



Benjamin "Ben" Alan Berry

June 2, 1991 - June 4, 2025

Benjamin "Ben" Alan Berry, 34, of Louisville, Kentucky passed away in the afternoon of June 4, 2025 after a lifelong battle with mental illness.

From an early age, Benjamin was blessed with a creative spirit and a deep love for the arts. As a child, he spent countless hours in children's theater, expressing himself through acting and bringing stories to life on stage. As he grew older, he discovered a passion for literature — and from that point on, there was no turning back. From William Golding to Carl Hiaasen, Stephen King to J.M. Barrie, Benjamin was rarely seen without a book in hand. With his love of reading came great knowledge. He was intelligent, thoughtful, and had a remarkable way with words. His quick wit and sense of humor could always bring a smile to the faces of those he loved.

He was born on June 2, 1991, in Seoul, Korea. On December 23, 1991, he came to the United States, where he was welcomed with love by his adoptive mother, Laura Keller. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Edna and Charles Evans.

Though his passing came far too soon, the memories of his life and the words he shared will forever be cherished by those he leaves behind: his mother, Laura Keller; his father, Troy Keller; his sisters, Emily Brown, Maggie Berry, Layne Schriener and Shannon Riley; his best friend, Matt Matheny; and beloved mentors, Mr. and Mrs. Young.

Benjamin was an alumni of Trinity High School in Louisville, Ky in which he frequently gave back to. He graduated JCTC in Louisville, Ky with his

associates degree and was working on his bachelor's degree at the University of Louisville.

If you or someone you know is struggling, you are not alone. Please call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline — someone is always there to help.

A Celebration of Life will be held 12pm-4pm Saturday, June 14, 2025 at Owen Funeral Home - Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road.

One of Benjamin's favorite stories was Peter Pan. As his sister, Emily, writing this today, I'd like to share a quote from one of Robin Williams' most beloved films, Hook:

“Never say goodbye, because goodbye means going away, and going away means forgetting.”

To all of Benjamin's friends, family, and loved ones — this is not a goodbye. This is a “see you next time.

Cemetery Details

Cremation was chosen

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 14 (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Jeffersontown
9318 Taylorsville Road
Louisville, KY 40299
(502) 266-9655
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Ben through my work to ban conversion therapy in Kentucky. He courageously shared his story as a survivor, lending his voice to protect others from harm. His strength and compassion left a lasting impact on me, and I’m deeply grateful for the light he brought into this world.

Tanner Mobley - July 11, 2025 at 12:41 PM

SV

“ I met Benjamin briefly years ago but it was this past year that I came to know him much better. A brilliant and caring person, he had a deep understanding of our world and we connected over books and activism. He was one of the first people who reached out to offer support in a difficult situation I was in. I will be protesting oppression in his honor and planting seeds of revolution.

Sonja Wilde de Vries - June 11, 2025 at 05:20 AM

PH

“ Parker Hannifin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin "Ben" Alan Berry.

Parker Hannifin - June 09, 2025 at 08:03 AM

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“ Parker Hannifin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Alan Berry.



Parker Hannifin - June 09, 2025 at 08:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Benjamin "Ben" Alan Berry.

June 08, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Alan Berry.



June 08, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ Maggie B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin "Ben" Alan Berry.

Maggie B. - June 06, 2025 at 10:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Benjamin "Ben" Alan Berry.

June 06, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Alan Berry.



June 06, 2025 at 07:53 PM

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“ Daniel Chandler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin "Ben" Alan Berry.

Daniel Chandler - June 06, 2025 at 04:49 PM

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“ Daniel Chandler purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Alan Berry.



Daniel Chandler - June 06, 2025 at 04:49 PM

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“ Ben was my baby cousin. He was such a happy and smiling kid. He loved trains and Barney so much. As he grew older his passion for the arts and books grew. He could tell you about any book. He was a talented author himself. Ben I pray you are at peace. I pray your soul can now feel at ease and your body is healed. We love you Ben.

Lauren Ater & (Aubrey Evans) - June 06, 2025 at 03:23 PM

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“ I was Ben's Aunt by my previous marriage. I remember Ben and his Barney show. He loved 🐶 that show. He watch it over and over again. Ben I hope your at peace.

Debbie McReynolds - June 06, 2025 at 02:37 PM