



# Benjamin Culver Hedrick

November 4, 1953 - August 5, 2023

FOR LIVESTREAM INFORMATION, SCROLL TO THE BOTTOM PLEASE.

Benjamin Culver Hedrick, 69, of Matthews passed away August 5th 2023.

Born November 4th, 1953, Ben was the son of the late Bruce and Waunetta Hedrick of Asheboro. He grew up in Asheboro, graduating as a Blue Comet, Class of 1972. Blessed with a natural athletic talent, Ben played football, earning a scholarship which he used to attend Davidson College, where he continued to play football while learning just enough to earn his degree in Psychology. Ben moved to the Charlotte/Matthews area where he had been a resident for over 40 years.

In addition to being blessed with athletic talent, Ben was blessed with an uncanny sense of humor and the ability to relate to people. Using these skills, he became a successful salesman in industrial equipment, working for Pande Controls, Mechanical Supply Company and Eastern. When not working, he enjoyed beach music, shagging, motorcycle cruising and enhancing his connoisseur skills of hot dog appreciation (of which Green's was the premier outlet of this fine cuisine). Most of all, Ben was a people person who enjoyed the time spent with family and friends. Whether bellyflopping off the lifeguard stand at the local pool or just spending time at the pool with his kids, time with others was always enjoyed and will forever be remembered.

Ben prided himself on being the cool uncle to his nieces and nephew. He was an incredible friend who cherished every relationship he had no matter how long he may have known you; some that date back to high school. He carried on lessons from his adoring parents, and created a beautiful life. He will be missed by so many. The world is a little dimmer, heaven is a little brighter, and barbecue will never taste quite the same.

Ben is survived by a daughter Hayley Hedrick; son Maxwell Hedrick; and the mother of his children, Molly Hedrick. Their love for him knows no bounds. In addition, he is survived by his brother and best friend, Bart (wife Kathy) Hedrick, who will miss him dearly; as well as

numerous other relatives and friends, including nieces and a nephew who saw him as a cool uncle. Ben was preceded in death by his parents.

Ben's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for him and for them.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home, 4715 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, from 10 am until 11 am on Saturday, August 12. At 11 am, services will be held in the funeral home chapel. A reception will follow with location to be provided.

Services were livestreamed and recorded. To view the recording, click here [https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/azMLOaZUO2AID5F3LSlppb3IDZ4uflh9KhaTZ-UtGml\\_zYPRwciQQ8ouBGChjWTt.PZG5cuJtEKz-eMTR](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/azMLOaZUO2AID5F3LSlppb3IDZ4uflh9KhaTZ-UtGml_zYPRwciQQ8ouBGChjWTt.PZG5cuJtEKz-eMTR)

A private interment at Randolph Memorial Park will take place at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **12.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home  
4715 Margaret Wallace Road  
Matthews, NC 28105  
(866) 682-4043  
info@loweneddo.com  
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## Funeral Service

AUG **12.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Benjamin Culver Hedrick*



**Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home** - August 10, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Benjamin Culver Hedrick*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *I was privileged to live with Ben for our last 2 years at Davidson College. I have a lot great fond memories of our time together, but I would like to share one story that stands out. After playing football at Davison for 3 years, Ben decided to take his senior year off. He didn't quit smiling the whole year. One habit he soon developed was putting all his spare change in a jar, and when he had accumulated enough, he would go the local convenience store and buy a pizza, usually around 8 pm. When he came back, he would sit in our living room and with each bite of pizza he would express his delight both visually and vocally in an exaggerated fashion. If you new Ben very well, I am sure you are having no trouble visualizing this. There were 5 of us that roomed together in what was called the "White House", so Ben's eating performance was certainly designed to make us all envious of his enjoyment. But when someone would ask Ben for a bite, he would say "I would like to give you a bite, but I will surely wake up screaming in the middle of the night wondering what that piece of pizza would have tasted like. So NO! you can't have any." I have 4 children and 8 grandchildren, and they all know this quote from Ben, and we have all used it on many occasions. My heartfelt condolences to your family. Ben will surely be missed.*

*John Martin*

**John Martin** - August 13, 2023 at 09:24 AM

JD

“ We were neighbors on Dublin Road in Asheboro growing up. Sending our condolences and prayers to the family.

Janna Layne DeLuca

Marion Layne Hughes

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jamna DeLuca - August 12, 2023 at 01:05 PM

BW

“ I remember Ben as a tender hearted and funny guy. Very intelligent as well...and he seemed to need stitches every week in his chin....after every game at least....Breaks my heart as another milestone in our lives is made with his passing....I remind myself that it is just his body that is gone, as his spirit is with us always.....

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Billy (Sticker) Ward - August 12, 2023 at 12:10 PM

DM

“ I have remembered the teeter-totter in our grandparents basement and the times Ben, Bart, & my brother John use to get me laughing on that thing by making it go so fast! Praying for family and friends of “the Man” (cousin Donna )

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Donna Mauldin - August 12, 2023 at 10:36 AM

BV

“ Bruce V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.

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Bruce V. - August 10, 2023 at 10:19 PM

BV

“ We extend our deepest sympathies to Benny's family during this difficult time. Benny was an inspiring figure to all who knew him. His sense of humour and high level of intellect we remain defining memories. Of course he was also a gifted athlete and loving father. I remember sitting beside Benny in history class in 1967 in the 8th grade and our daily range of conversation ranged from sports, the Vietnam War, attractive girls (who probably did not give us the time of day then!), and occasionally exchanging some tips on some homework or upcoming tests. He possessed a very sharp mind. Large in stature and strong physically hid the fact that he cared deeply for friends. May the classy and poised manner in which he led his life motivate us all in the days ahead to be just a bit more caring and kinder to others. Our deepest condolences to the Hedrick family, Bruce VonCannon

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Bruce VonCannon - August 10, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.*



August 10, 2023 at 01:15 PM

CA

“ *Cousin Debra, her husband Dan, their daughter Tianli and her husband Andy planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.*

**Cousin Debra, her husband Dan, their daughter Tianli and her husband Andy** - August 10, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.*



August 10, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.*

August 10, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.*



August 10, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.*

August 10, 2023 at 11:14 AM

SM

“ Ben was a true gentle giant. Always happy and always sincerely thrilled to see and be with friends. Anytime with Ben was a great time.

Steve Monroe - August 10, 2023 at 09:26 AM

LR

“ Ritchie Moody called us on Saturday afternoon, 8/5/23 to share the sad news about Benny. What a terrific guy and he loved life to the fullest. Ben had a world-class personality and people just gravitated to him. When Benny got into a motorcycle accident in Jan, 2019, Randy Cox called to let us know. Ben had that charisma about him that he was everyone's friend. I remember meeting Benny for the first time in 1966 as seventh graders at Fayetteville Street School. Lisa and I are heartbroken and we extend our hand to assist the family in any way possible. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Ben's family, friends and classmates.

Lee and Lisa Ragsdale  
Wingate, NC

Lee Ragsdale - August 10, 2023 at 08:19 AM

TM

“ Everybody, and I mean EVERYBODY, loved Ben. Such an incredibly friendly, sincere guy; the world was a better place with him in it. Heartfelt condolences.

tim maulden - August 10, 2023 at 06:49 AM

VP

“ Vic Parks lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Hedrick



Vic Parks - August 09, 2023 at 08:36 PM

SF

“ Stephanie F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.

Stephanie F. - August 09, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.*



August 09, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.*



August 09, 2023 at 06:34 PM

TW

“ *My friend, My old coworker. Such a good guy. You will be missed. Your friend Tina Wade. God Bless your family.*

**Tina Wade** - August 09, 2023 at 05:18 PM

JB

“ *Jeanette B. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.*

**Jeanette B.** - August 09, 2023 at 04:36 PM

DM

“ *I have fond memories of my cousin Ben as all the grandchildren played in our grandmother's basement in High Point. I also remember having great fun water skiing with his parents and his brother Bart at the lake. The family will miss his love for life and his wonderful laugh.*

**Debra Mullikin-Kilpatrick** - August 09, 2023 at 04:01 PM

MS

“ *I very shocked to hear of my friends passing we go way back to high school great conversations in the weight room playing football I thank God we recently got to talking and communicating on line. We got to ride our bikes together from The pig down to my house we sat on back porch and talked. I'll always remember Ben*

**Mark k Saunders** - August 09, 2023 at 03:26 PM

DP

“ David P. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.



David P. - August 09, 2023 at 02:52 PM

DP

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.



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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.



August 09, 2023 at 02:15 PM

JD

“ Jim DeVille purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.



Jim DeVille - August 09, 2023 at 02:03 PM

JD

“ Jim DeVille planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin Culver Hedrick.

Jim DeVille - August 09, 2023 at 02:03 PM