



J. Ben Donevant III

October 5, 1945 - May 15, 2023

J. Ben Donevant III, 77, passed away May 15, 2023 in Bluefield, WV. He was born October 5, 1945 in Logan, WV. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Martha “Weezie” Donevant, daughter, Chris Donevant-Haines of Myrtle Beach, SC, and sister Jane Drake (Bill) of Indianapolis, IN. He was preceded in death by his father J. Ben Donevant, Jr. and mother June Craddock Donevant, as well as his beloved son-in-law Steven C. Haines.

Ben graduated from Logan High School and attended Concord College where he and Weezie met. He had been a resident of Bluefield for the last 37 years and retired in 1998 as District Manager of AEP after 32 years of dedicated service. He then decided retirement wasn’t for him and managed Douglas Equipment for 11 years. Ben was an active member and past president of the Bluefield Lions Club, Bluestone Antique Auto Club and the Pocahontas Chapter of the NRHS. He was also a JCI Senator.

An inurnment ceremony will be held Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Grandview Memorial Park Mausoleum, 38659 Gov. G. C. Peery Hwy. (Bluefield Tazewell Road), Bluefield, VA 24605. Craig Hammond will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to the Lions Club Sight Fund, P. O. Box 804, Bluefield, WV 24701 or the Bluefield Union

Mission, 2203 Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Jesse Benjamin Donevant, III.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens Mausoleum

Bluefield, VA 24605

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grandview Memory Gardens
38659 Gov G C Peery Hwy
Bluefield, VA 24605
(276) 322-5470

Tribute Wall



“ *J. Ben Donevant III*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Weezie,
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Ben.
Please know that we continue to hold you in
our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.
Love, Mary Lou Robinette and Elaine
(Robinette) Hinch*



Elaine Hinch - June 10, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Such a nice gentleman. He was so kind to me when my father in
law passed away. He has lots of Lion Club buddies who welcomed
him into Heaven. RIP Sir!*

Cindy Romano McGraw - May 26, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Ben's passing. He was such a great friend
to my Dad (Kenneth Hopkins) for many many years. Growing up
together and being only 2 days apart in age. His family's home was
a second home for my Dad. I know it broke his heart.
Take care and my thought are with your family.
Wendy Lightner*

Wendy Lightner - May 23, 2023 at 12:36 PM

CD

Thank you so much Wendy. He, your dad and Jack were the 3 amigos for sure! I've passed your message on to my mom as well.

Chris Donevant-Haines - May 23, 2023 at 03:17 PM

BR

“ *My deepest condolences to your family, Chris. Sending love and light from your CCU family. <3 Love, Brandi*



Brandi - May 23, 2023 at 09:37 AM

JR

“ *John and me are in disbelief. Weezie and Cris we are so sorry. Ben was one of the nicest and polite man I know I will always remember him with great respect. Peace and Love be with you. God Bless you and Cris Love you John and Carol Riddle.*

John and Carol Riddle - May 23, 2023 at 09:23 AM

CD

Thanks John and Carol, I'll share your message with my mom.

Chris Donevant-Haines - May 23, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of J. Ben Donevant III.*



May 23, 2023 at 08:59 AM

LR

*“ Oh, Weezie, my heart is broken. I always felt Ben was like another brother.
You and Chris are in my thoughts and prayers. May God grant you comfort and peace in the days to come.*

Laura J. Rush - May 22, 2023 at 08:49 PM

CD

Thank you Laura, I'll pass your message on to Mom.

Chris Donevant-Haines - May 23, 2023 at 09:19 AM

RS

We are so sorry about the death of Ben. Have fond memories of him through the car show world. He would stay and eat with us when our group would cookout at the Pipestem Car show. Ben and I had a lot in common when it came to talking cars and the Lions Club. Will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers to both of you and the entire family.

Randy Yost & Missy Simpson - May 23, 2023 at 03:33 PM