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From the moment he entered this world—tiny and determined at just two pounds—Ben

Harrison Bader showed the strength, courage, and grace that would come to define him. Born

a fighter, he grew into a young man whose light seemed to shine from within: a beautiful

smile, long eyelashes, and unruly hair framing a spirit that was unstoppable, creative, and full of life.

Ben had a way of making the world feel warmer. He filled rooms with laughter, mischief, and

kindness in equal measure. He was generous, athletic, and competitive, with a love for

basketball, long walks, running, and the games of tennis and padel. Whether he was playing,

talking, or simply listening, Ben lived with his whole heart—curious, determined, and entirely

himself.

He had an extraordinary gift for connection. Ben remembered names, noticed the overlooked,

and had an instinct for seeing people as they truly were. He believed in others before they believed in themselves. His encouragement gave people courage; his faith in them became their own. To be known by Ben was to feel understood, valued, and loved. Creative and introspective, Ben lived by a simple yet powerful motto: “If not now, when?”—words he carried with him, even tattooed on his arm, as a daily reminder to embrace life with courage and presence. He dreamed boldly and inspired others to do the same. His kindness, sincerity, and humor lifted those around him, and his unwavering belief in the potential of others continues to ripple outward—a quiet, enduring legacy of love.

Those who knew Ben will forever carry his laughter, his generosity, and the spark of his spirit in their hearts. Though his time on earth was far too short, the depth of his impact was immeasurable. He reminded us all to live fully, to love deeply, and to see the light in one another.

Ben is survived by his loving mother, Wendy Upham, and his father, Jon Bader; his stepmother, Karen Bader, and stepfather, Todd Upham; his brother, Justin Bader (Makenna Hack); his stepbrothers, Brad Upham and the late Zachary Aronoff; his stepsisters, Ellen Upham (Moises Gomez), Maddie Upham (Sam Young), Allison Upham, and Toria (Brian) Aronoff Schottenstein.

He is further survived by his grandparents, Mari Garfield and the late James Garfield, M.D., Rochelle and Gerald Bader, D.D.S.; his aunts and uncles, Monica and Bill Woeste, Susan and Jeff Schoeny, Lisa and Jeff Samuelson, David and Michelle Bader, and B. Tupper Upham; and by his beloved cousins, Maggie and Molly Schoeny, Trey and Mac Woeste, Jenna and Benji Frydman, Zach Samuelson, Alexa and Kyle Bader; nieces Juliette and Scarlett Schottenstein; and his loving girlfriend, Reem Atallah—along with many other family members and dear friends who will cherish his memory.

Ben's life was a reminder that joy and kindness are powerful acts of faith—that one person's belief in others can echo across countless lives. His light will continue to shine through all who loved him.

A memorial service to celebrate Ben's life will be held at Kenwood Country Club, 6501 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243, on Sunday, November 2, at 11:00 AM with a reception immediately following. The Service will be LIVE STREAMED at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84018375603>.

Ben reached the community through his writing and daily posts on social media, where he shared reflections that encouraged others to live with gratitude, clarity, and self-belief. His tweets were deeply meaningful and often gave his followers comfort, perspective, and a renewed sense of purpose. Two of his most powerful messages read: "Life is beautiful. Do not miss it. Do not take it for granted. Do not tell yourself

something is missing, as you will always find something to look for. The thing you are looking for is you.”

“You find gratitude for the pain when you know there’s light on the other side. You’re one of the lucky ones who gets to experience the depth of polarity. Withstand the storm and you’ll be prepared for the sun.”

These messages capture the essence of who Ben was — someone who led with light, sought truth, and reminded others to find peace and purpose within themselves. Though our hearts are broken, we will carry on Ben's legacy in everything we do. We will keep his memory alive by leading with love, living with purpose, and carrying forward his passions that made the world brighter.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to:

Jupiter Medical Center Foundation

1210 S Old Dixie Highway

Jupiter, FL 33458

Please direct all memorial contributions to the address above.

May we honor him by living as he did—with courage, presence, and love, asking always: “If not now, when?”

Keep his memory alive. Follow his social media:

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Kenwood Country Club
6501 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, OH 45243

Tribute Wall

CP

“ Ben was my upstairs neighbor in our freshman year dorm at CofC and he also dated my roommate for a little bit. Ben and I spent many nights getting deep into our dreams for our futures and singing so terribly we'd get noise complaints. He was always looking out for me and made sure I always made it home. He had a way of seeing people for their potential and making sure they knew it. He was one of the most thoughtful people I've ever met. He made my first college years so memorable. He was truly the light of every party and any small gathering. His gift for touching peoples hearts will be in our lives forever. Love you Bader☐

Celia Piemontese - October 30, 2025 at 03:58 PM

SG

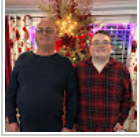
“ I did not know Ben, nor have I met Justin but I know and love their father, Jon. Ben's lfe (as I have read) convinces me that he will live on through his work and his positive outlook. Justin's tribute to his brother so very well expresses his love and gratitude for Ben's very existence, I can add nothing except my deepest sympathy for all his family!

Sandy Greenberg - October 29, 2025 at 11:52 PM

JW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and the world's loss of Ben. I fondly remember Ben from the Yavneh/Rockwern library. May his memory be a blessing. Love and comfort from the Weinstein family.

Julia Weinstein - October 29, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ *Condolences to his family*



Carson Loveless - October 29, 2025 at 07:23 AM

TO

“ *Ben Bader my brother -*

You showed us that real influence is measured in lives changed, not likes earned.

Your timeline was a masterclass; your legacy, a manifesto.

A gift to the world. A gift to every person you spoke to .

Ben Bader— a guru, a guide, my good friend .

Thank you for your genius . the fire, the forever.

wish we could just shoot hoops one more time brother .

-Tommy O

Tommy Ourada - October 29, 2025 at 02:47 AM

LH

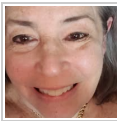
So so sorry . Linda Dean Harris.

Linda Dean Harris. - October 30, 2025 at 09:10 AM

AS

“ I had the pleasure of living with Ben in Charleston, after quite the fun freshmen year when we became friends on the 4th floor of the McAllister dorm. We shared so many laughs, beach days, gym sessions, sunbathing on the roof and nights out during that time. But one conversation will stick with me forever. Ben questioned me one night, as I think he did all of us, until the point I had no more answers left for him, about what motivated me in my life, what I strived toward and why. While it was clear he had found the answer for himself, he made it his mission that night to find me mine. He wanted to motivate not only me, but everyone that crossed his path, he was driven to help better those that he interacted with and left such a profound impact on not only myself, but thousands of others. I'll hold the memories we shared together forever and live my life honoring what Ben lived his for, never forgetting to live by his mantra “If not now, then when?” I love you brother. Sending all of my love, thoughts and prayers

Anthony Spinella - October 28, 2025 at 07:44 PM



May his memory be for a blessing...broken-hearted to hear of his passing away...deep loss of a man so young.💔

Myra Jean Lewis - October 29, 2025 at 11:58 AM

DA

“ To the Bader family: thank you for sharing your absolute gift of a son with us. Ben was a living legend, and that legend will live on. When I moved to Miami, new to the "internet kid" world - Ben went out of his way to introduce me to EVERYONE. I looked forward to every call in "The Bader Group" - and then "Artisan Lab" - two programs that have made me a better entrepreneur.

He had a way of making everyone feel special - something I try to emulate as a leader, entrepreneur, and friend, now.

I wish we could play one more one on one outside Solitair. He was a treat. Thank you, and sending love.

Daavi - October 28, 2025 at 06:33 PM

SH

“ I remember Ben fondly as a second grader at Rockwern. May his memory be a blessing. Sharon Haas

Sharon Haas - October 28, 2025 at 04:14 PM

EL

“ I loved with Ben in Charleston at a house on line street for a year, making great memories and seeing him just start to get going with his agency. Sometimes we'd wake up early and take his Honda civic to the gym in Sullivans island and would chat to and from. On the way back he asked me one time "What's your biggest fear?" I answered something silly. I asked him back and he said "Not using my full potential." I'm honored to have made memories with him and to have witnessed the pursuit of that full potential. A great man ans a better friend. Love you brother.

eli larsen - October 28, 2025 at 03:35 PM

JD

“ I was fortunate enough to get to know Ben during my time at the College of Charleston. When the whole country was under lock down, Ben and I took advantage of the open basketball courts. We would play 1 on 1 full court best of 3 which could go on for hours. I feel blessed to know when the world felt crazy I could lean on playing basketball with my friend Ben. I could go on about how impressive he was on the court; tight dribble, smooth jumper, and just a great understanding of the game etc. However, basketball was just one of many things Ben was impressive at and when Ben decided to move on from Charleston I knew the sky was limit, he was truly unique and destined for success. I hold those memories of those simple 1 on 1 basketball games close to my heart. My deepest condolences to the Bader family.

Jerry Dalie - October 28, 2025 at 01:19 PM