



David Bentz

August 28, 1953 - March 20, 2007

David Kenneth Bentz David Kenneth Bentz, 53, of Corsicana passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, March 20, 2007, in Corsicana. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Service will be 2 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church with Dr. David Edwards and the Rev. B.F. Risinger Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Pallbearers will be William Bentz, Peter Bentz, David Zenk, Christopher York, Mike Flanagan and David Pentecost Jr. David was born Aug. 28, 1953, in Dallas. He gained his nickname "Big Dave" because he was 6 feet and 9 inches, but his heart was much bigger. David was a Special Olympics coach for over 15 years. Last year at the area meet his family received the Family of the Year Award for Area 12 Chapter. Also for the past few years David and his family had been weekend house parents for Golden Circle Ranch, a house for the intellectually disabled. David and his wife taught missions to a group of 4 and 5 year olds every Wednesday at First Baptist Church. David leaves behind many friends and special athletes. David received his B.B.A. at UTA. He was an Eagle Scout with Boy Scouts of America. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Bentz of Corsicana; three daughters, Jessica, Kristina and Rebecca, all of Corsicana; parents, Don and Jodie Bentz of North Richland Hills; brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Jean Bentz and Peter and Sandy Bentz, all of North Richland Hills; sisters, Cathy Curtis of Lockhart, Donna Smith of Arlington, and Barbara Bentz and Daren McAvoy of Providence, Utah; nieces and nephews, Shannon and Patrick Smith, Maren,

Carey and Parker Curtis, Dyar, Morgan, Annie, Meagan, Holly and Melissa Bentz; mother-in-law, Helga Suplita of Corsicana; aunt and uncle by marriage, Stanley and Karin Roberts of Corsicana; and cousins by marriage, David Zenk and ?Little Stan? Roberts. Memorials may be made to Corsicana Special Olympics, 1817 Sycamore, Corsicana, TX 75110.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Bentz*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Marge, Jessica, Kristina & Rebecca,*

We are so sorry to hear about David.

Please remember that he will always be with you as long as you carry him in your heart. I wish I could take away the pain & emptyness you are feeling now.

Please know that we are here for any needs you may have, call anytime day or night.

All our love & prayers

Larry, Lisa & Rachel

LARRY, LISA & RACHEL HOPPE - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart was saddened this morning when I came to work and heard about David's passing. He was such a cheeful and vibrant person that could always cheer you up. I talked with David about orders for TXI and have known him for over 17 years. Purvis will not be the same. He was a very special person whom I will always remember for his spirit and kindness. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Priscilla Parker - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Majorie and Girls,
I am so sorry for your loss of David. Actually, I've learned in the last few months since my Mom died, to try and stop saying I lost her, because she's not lost...she's in the arms of Jesus, and so is David, and we will see them again!! So as much pain and grief as we will suffer here in the meantime, we must cling to the FACT that we will be reunited with them in Heaven. I pray now that GOD will carry you through these rough waters as you grieve, and learn how to carry on without your precious husband and father. GOD is FAITHFUL, and He will do it...He promises us He will.
With much love and prayers, Suzanne*

Suzanne Fluker - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ *I am just so sorry. I'm here I know you know that. You guys know my heart and how much I love all of you. If you need anything...*

Ginger - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Marjorie and Girls, We were very sorry to hear about Big Dave. He will be missed dearly.*

Kerri & Terry Oliphant (Jodie's kids) - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *We are very saddened to hear about your loss. Know that God is there to see you through, trust Him to help. We were talking the other day about the different teams Haylie had been on, and out of all of them, we will never forget the Purple Ponies and our coach, David.*

Chris, Tammie & Haylie Barber - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Marge ,Jessica,Kristina,and Rebecca , we are just next door. You know we think alot of all of you. Dave was the one I would always stop from going into the house to talk to and I will miss that. We really care for you guys and we will continue to keep the family in our prayers.May God Bless You and Keep You.!!

March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss!!! I am praying for all 4 of you!! I know he was a great asset to your family and will be missed by MANY!! Love you all!!!

Natalie Robinson - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry for your sudden loss and pray the Lord watches over you and Blesses you with all you need. Dave was a kind and loving man and we were better for having shared this breif time with him. He will be missed by us all.

Tom and Beverly Herrin - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To Marjorie and Rebecca and family,

I was saddened to hear of your loss.Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, your family, and Dave.In this time of sorrow I pray that your hearts may be lifted and that your burdens may be lightened.

Your friend and former coach,

Zachary Herrin

Zachary Herrin - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ I can't even begin to express how much this gentle giant will be missed. I've had many conversations with him over the last 4 years as well as attended many meetings and events and not one time can I ever remember not laughing out of control when he was around. I'll never forget when I would call him about something he missed on his edit report that day he'd always say, "Now, how did I miss that? Boy, I'd sure be lost without you!" Dear friend, we are the one's lost without you!

Wendy Peek
Purvis Industries
Dallas, Texas

Wendy Peek - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ We will miss David at the Dallas branch we always looked forward to his visits. Always with a smile...

Mary - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Dave was one of the greatest men I have ever met, we will be missed by all who knew him.

Terry Simonton - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Marjorie, Jessica, Christina and Rebecca,*

Even for a talker like me, there are not enough words to tell you how much I appreciated David, and how deeply he will be missed! The years I spent working with him in Band Boosters will always be some of my most cherished memories!

David was one of those rare men who always made you want to go the extra mile, because you knew he was going there himself, and would be there cheering you on when you finally made it! His cheerful smile, wicked sense of humor and constant willingness to help were always present!!

Wishing you all my deepest sympathy, and please know that you will be in my prayers!! If there is anything I can do for you, I'm as close as your phone!!

May God bless and keep you all!

Rowena

Rowena Winfrey - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *I did not know David well, but from what I did know of him and what others say around the office, he was well thought of.*

Ross Stanton - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ *I am very sorry for your lost.he will be missed. my prayers are with you.*

Kelly Jackson - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ I can't begin to feel the loss because Dave was a great guy. He was always very friendly and just never met a stranger. All the times I saw him in the early morning hours he always made you laugh even though your morning wasn't going very well. Our sympathy goes out to his wife and children. I know they will be lost but God will help them grow stronger and pull their lives closer together because Dave will be with them each and every day in spirit. Each day they will see organizations that he was involved with grow. His name will always be remembered by what he gave to the community.

Fred & Sharon Mertz - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies to your entire family for your loss. Please know that my prayers will be with you all.

David Fletcher - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My deepest sympathy to the Bentz family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Jay White - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I never met him in person, but spoke to him almost on daily basis in regards to orders. My thought and prayers go out to his family. May GOD blessings with you now and forever.

Suzy McCorkle - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *The gentle giant will truly be missed. My GOD be with you and your family during this time.*

Billy Lopez - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *And the King will reply to them, Truly I tell you, in so far as you did it for one of the least [[a]in the estimation of men] of these My brethren, you did it for Me*

So we, numerous as we are, are one body in Christ (the Messiah) and individually we are parts one of another [mutually dependent on one another].

He who exhorts (encourages), to his exhortation; he who contributes, let him do it in simplicity and liberality; he who gives aid and superintends, with zeal and singleness of mind; he who does acts of mercy, with genuine cheerfulness and joyful eagerness.

David has done exactly these things and he has returned home where love is literally KING.

Respectfully,

*Chris Wixom
Purvis Industries
Branch Manager
Dallas*

Micah Lavender - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I had only known David since I started with Purvis last August. From the first time we talked, I knew I had a friend. He never failed to crack me up. I am deeply saddened by his passing and I pray for his family.

The world has lost a gem of a human being.

Jeff Kuzniar - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ You were always a good co-worker and a friend... You will be missed !!! May God bless you and your family...

RIP

Jose Colon - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Our sympathy and prayers are with the Bentz family.

David Meiske - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ I am very sorry to hear that Dave has passed away. I moved from Corsicana to Arlington in 1991 but continued to play with Corsicana softball teams for several years. I played in many games with Dave and remember him to be an outstanding power hitter. I enjoyed batting in front of him because he would usually hit a home run which allowed me to ease around the bases.

He was a great competitor and a gentleman. He was one of the "older" guys on the team along with Gary Ferguson and myself, and I will always remember the good times that we had playing together with the younger players on the "Young Guns".

My sympathy and prayers go out to his family.

Gary

GARY ANSTICE - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Marge,
Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband. We will keep you in our prayers.

JIMMY SANCHEZ SR - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. David was a very sweet man who had worlds of patience for the Purple Ponies. The Jock Family*

Paul, Brena & Presley Jock - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Hello, I have not had the pleasure of meeting you and your daughters but I wanted to let you know your family is in our thoughts and prayers. David and I were fraternity brothers and were roommates for a period of time in college. Another interesting thing is my wife, Judy Mayne, formally Woods, went to high school with David.*

I am sure David is now a member of the eternal fraternity, in the presence of the Lord. Judy and I will continue to pray for your family. If there is ever anything Judy and I can do for you or your daughters please feel free to call.

Love in Christ

Randall & Judy Mayne

Randall L. Mayne - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Marjorie, I can't begin to tell you how sorry I am to hear of David's sudden passing. You'll be in our thoughts and prayers at this time. May God comfort you and the family.*

Sharon Bland - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ As a Vice President for Purvis Industries, it was indeed a pleasure working with David. He had a tremendous work ethic and great leadership skills that we could all count on as our company grew and diversified. It is shocking to think that he is gone. He will never be forgotten and will always be missed. His kind and gentle demeanor were always a pleasure to have in our business and organization.

God Speed David.

Stacy Mikkelsen

Stacy Mikkelsen - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

David, Bobbie, Jobeth Fondren

The Fondren Family - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dearest
Marjorie, Rebecca, Jessica, and Kristina,

My Heart and prayers are with all of you as God holds his loving arms around you to give you his love and peace. Just knowing that your precious Dave is in the arms of his loving Lord and Savior, can give you comfort and peace, with the promise that you all will be united in our Lord's precious time.

Love in Christ, Mrs. Lou

Jack and Lou Cook(Mrs.Lou) - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My dad, Dale Perkins, worked with Dave for many years at Purvis. He was a very kind man and was always very nice to me whenever I would see him. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Kari Perkins Robinson - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss, Marjorie. My prayers are with you and your girls. May God be with you in this time of sorrow. David is dancing with the angels while waiting on all of our arrival. What greater reward in life than death, to sit at the right hand of God, the Father. I know you have a large church family to help you in this time of need, but if my church, CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH, can help you in anyway, please let us know. Your friend in Christ, Debbie Crawford

Debbie Crawford - Tom's - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to your Family at this time.

Bryan Daniel - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *My condolences go to all of you.*

David was a wonderful person whose memory I will always cherish. We were close in the fraternity - David was my "Big Brother" when I was a pledge. We both graduated in '76.

Bob

Bob Baker - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *David, it sounds as you have blessed many in your life. Live eternal DU brother*

Donald Dyer - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers will be with all the family. We will miss his freindship and whit.*

Glen Davis - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *Marjorie,
I want you to know that I am very sorry for your loss. Dave was one of the finest men I knew. I always appreciated his friendship. He will surely be missed. Joy myself and family has and will continue to pray for the girls and you. Remember that our Lord's plan is perfect and even though we will miss Dave that the day will come when we will all meet again in God's house. If we can do anything for you please let us know.
In His Love,
George, Joy and family*

George Page - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I am so sorry to here about your lose. we will be praying for yall. If yall need anything you can call us. We love you
From the family*

JOHN HENDERSON - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *We are very saddened about your loss.
Our deepest sympathies for your family.*

Paul, Beth, and Monica Wiley - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ When I would call Purvis to talk to Tim, and David answered the phone, he never failed to have a remark for me. If I said "Is Tim there?" he would say "Yep, what else do you need to know?". If I said "Can Tim talk?" David would say "I don't know, can he?". If Tim was not there and I asked him to have Tim call me, he would say "What do you want him to call you?". I never stumped him. I'll miss David. The service was absolutely beautiful and a tremendous tribute to him. You are all in my prayers.

Karla Brady - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Hello Marjorie. I'm Joan Sherrouse, a staff writer who retired from the Daily Sun about a year ago. I've had the pleasure of interviewing your son and talking with you many times. My heart goes out to you as you deal with this tragic loss. I know you'll keep the faith, though, and keep going as all of us must do at times like this. The past cannot be changed, but the future is what we make of it. May God bless and comfort you.

Joan Sherrouse - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I will never forget "Big Dave" walking besides my own son Matt. Dave 6'9" and Matt 4' 6". Both were happy with their size. Dave has been a tireless supporter of Special Olympics. He was a special man in his own right. Dave we love you thanks for the good times. You will certainly be missed. I believe that you Rock and Matt have already have had a reunion. Our prayers go out for the family. Mac and Peggy McKelvey

Joanne Murphey - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marjorie and girls,*

I just found out about Dave. I am so sorry. Know that my thoughts and prays are with you . I love you and miss you all.

Jamie

March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Marjorie, and girls,*

I learned of David's passing last week from our friend Becky Foltz. I am so sorry for your loss, and my thoughts and prayers are with you all. David was absolutely the best guy I knew. We had many good times during our college years, and he was such a faithful, loyal friend. It has been alot of years since we communicated, but we had corresponded for many many years, after we left college. My heart is very sad, but I know that David had a strong faith in the Lord, and that he is in the highest of all places with Christ Jesus. I feel very blessed that david touched my life, and that I could call him my friend!!

Kathy Gregory - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM