark & Crystal King** - August 07, 2017 at 11:43 AM

RV

“ Holly, so very sorry to hear this. Our sincere condolences to you.  
Sending our love, thoughts and prayers to you and Ben's family.  
God Bless you all .. Love, Rick and Shelley Vanderham

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**Rick and Shelley Vanderham** - August 07, 2017 at 10:35 AM

DH

“ Holly: I am so sorry for your loss. My sincere sympathy to you and  
all of Ben's family. Respectfully, Deb Hudson

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**Deb Hudson** - August 07, 2017 at 08:40 AM

JG

“ My deepest sympathies for your loss. I am keeping the family in my  
prayers.

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**Janet Graeff** - August 07, 2017 at 08:08 AM

JA

“ We are praying for you Holly and for Ben's parents, siblings, and families for strength, comfort, and peace through this tragic time. Our son Mark King and Ben were buddies all through school. We were always greeted by that big ole sweet, friendly, smiling guy anytime we saw him, he will be missed by all who knew him. RIP Ben.

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**Janet and Mike Austin** - August 06, 2017 at 11:25 PM

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“ RIP Dear Ben..Sorry we never met in person..



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**Jim and Sherry Young (DeKeyrel)** - August 06, 2017 at 11:13 PM

JA

“ My dear sweet friends my heart absolutely breaks for you. I am so so sorry!! I love you all so very much. We will all miss Ben and his great smile so much. My dear friend Barb, no words can take away the pain but know that I am here for you and David. Hugs to you and the family.

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**Jim and Charla Alvey** - August 06, 2017 at 10:05 PM

HL

“ My deeply condolences to Ben and Holly families. I am very sorry to hear this happening. We will miss You Ben

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**Hugo Landaverry** - August 06, 2017 at 09:04 PM

LO

“ *To one of my favorite managers and a funny and decent human being. My condolences to the Arbeiter family*

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**Larry orr** - August 06, 2017 at 08:55 PM