



Benjamin Balkum

April 28, 1983 - April 28, 2006

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IRON MOUNTAIN - Benjamin J. Balkum, 23, of 415 Vulcan St., Iron Mountain, died Friday, April 28, 2006, with his fiance, Kristy Savala at their home.

He was born April 27, 1983, in Iron Mountain. Ben was a 2001 graduate of Norway High School.

He was active in hockey, football, track and wrestling. Ben enjoyed music and being with his friends. He loved spending time with his fiance, Kristy and his two children.

Ben is survived by his son, Kristian and daughter, Isabella. He is also survived by his father and mother, Ray and Sue Balkum of Iron Mountain; his grandparents, Phyllis Balkum of Norway, Pat Davis and Jim and Pat Johnson of Newberry; his brothers, Bill (Cassie) Balkum of Kingsford and Ryan Balkum of Iron Mountain; and his sisters, Nicole and Megan Balkum of Iron Mountain.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Tammy Balkum, his paternal grandfather, Ben Balkum; and maternal grandfather, Clarence Freeman

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will follow at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Wallis will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Contributions can be made in Ben's memory to the First National Bank of Iron Mountain-Kingsford.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Benjamin Balkum online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

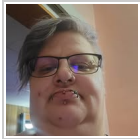
The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

AN

“ *Yeah let's keep memorializing a child molester. Disgusting.*

Anonymous - April 28, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ *Ben;
I am not sure if you are able to see all the things that we write but just encase you're able too. I know that you made a promise to me back in high school. Since you are no longer here physically I have found away for you to fill that promise. I will have you taking part in my wedding just not the way we had planned. I wish that I could find away to bring you back to us. Love and miss ya.
Sherrie*

Sherrie Dzedzic-Strandt - March 02, 2015 at 05:38 PM

AG

“ *I would like to extend my deepest sympathys for the loss of Ben. I may not have known him real well, but he was a aquantiance of mine at work. We joked around a lot and working with him generally made a really sucky job seem like a lot of fun. I am sure going to miss him. -Amanda*

Amanda Grossmann - June 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *I'm truely sorry for the loss of Ben, he was a great guy and I have many memories of him. I know you guys from when I was younger as well, all of you are great people. It's a shame be passed on so young, but he will always be in my heart and I will always love and remember him for who he was. I wish you all the best and God Bless you all.*

JoAnn - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ we are so sorry for the loss of your son Ben.
The bible brings great comfort for those of us who have lost children. We find that John5:28,29 and 1 Cor.15:26 and finally Rev.21:3-5 are verses that help to cope with this distressing time. Be assured that Jehovah knows all who have died and in His due time will bring them back to life. Again we are sorry for your loss.

bill and patricia voosen - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ i am so sorry for ur loss. i knew ben very well. he was a very good friend and was there for me when i needed him most.

Cortney - May 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ To all of Ben's Family,
I found a picture of me and Ben in Preschool a few days ago. I started to think of the times at Grandma Balkum's house on Brown Sreet. We would tell each other stories almost everyday in high school from when we were kids. I hope that you have all but good memories left of Ben, just like I do. He was a great guy. I will pray for you all.
Take Care & God Bless,
Michelle

Michelle Ehmer - May 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I am Angel's maternal Aunt, Robin. I live south of Port Huron, MI. Angel and I were very close. I am heartbroken over the loss of my beautiful, sparkling Angel. Although I never met Benjamin, I too grieve because of this tragic and senseless loss for all of us. If time and transportation had permitted, I would like to have attended his funeral as well. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as we all attempt to recover from this brutal, unexpected turn in life. As a mother myself, my heart cries for his baby boy who now has no living parents and may never have any memories of his loving parents. Please do your very best to fill that gap for him as he grows up. People sacrificed thier own lives to save his precious life. He is a very special child. Wasn't it wonderful how the rain stopped and the sun was shining for the funerals? Best wishes to you all.

Robin Crowley

Angel's "Auntie" Robin Crowley - May 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I got to know ben thu Kristy and got to spend alot of time with the 2 of them. they were such loving parents to Kristian. will keep your family in our prayers.

The Monheads. - May 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I am very sorry to hear about your loss. I've known ben for about six years now and i heard about what happened and I hope that you will hang in there

Jason Piatti - May 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To the family of Ben. I knew ben through Kristy, and I am truly sorry to hear of your loss

Shannon - May 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ To the family of Ben may god bless you all and i am sorry to hear of the accident

Nichole - May 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My God be with you in your time of grief. Ben was such a kind and loving person, he was also so nice to me in high school. Whenever I would see him around town he'd brag about his children, he was such a proud father. He will be truely missed.

Miranda Rosatti - May 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ i would like to say that i am very sorry ben come to house and eat one time and he was a very nice young man and i know that my niece kristy love him very much i wont you to know that we are praying for all of your family my the lord help you and keep you in this time god bless you tony & gloria bruce

tony & gloria bruce - May 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Ray and Family,
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss of your son. May God be with you and your family at this time.
Sally and Gary Shivy

sally shivy - May 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ We met Ben when he came to Munising with Kristy and our daughter Nicole. Both he and Kristy adored their baby, and seemed very happy with each other. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all his family and friends. God Bless.

Brenda and Nick - May 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Bill we are sorry to hear about your brother. He was fun to hang out with we had some fun times. He was a very happy father and he will be missed dearly. May God bless you all.
Ashley and Mike

Ashley - May 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ To Ben's extended family: Adam and I were saddened to hear of this tragic event and we send our deepest sympathy to everyone in the family. Ben was a wonderful young man.

Doni-Mae Rauch - May 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To Ben Sr. and family,....on behalf of myself, the Dickinson Co Office of Veterans Affairs and veterans of the county, we send our deepest sympathy in your loss. May God Bless you and your family.....Steve

Steve Hudson - May 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM