



Benjamin "Ben" A. Wells

November 21, 2000 - January 19, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved son, Benjamin Andrey Wells, who tragically left us too soon at the age of 24 on Sunday, January 19, 2025.

Ben was born on November 21, 2000, in Krasnoyarsk, Russia. On April 7, 2001, our family was blessed with the adoption of our beautiful son.

Ben had a huge heart and was happiest when helping others. He possessed an old soul, wise beyond his years, and showed extraordinary compassion, care, and healing toward everyone he met. Despite the many challenges life handed him, Ben never complained. Instead, he worked harder to accomplish things that others might take for granted.

We will forever miss Ben's smile, his enormous heart, and his unwavering kindness. As a young boy, Ben was full of boundless energy and often found himself immersed in adventures, dressed as Spider-Man or Indiana Jones. His love of imagination evolved into a mastery of Lego building and Nerf gun battles, and later, a passion for dirt biking, where he spent countless hours riding and exploring.

Ben attended Saline Schools for 12 years. When he entered high school, he was eager to start working and showed a determination and work ethic well

beyond his years. He held his first job at Coney Island, where he worked for two years, followed by two years at Flat Out Bread after graduating from Saline High School in 2020.

Through his hard work and determination, Ben achieved the remarkable milestone of purchasing his first home in Milan at just 21 years old, a testament to his resilience and ambition. For the past two years, Ben worked at Xela Pack Inc., where he continued his career in Manufacturing.

Ben loved traveling and the adventures that came with it, he loved simple things like sunsets and a beautiful sky, but more than anything, he loved to help others.

Ben leaves behind many to cherish his memory, including his mother, Kim, and stepfather, Dennis Cutright of Manchester; his father, Douglas Wells of Pinckney; his sister, Katie Wells of Saline; his stepsister, Kelli Cutright of Arizona; and his stepbrother, Joshua Cutright of South Carolina. He is also survived by his grandparents, Charles and Jayne VanWashenova of Newport and Max and Rose Cutright of Illinois, along with two aunts, Jeanne VanWashenova of Ann Arbor and Leslie Peschke of Naples; as well as other beloved family members.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Arvin and Jeanne Wells of Ohio.

Private services have taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Ben's honor to "The Cybersmile Foundation". Donations can be mailed to: The Cybersmile Foundation, 228 Hamilton Ave, 3rd Floor, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Donations can also be made online by visiting <https://www.cybersmile.org/donate/> To leave a memory you have of Ben or to sign his online guestbook, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Tribute Wall

YM

“ As one year passed, I still miss him Every Day. He was more than just my best friend, he was my brother and because of him I feel like I never would have had my future the way it is now. Missing Ben has been a Hard Time on me and I wish I could see him Now. My condolences to his family and all who knew him. Miss you Ben not a day goes by that I don't think about you.

Yenny Makepeace - January 17 at 08:18 AM

DY

“ My memory from Ben he always looked out for me when I was always depressed in school we used to hang out in mr.barnett classes and lunch I will always miss you Ben you are in my heart forever I can't believe you are gone to soon me and Xavier and yenny remember that day you hung out with us in downtown saline we all love you ben

Dylon - February 22, 2025 at 06:53 PM

MK

“ Ben went through SAS with our son, graduating the same year. Our family met Ben when both boys were in Mrs. Marl's class. We were so sorry to hear this news. Remembering Ben, we think of his enormous smile, and what a happy little fellow he was. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Melissa & David Kolasinski - February 01, 2025 at 03:49 PM

HJ

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Hannah Jarvie - January 26, 2025 at 07:48 PM

HJ

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Hannah Jarvie - January 26, 2025 at 07:47 PM

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Anne Anguilm - January 25, 2025 at 07:32 PM

ES

“ My favorite Memory with Ben was when we hung out at 5th corner, hung out at School, at Coney My house his house and then Hanging out and having drinks at the bar were fun too. I am schooled saddened sad to lose one of my closest friends. He is the reason why I found a new life here in Milan Michigan, I will forever be Grateful. Out of the 12 years knowing him I wish I could have more years to know him. Thanks Ben for everything I will miss you

Evan Yenny Smith - January 25, 2025 at 04:22 PM

CE

“ We first met Ben the day he moved into his house. He was so happy and excited. He was a very nice young man. I will remember the day last Summer when he filled a little pool to chill and sun. We will miss Ben and our condolences to his family and friends.

Cindy & Chris Ennett - January 25, 2025 at 02:49 PM

EH

“ I was truly lucky to have him as my best friend.
We shared a bond like brothers along with his other best friend Colton. 'The three musketeers' he says.
Favorite memory of Ben was when we all body slamming each other with beanbag chairs.
It was a riot for hours.
Ben was kind to everyone. He had a heart of gold that loved dubstep music, Xbox, Legos, and Rick & Morty.
I'm truly heartbroken.

Erik Hinson - January 25, 2025 at 10:21 AM

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Anne Anguilm - January 25, 2025 at 02:20 PM

CM

I was honored to be a tutor for Ben. His smile was contagious and I enjoyed working with him. I'm devastated that his family and friends have lost such a precious soul...

Caryn Morse - January 25, 2025 at 08:32 PM

DJ

As Ben's second grade teacher, I remember a young boy with the biggest and happiest smile! He always walked into the classroom with that smile. My heartfelt sympathies and prayers are with his family.

Diane Junga - January 31, 2025 at 06:19 PM

AS

“ Hi! I'm Ashley Slone my favorite memory with Ben was when we hung out at his house with his mom dog and watched Disney movies all day

Ashley Slone - January 25, 2025 at 08:49 AM

KW

“ I am fortunate enough to have known both Ben and his mom, Kim. Ben was a favorite of mine at SHS. He had the biggest heart and the best smile. He was kind and honest, and if you were lucky enough to know him well, he revealed his true sense of humor and tender heart. Rest easy, Ben. You will be remembered and you will be missed.

Kelly Whitley - January 24, 2025 at 08:40 PM

LM

“ From first grade to senior year of high school I had a lot of classes with Ben and we got along really well! He was a very nice guy, very loyal, and had a great sense of humor! When I heard the news, I was really devastated and sad! My thoughts and prayers go out to his family!

Luke Miller - January 24, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ I remember when Ben came to his family so many years ago. He was the joy of his mom, dad, and sister. He was also the love of his Aunt “Bean” and his grandparents. Through the years, his family grew to many more who loved, cared, and raised him, including Kim’s husband, Dennis. I know, beyond a doubt, that this sweet, kind, wonderful person is in God’s company now. I am sending all my love and prayers.

Love to you all,
Amy S.

Amy Sumner - January 24, 2025 at 06:24 PM



“ ben and i were in academic support together for 2 years he was always the guy who could a laugh out of you every time he spoke it was to crack a joke or make a smart comment always met with a giggle and a playful eye roll. he was the one who sat in the corner just like i did(that how we became acquainted) rip ben you never knew what i was going through but you always understood and for that thank you always ☐

Ariana German - January 24, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Ben's passing. We were in the same first grade class with Mrs. Marl. I remember him being a great kid all around. I still have our class t-shirt and I've always loved that his self-portrait was of him blowing a gum bubble! I thought it captured his fun spirit perfectly. I send my love to all who loved and knew Ben.

Megan (Girbach) Haley - January 23, 2025 at 07:57 PM

PH

*My heart goes out to Ben's family. He was always a polite young man and wanted to do the right thing . He will be missed.
Sincerely, Paul and Phyllis Heinrich. Ben's neighbors on the court.*

Phyllis and Paul Heinrich - January 28, 2025 at 04:54 PM

DR

“ Douglas R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin "Ben" A. Wells.

Douglas R. - January 23, 2025 at 07:44 PM

DR

“ I remember Ben extremely well. As his MS and HS principal it was a joy getting to know him. Very sad!

David Raft - January 23, 2025 at 05:07 PM