



## Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester

March 30, 2002 - August 14, 2022

Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester, 20 year old resident of Randall, MN passed away Sunday, August 14, 2022 at Abbott -Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, MN. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 20, 2022, at the Randall Presbyterian Church in Randall, MN with Rev. Michael Hartwell officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Caring for Ben and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Benjamin Reese Wester was born on March 30, 2002 to Adam and Sara Wester. Ben was born prematurely at 28 weeks at Abbott Northwest Hospital and spent nearly 9 months at Children's Hospital both in Minneapolis, MN. Ben passed away peacefully at Abbott Northwest Hospital on August 14, 2022 with congestive heart failure. Ben came into this world weighing a little over one pound. We quickly learned how strong and determined Ben was. Despite his rocky start, he grew into a young man whose role was clearly the "boss". Ben loved his routine, and would let you know when things were not done to his liking. Ben had few words but was always able to let us know exactly what he wanted. Having everyone wrapped around his finger, he usually got his way! Ben had a delightful sense of humor. He had many silly antics and loved to make people laugh. His smile and giggle could turn any bad day around. He simply glowed when he smiled and the twinkle in his eyes was beyond precious. He had special connections with those close to him, and did silly

things that were unique to each person just to make them laugh. Ben brought joy to everyone he met. He taught us many lessons about love, acceptance, and patience. Ben loved his family, and his people. His mom, or as he would say "Mum", was his number one fan. Ben and his mum, and best buddy JT did everything together. Ben was happiest when we were all together. Ben adored his older brothers, Seth and Ethan and his future sister-in-law, Anna. Ben loved spending time at Grandma's house. He also loved spending time at his great-aunt Karen's cabin. He was loved by his aunties, Heidi and Heather and late uncles Ted and Jerry, his great-aunts and uncles, and all of his cousins. Ben gained more family from Missouri when JT came into his life. They quickly grew to love Ben too. One of Ben's favorite things was watching the Vikings and the Chiefs during football season. Ben became a fan of all sports from rugby to tennis. If there was a sport on TV, Ben was watching. Ben also loved music. We couldn't back out of the driveway before he would request the radio to be turned on. He was somehow able to navigate his iPad to find his favorite songs and play them repeatedly. Ben was a high-schooler in the transition program at Little Falls Community High School. Just as in his home life, Ben made many friends and loved his teachers and paras. They played an instrumental role in Ben's life and he loved going to school to see everyone. Simply put, to know Ben was to love Ben! He will be greatly missed by everyone. For those privileged to have known Ben, he made us better people.

Ben is survived by his parents, Sara Wester & JT Schokker; brother, Seth; brother, Ethan (Anna); grandmother, Marlys Olson; grandmother, Dawn Meyer; aunt, Heidi Schmidt; aunt, Heather Swanson; aunt, Melissa DeVetter; aunt, Amanda Bell; step brother Josh (Michelle); step-sister Katie (Brent); great-aunts, great-uncles, and cousins.

Ben was preceded in death by his dad, Adam Wester; grandfather, Alan Olson; grandfather, Howard Wester; uncle, Jerry Swanson; and uncle, Ted

Schmidt.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Randall Presbyterian Church  
217 1st Street  
Randall, MN

## Memorial Service

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Randall Presbyterian Church  
217 1st Street  
Randall, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester



Lemieur Funeral Homes - August 18, 2022 at 11:38 AM

RC

Hi Ben miss you lots best friend God bless you in your heart my name is Ryan Cakebread happy birthday Ben today ❤️ miss you so much iam sad your friends say hi my friend Logan witt

Ryan Cakebread - March 30, 2023 at 07:37 AM

RY

Hi Ben miss you you my friend I am song for you Benniejest love you I will heaven next to you lots ❤️ see you god bless you in your dreams



Ryan - May 20, 2023 at 03:42 PM

JA

Hi Ben I love you you are good friend all miss you and goodbye

Jackson - August 22, 2023 at 12:09 AM



“ Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

CL

“ Charlie And Dianne Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester



Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter - August 18, 2022 at 08:01 PM

RC

Hi Ben miss you you my best friend my name is Ryan Cakebread god bless you your song Benny jest my friend Logan witt miss you lots best friend too

Ryan Cakebread - September 09, 2023 at 02:34 PM

HP

“ Working with Ben at the Middle School was just a JOY 😍 We had a great connection and I know he loved mum, his brothers, trucks, and bears. We would hold our hands in the shape of a bear's claw, and growl 🐻. Ben made me laugh 😂. I have missed his smile. God bless you all and I hope the trucks in HEAVEN are just the way Ben likes them 💕💕

Helen Pfeffer - August 18, 2022 at 07:47 PM

PD

“ I had the pleasure of working with Ben when he was a student at Dr. Knight and watching him grow and flourish. I was so proud of him when he walked up the aisle to receive his 5th grade diploma! My condolences to to Ben's family. His loving spirit will always be with you.

Paula Daniels - August 18, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester.*



August 18, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - August 18, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ *Dave and Julie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester.*



**Dave and Julie** - August 18, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Your Friends At Westmor Industries purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester.*



**Your Friends At Westmor Industries** - August 18, 2022 at 09:48 AM

DJ

“ *Debbie Jelinski-Harakel lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester*



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - August 18, 2022 at 12:17 AM

RC

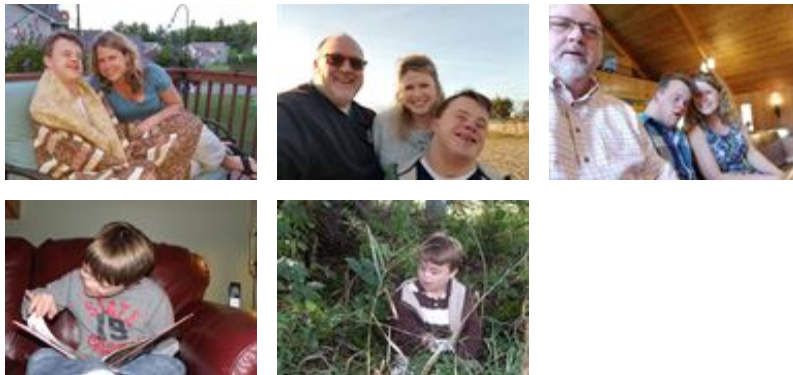
“ *Ryan Cakebread lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester*



Ryan Cakebread - August 17, 2022 at 07:56 PM



“ *98 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - August 17, 2022 at 04:14 PM

EA

“ *Lifting all of those who loved Ben so dearly, up in prayer. Thankful to have had a glimpse into such a special person's life, as JT would share stories about his "Little Buddy."* ”

Emily Arndt - August 17, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ *No words, tears and memories flood my heart. He was such a smiley boy. When he was little I loved spending time with him. I was lucky to be one of the people to whom he graced. Sara, I am so sorry and you know how much I love you and the boys. My love to everyone of you.* ”

Heather Klosowski - August 17, 2022 at 09:36 AM

RB

“ *Richard Berg lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester* ”



richard berg - August 17, 2022 at 12:15 AM

AM

“ *Ben was the sweetest and most loving boy there was. I spent every day of my senior year lunch break with him. His smiles and giggles will forever live on as some of my favorite memories. I will miss the gentle hugs and sweet handshakes. Ben will live on in the hearts of many!* ”



Abi Miller - August 16, 2022 at 11:20 PM

LD

“ I am so sorry to hear this tragic news. I worked with Ben as a Para in Lindberg , and then at the High School. I loved when I would say , My Ben , and he would put that great big smile on and say Whiz. for Liz. I have so many great memories of him. He will forever hold a spot in my heart. God has his angel again , and he lent us him for 20 years. Thank you Lord for your blessing of Ben.

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**Liz Deshayes** - August 16, 2022 at 09:53 PM

BS

“ Ben was the sweetest boy. Thinking of you all and sending my love.

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**Becky Smieja** - August 16, 2022 at 09:51 PM

PS

“ Sara,  
Beth, Sarah, Larry and I are so sad to hear the news of Ben's passing. I remember when he was born, I had told you that you had been blessed with an Angel. You absolutely were.

*Sending you much love, Pat, Larry and our girls*

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**Pat and Larry Sharon** - August 16, 2022 at 08:11 PM

MC

“ Dear Sara and family. I was saddened to hear of Ben's passing. My heart is filled with so many fun and fond memories; his smile, his laugh, his Mater days and gentle ways. What a beautiful soul. Hugs to all of you.

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**Molly Cotton** - August 16, 2022 at 07:24 PM

MO

“ Sara I am so sorry to hear about Ben. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

MaryJo Olson - August 16, 2022 at 07:11 PM

AS

“ Allan & Marilyn Schneider

Sending hugs



Allan and Marilyn Schneider - August 16, 2022 at 06:57 PM

RW

“ To my good friend Ben that met at the end of hall way every afternoon at Lindbergh with a smile and good hand shake. Your a very special person and my favorite day's were wearing the Vikings shirt instead of the Kansas City Chiefs. You will be dearly missed. Rest easy my friend.  
Love, Ross and Jen Wamre.

Ross Wamre - August 16, 2022 at 05:37 PM

LB

Sorry to hear about Ben's passing 😞

Lowell banick - August 18, 2022 at 08:17 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester.



August 16, 2022 at 05:01 PM

DC

“ Sara and family, our hearts ache for you. Ryan loved "Benny Boy" so much, and is truly devastated. He did manage a smile when I told him our little Miss Abby was waiting to greet him with her huge welcoming smile. Prayers and much love to you.

**Dawn Alto & Ryan Cakebread** - August 16, 2022 at 03:19 PM



Dawn - I thought of Ryan right away - he adored Ben and was such a good friend to him!

**Mary Hanson** - August 16, 2022 at 05:07 PM

RB

sara and family, sorry to hear about Ben. I know his family Loved him very much.  
richard berg

**richard berg** - August 17, 2022 at 12:17 AM

LC

“ Leone Chirhart lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester



**Leone Chirhart** - August 16, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ My prayers are with all of you during this most difficult time. ❤️

**Kim Musech** - August 16, 2022 at 01:37 PM

PU

“ So sorry Sara and family! Ben smile wins everyone over within seconds. I will always remember Ben picking my pocket for my phone to play “Jets” better known as the song BENNY AND THE JETS”. Will miss Ben very much!

Peg Urbanski - August 16, 2022 at 01:14 PM

MK

“ You made every day more fun Ben 💕💕



Missy Kahl - August 16, 2022 at 11:51 AM

RH

“ Robert And Jennifer Holtz lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester



Robert and Jennifer Holtz - August 16, 2022 at 10:40 AM

MB

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss, Sara. Ben always made everyone smile! Deepest sympathies for you all!

Melonie Brown - August 16, 2022 at 10:30 AM

JM

“ Heartfelt sympathy! I will be praying for you Sara, and for all of your family. Ben was always such a delightful guy to work with, and I have great memories of him!



Jeannie McKee - August 16, 2022 at 08:51 AM

MK

Our two angels ❤️

Missy Kahl - August 16, 2022 at 11:33 AM

LS

Beautiful picture...Walking and talking across heaven with each other and so much to say. Knowing Ben he probably asked Abby for a dance! My thoughts & prayers to Sara & family in the days & months to come. Two very special angels in heaven!

Lynn St.Onge - August 16, 2022 at 12:59 PM

KB

“ So very sorry for your loss 💔 I loved his beautiful smile - Such a sweet young man.

Kim Brill - August 16, 2022 at 08:46 AM

SF

“ Sara and Family ~ I am so very sorry for your loss!! I was given the honor of working with and getting to know Ben while I was at the HS. What a sweet and gentle guy. What a hole that has been left in so many hearts. Hugs and prayers ~

Sharon Farber - August 16, 2022 at 08:37 AM

LW

“ Soooo sorry! Prayers to all of you! 🙏🙏🙏

Lynn Wenzel - August 16, 2022 at 12:56 AM

KV

“ Sara and family I am so sorry for your loss! Ben was the highlight to my day. Seeing him and his big smile made my day complete! I will miss our daily Hulk Smashes, our Bennie and the Jets song and our sweet little hand shakes. Rest easy buddy💔



Kristina VanHove - August 16, 2022 at 12:23 AM

TS

“ So sorry to hear the news. He will be missed by so many. Prayers to all.

Tracy Statema - August 15, 2022 at 11:34 PM

SB

“ There are no words. My heart is aching for all of you. Ben was a shining light for so many, bringing smiles to us... I remember how Riley and Ben bonded.. Riley would borrow my sign language book so he could “work” with his friend Ben... he will be missed by many. Hugs to all of you.

sharon Ballou - August 15, 2022 at 11:02 PM

EG

I would often pair Riley and Ben together. Riley really looked out for Ben. 2 sweet boys gone too soon.

Erin Gohl - August 15, 2022 at 11:15 PM

LW

*So very sorry for your loss! Prayers and hugs to all of you 🙏🙏🙏*

**Lynn Wenzel** - August 16, 2022 at 12:48 AM

KZ

“ *Kim Zachmeier lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester*



**Kim Zachmeier** - August 15, 2022 at 10:54 PM

CA

“ *A fun memory of Ben was him hitting the same button on a computer keyboard that talked just to ruse up everyone. I think his favorite was "r" so it sounded like a pirate. I am so unbelievably sorry about this news. My heart breaks from such a tremendous loss. Many hugs and prayers to everyone who knew and loved him, especially his family. Fly high Ben ❤️*

**Carena** - August 15, 2022 at 10:39 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. It sure lit up my day when I would see his smiling face in the hallways. 🙏*

**Michelle Carll** - August 15, 2022 at 10:32 PM

MK

“ *Missy Kahl lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" R. Wester*



**Missy Kahl** - August 15, 2022 at 10:20 PM

MK

*Yellow for your Chiefs, Mr Ben <3*

Missy Kahl - August 15, 2022 at 10:20 PM

GS

“ Sara, Seth and Ethan, we are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts are broken. Ben was such a sweet little man and he touched a lot of lives.

Glenn and Diane Schlichting - August 15, 2022 at 10:10 PM

JN

“ I am so sorry there are no words. Ben was such an amazing person. He was Abby's first crush. Prayers

Jessica Nutz - August 15, 2022 at 09:41 PM

LL

“ Sarah and family, I am so sorry for your tremendous loss. We will sure miss Ben's smiling face at school and all the joy he brought with him everyday. You have an exceptional angel watching over you. My sympathies to you and your family. RIP Ben...you will be missed!

Lisa LeMay - August 15, 2022 at 09:39 PM

PH

“ There are no words. I just want you, Seth, Ethan, JT, Marlys and the rest of the family to know my heart is completely broken for all of you. Ben was a shining light for so many on this Earth! I will forever love him and all the joy he brought to me! Love you all!

Pam Huck - August 15, 2022 at 08:27 PM

NS

“ My heart is broken hearing this news. I truly enjoyed working with Ben during summer school and most of all getting him off of his bus and bringing him into your classroom every day after school. Sending many hugs and prayers to all of you. Deepest sympathy !  
Nancy Sanoski

Nancy Sanoski - August 15, 2022 at 07:52 PM

JO

“ Hugs to you Sarah and the family. 😭. Still hard to believe. I will miss Ben! He was one of the greatest humans I've met! His smile and giggle was contagious! I will miss the morning “O Hi”, asking for more “check-up” and more Milk. Most of all will miss him calling me Judy, big hugs and his silly antics. RIP Ben, you will be missed. 😭

joni - August 15, 2022 at 07:41 PM

JW

“ Sara, Seth, Ethan and family so sorry to hear Ben has pass. Our prayers are with you

John and Joan Wester - August 15, 2022 at 07:07 PM

EG

“ Sara, Seth, Ethan, Maryls, and family. There are no words. I have loved seeing Ben in the morning and afternoon at Lindbergh. The 3 of you boys had such a special bond. From the time Ben was in pre school at Dr. Knight he has always had a special place in my heart. He would always sway to the music in class. I remember how the boys would look out for him and how kind all his classmates were to him.  
Praying for you all!

Erin Gohl - August 15, 2022 at 06:42 PM

SV

“ Sara, we are so sorry for your loss. Fly with the angels, Ben! We will miss your morning greetings and smiles!



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**Shirley and Sheila VanDenheuvel** - August 15, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ I am heartbroken.....no other words. Love you guys!

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**Mary Hanson** - August 15, 2022 at 05:51 PM

PC

“ I am all tears. No words yet.

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**pat crosby** - August 15, 2022 at 04:47 PM