



Master Benjamin D Shepherd Obituary

April 9, 2002 - March 30, 2003

He was born April 9, 2002 in Albany, GA. Survivors include his parents, John and Ann Zimmer Shepherd, also survived by his maternal grandparents, Thomas and Mary Zimmer of Hendersonville, NC; paternal grandparents, John and Mildred Shepherd of Ashburn, GA, paternal great grandparents, Paul and Lillie Scoggins of Ashburn; aunts Louise Zimmer of Chapel Hill, NC and Angelia Cook and her husband Donnie of Ashburn; Uncles, Adam Zimmer and his wife Lisa of Boston, MA and Tom Zimmer and his wife Susie of Fairbanks, AK

Tribute Wall



“ *Master Benjamin D Shepherd Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Wishing you were here for your 10th birthday - Love, Mum*

Ann Zimmer-Shepherd - GA - Mum - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *4yrs and we miss you every day Ben. Love you always, Mum & Dad.*

Mum - March 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I miss you little Ben. Your brother Alex has his half birthday tomorrow and I wish you could see his smiling face - bright just like you. I love you. Always, Mum.*

Mum - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thinking of you every day Benny.*

Mum - March 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Mrs. Zimmer-Shepherd, you came into the doctor's office yesterday to have your eyes checked. I asked you how old your child was. I haven't been able to think about anything else since your answer. I got online this evening and found where little Benjamin's obituary was listed. I will definately go to Chehaw and think of you, your husband, and your beautiful, precious little baby. I wish you peace. All future events will no doubt be bittersweet because Benjamin will not be there to share them with you. May you gain pleasure from your precious memories of his short time with you and always keep him right there in your thoughts. I wish you less pain with each passing day. The passing of time doesn't make the pain go away, I think we just learn to cope with each it day-by-day. I wish you happiness. Though your little man isn't with you anymore, I hope you find joy and happiness in the future. Sincerely, Charlotte

Charlotte - November 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ I miss you Ben. Love, your Mum.

Mum - March 30, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ What a beautiful beautiful little boy! How joyful he looks. I hope that can be a small comfort to you, that in his short life you both saw to it that he felt loved and happy. I am so sorry I did not know at the time of your loss. And my heart hurts for you now...Pat

Pat Fore - October 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ Dear Ben: It has been almost 6 months and your Dad and I still miss you so much. You would have loved to visit the barnyard at Chehaw but instead are there in spirit. I will visit you often. Love, your Mum

Mum - September 26, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ dear ann, Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with you and your family at this dark hour. love angel @ goldstar

angel huneycutt - April 28, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ John and Ann, All of our thoughts and prayers are with you as you make this journey in your life. Since we first met in birthing class, life has changed so much. I hope that in the months, days and even years to come that your heart will heal. Until then once again our thoughts and prayers are with the both of you! Thank Heaven for Little Boys.

Ashleigh Pollock - April 18, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ Dear Ben: Happy Birthday my sweet little poopy-pants. I wish you were here to know how much your Daddy and I love you. You changed our lives and we miss your beautiful smile and bubbly personality. I am thankful for even the short time I had with you. I love you my little boy and I'll remember you always - Happy 1st Birthday. Love, Mum.

Mum - April 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I miss your smiles that I recieved everytime you saw me and I will always have you in my heart. I wish I could have heard you say mommy and daddy. We love you.

Dad - April 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry about your loss. You have some wonderful pictures and you will always have the memories.

Bill Baker - April 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I teach with Angelia and want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Beverly Harrison - April 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ SORRY- I DO NOT KNOW YOU OR DID NOT KNOW YOUR SON BUT -I LOOKED THRU THIS WEB SIGHT TOAY FOR THE FRIST TIME IN MY LIFE BECAUSE OF SOMEONE THAT LOST THEIR MOTHER BUT BY THE LOOKS OF YOUR SON HE HAS TO BE WITH GOD IN HEAVEN BECAUSE HE WAS AND IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE AN ANGEL OF GODS -[HE HIS WITH THE LORD NOW WATCHING OVER YOU.]MAY GOD ALWAYS BLESS YOU -[WHICH -HE-WILL!]

THERESA THOMPSON - April 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I teach with Angela, and would love to be able to ease your pain or share some words of wisdom. Since I can't, please know that all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers through the days, months, and yes, even years, ahead.

Marlene Carter - April 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Sorry we could not be with you, but you are all in out thoughts and prayers

Robert and Sandy Scoggins - April 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *My prayers are with you, John and Ann. May God ease your pain.*

Brian A. Scoggins - April 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *John & Ann you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God send you both the peace and comfort during this time.*

Dave & Valerie Branch - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *I am so sorry. I'm continuing to pray for your family in your time of need. I am a friend of Angelia.*

Love in Christ

Laura

Laura Cravey - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *I was stunned to hear the tragic news about Little Ben. There are no words to express my sympathy for the loss you and John and your families must be feeling.*

EMMA L. GREENE - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *I love you Ben and I'll always miss you. I wish Ty could've taught you how to play ball.*

Rebecca L. White - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our thoughts are with you at this sad time. We are sure you have lots of happy memories of your dear little boy. May they be of comfort to you now and in the future.

Jeff and Sally Baker - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Ann,
Mari McEwen sent me an email about your precious little boy. I was so saddened to hear about this. You and your husband will be in my prayers.
Love, Debbie

Debbie Johnson Atkinson - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God give you the strength you need for each day.

Linda & Terrell Futch - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ "We do not walk alone through sorrow...God is by our side, So may you gather courage From the strenght he will provide". We love you and are very sorry for your loss....

Anna and Logan Watson - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ My sincere condolences go out to you both on the loss of your son. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Stuart Logan - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *My prayers are with you.*

Dee West-Willis - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *We at the Drinking Water Program in Atlanta would like to offer our deepest sympathies over the loss of your son Benjamin. We will be making a doantion in his name with the Friends of the Chehaw Conservation Society this week. Again, please accept our sincere regrets over your tremendous loss.*

John Otto - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *We love you both.*

Donnie and Angelia Cook - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Dear Uncle John & Aunt Ann you will always be in my prayers and all we can do now is cherish all the GREAT times we had at Grandma's house with Ben and the rest of the family. With lots if love & great memories.*

Candace Cook - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Words don't exist that ease the pain. Otherwise you would have heard them many times over. Although the hurt that I feel for you is nothing compared to your hurt, I do share your hurt.*

Johnny L. Short - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Ann, My thoughts and prayers are with you and John, now and in the days to come.

Stephanie Rumph - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I'm grateful for being part of the joy that brought this very special soul into this world. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Joanne Perron, MD - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I was fortunate enough to get to know Ann while she was pregnant with little Benjamin. We all looked forward to her visits to the doctor. She was so happy all the time. I will never forget her or Ben because I was so lucky that she brought him by to see me and I got to hold him. I am so saddened for her and her family for this great loss of such a precious one. May God bless you always and help you through this most difficult time. You are such a special person. Love, Jackie

Jackie Wert - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Christy and Reginald Gilstrap - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ John & Ann, we at the Carrollton Office are praying that God's love and the support of his people will comfort you and sustain you during this most difficult time.

Ross A. Lynn - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Every day is a blessing from God. You must cherish the memories that have and know that God doesn't give us anything we can't handle. He will be there for you when you feel as if you are all alone. My deepest sympathy is with you and I will continue to lift you and the family up in prayers. Valerie, Tracy, Kayla, & Petie

Valerie P. Culpepper - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Ann & John,
I do hope that you can find comfort and strength in knowing that some many others share your loss. I am so thankful for the short times I spent with him. I pray for your comfort in the coming days.
Love, Doris Sanders

Doris Sanders - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Please accept our deepest sorrow for your loss.
Our hearts and prayers go out to you.
I hope it helps to know that your extended family does include the people you work with.
Sincerely,
Neala Morgan
Jerome Bondal

Neala Morgan - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Pam Taylor
OB-GYN ASSOCIATES
AT THE VERANDA

Pam Taylor - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Dear Ann & John,
We were there to share your joy, we are here to share your sorrow.
Please know that you are in our prayers and in our hearts.

Jan Robinson, OB-GYN ASSOC. @THE VERANDA - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ We can't imagine the heartbreak, sorrow, & pain you must feel in losing your precious Ben. Be assured you are in our thoughts and daily prayers. If we can help in any way, we are here for you.

Dick and Luellen Pace - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ God will certainly have a precious little Angel with him in heaven. My thoughts and daily prayers are with you. I say this prayer for you. "Dear God, We want to trust You but we are filled with doubts, fears and sadness. Fill the emptiness of our hearts with Your presence. Amen" Just know that you have a huge support team caring and praying for you. Take one day at a time. God is with you.

Cathy Ivey - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Ann & John - My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Susan Sebastian - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Please know that all of us in the Computer Service Dept (K&W Atlanta) are praying for your family. Although we cannot begin to know your loss, we are thinking of you and praying for your family and friends.

Cindy Pugh - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Ben was obviously a beautiful happy baby boy and we wish we could have gotten to know him during his first year. Our deepest condolences go out to John and Ann, two loving and doting parents.

Catheine and Robert De Sonier - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Ben will always be in my thoughts and prayers. It was such a joy having him in our office. (Dr. Bruce Smith)

Kristen Wood - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Ann:

So sorry to hear about this. I only know that life will go on and that you will survive. If there is anything that I can do for you, please call me.

Larry and Cindy Wert - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ Ann, you and your husband have my condolences for Little Ben's home going (to be with God). I know you miss him terribly but please know that he is in good hands and you will reunite one day. His short time with you, I'm sure, was very precious and will leave lasting memories of a lifetime. Remember, there's a reason and a "season" for everything, this was Little Ben's season.

Helen Lockette - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Michelle West from Decatur County Board of Commissioners
I'm so sorry for your loss. You'll be in my prayers.*

Michelle

Michelle West - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I am sorry for your loss.*

Jeff

Jeff Hughes - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *What a Beautiful child with very special parents. Ben always
brought a smile to my face and cheer to my heart each time Ann
would bring him to see me. God's speed son. Love, Mr. Joe*

JOSEPH P. DURHAM, SR. - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Dear Ann & John, I can't begin to understand the loss you must feel,
Remember God will not give us more than we can handle. We will
keep you in our prayers.*

Chris & Carolyn Dollar - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Mary Lodge - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Little John:
I wish to send my deepest regrets at the lose of your son, I kmow
you love him very much. I will be praying for you and your wife,
Love Carol*

Carol Watson - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Critt & Jennifer Powell - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *BEN WAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE BOY WITH THE
BRIGHTEST SMILE.*

PAM POWELL - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Dear John & Ann,
I am so sorry that you lost one of the sweetest, happiest babies that
I ever knew. I will miss his smiling face that he came in with every
morning and left with every afternoon. Ben lit up the room with his
smiles and happiness. Ben will be in my heart forever.*

Kim Etheridge - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Sorry about your loss. No you didn't get to spend much time with your child. Wish you the best and hope you know that he is in a wonderful place now.

God bless you

Heather

Heather Goss - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ ann and john, I can't begin to tell you how saddened I am for the loss of your son Ben. He is a special little boy. I wont ever forget that special little smile. He is a little Angel. Now he will be watching over ya'll. Gods Angels are so precious. And we all know little Ben is.

maryjane etherton - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I WILL KEEP ALL OF YOU IN MY PRAYERS AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU.

Cindy Hudson - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Ann and John, your family. He will always be your angel. Remember all of the special moments that you shared. The memories can't be taken away.

Jeanne Geisel - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Ann and John: Please accept our most deepest sympathy in the passing of Ben. We just found out and are shocked at your loss. I pray that you may find strength and solice in this most difficult time.

Tracy Taylor - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Shandy and I from Dr. Bruce Smith's office would like to offer our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Matthews - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Ann and John:

I do not know what to say, except you are in our thoughts and prayers!!! We are VERY sorry for your loss. We can not begin to express our concern for you both. Please let us know if we can do anything for you...even from North Carolina.

Pamela Kistner - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To Ann and John, You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Phil Roberson

The Roberson family - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bill and Jo Ann Bates(Albany Audubon)

Bill and Jo Ann Bates - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I treasure the few moments I got to share with Ben. He is and always will be "very special" in my heart. Heaven needed another smiling angel. After all, he had a smile like noone I've ever known.
Your Secretary, Dana

Dana Bailey - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ My deepest sympathy

Lillian Pickin - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. We will lift you up in our prayers.

Public Works Department - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To Ann and family, You're in my thoughts and in my prayers. Ben was a beautiful baby. I can only imagine your pain, but the bright side is to treasure those beautiful memories of your beautiful baby boy. He was bless to have had such loving and caring parents. God Bless you. Your co-worker, Joyce.

Joyce E. Clark - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ So sorry for your loss. Carolyn Hatcher, Elections Dept., Dougherty County

Carolyn K. Hatcher - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *my prayers are with you and your family*

Gail Kohler - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ *The staff of Planning & Development Services would like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest sympathies to your family. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Gloria Thompson - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *We were deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your precious little boy. Please find comfort in knowing that your grief is shared by family friends and colleagues. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Jim and Jan Stanley - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU GOD BLESS.*

MELVIN WILLIAMS - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *I will lift you up in my prayers. My heart goes out to you.*

Stacie Mote - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TP

*“ I can't begin to express the sadness that we all feel over the loss of Ben. He touched everyone that walked through the doors of the daycare because his smile knew no stranger. I picture him in heaven, sitting in the middle of hundreds of angels making them all laugh and smile, just as he always did us.
We will never forget Ben...he has a place in our hearts forever.*

Tara Price - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MV

*“ John and Ann,
Allyson and I pray for both. Remember that the times you shared and the memories created with him will never leave you.*

Matthew Velkovich - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in your grief over the loss of your son.

My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God's blessings be with you always.

JEAN H BURNETTE - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ All of us here in the Rock Hill office are thinking of you two and want you to know that we will be remembering you in our prayers.

Eddie Williams - March 31, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Thank you for sharing your son with me so unselfishly. Just the thought of him & his little smile always brightened my day. So many people were blessed to have known him. His memory will remain in my heart.

Ray & Kay Bradley - March 31, 2003 at 12:00 AM