



Benjamin West Piersol

March 21, 1989 - January 24, 2025

Benjamin West Piersol III, cherished son of Benjamin W. Jr. and Judith A. Sheetz Piersol, passed away and entered the Kingdom of Heaven on Friday, January 24th, in Montana. His spirit and love will forever resonate in the hearts of those who knew him. He is also survived by his sister, Rebecca A., married to Jack G. Connors, also of Montana. Fondly known as "Little Ben" by family and friends, his untimely death will be mourned by many in both Pennsylvania and Montana. He touched many lives, especially his cousins, who were like siblings to him, with a positive and everlasting friendship. Originally from the Mount Joy-Manheim area, Ben graduated from Lancaster Catholic High School, Class of 2007, where he formed many lifelong friends. After moving to Montana with his family, he attended Montana State University in Bozeman with bold aspirations of becoming a dentist. His career was spent developing dental skills while working for various dentists in Bozeman and for Montana Implants and Periodontics of Helena.

Ben's love and friendship for those he encountered never wavered. These caring traits led him to meet many people who introduced him to an adventure-filled life. A Sporting Clays enthusiast, he enjoyed many outings with his father, sharing their craft. He often traveled "back East" to visit friends and family, yet his love for the West remained steadfast. He loved the mountains and the vastness that the mid-state of Montana offered. He spent many days hiking with his Border Collies (Sister, Blue, and Kipp), taking in the open skies and climbing the many peaks of the Beartooth, Crazy, and

Bitterroot Mountain Ranges of Montana. His time learning about nature and studying animal tracks and their physical markings left by bears, wolves, and deer fascinated him and gave him great joy. Such was his joy that he often shared photos of his explorations with others, texting his family and friends with magnificent pictures of the West, fallen tree patterns, or something as minute as ant hills. He loved to ski and discovered more friends on the slopes, where he found peace surveying the lofty heights. Although his time with us was short-lived, he touched many lives with positive and everlasting friendships and a love that will be deeply missed. Literal words are difficult to describe the loss and heartbreak of the people who loved him the most.

In addition to his mother, father, and sister, Ben is survived by three aunts, Cathy married to Dennis Martin of Elizabethtown, PA; Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen, PhD married to Kenneth Nguyen; Mary Sheetz Lynam, married to Mark Lynam; two uncles, Jonathan R. Sheetz, married to Donna McNamara Sheetz; all of Mount Joy and Christopher J. Sheetz, companion of Tina M. Slabonik of Harrisburg, seven cousins: Greg Martin married to Crystal Clontz-Martin from Charlotte, NC, and Christopher Martin married to Danelle (McCullough) Martin, of Banner Elk, NC; Andrew J. Lynam of Baltimore; Ian M. married to Grace Obando Lynam; Peter M. Sheetz married to Jaycie Henderson all of Mount Joy; Mary Lynam Lukens married to Kyle of Media; Stephen R. Sheetz of Asheville NC, and James W. Sheetz of Philadelphia. He was preceded in death by his sister Rachel E., paternal grandparents Benjamin W. Sr. and Anna Hoffman Piersol, and maternal grandparents Gerald R. and Mary H. Reich Sheetz.

All services will be private. Ben will be interred with his sister Rachel and grandparents in Mount Joy Cemetery. In place of flowers, his family would deeply appreciate memorial contributions to the Humane League of Lancaster (<https://humanepa.org>).

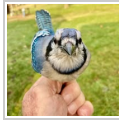
Tribute Wall



“ *Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Benjamin West Piersol*

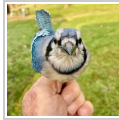


Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc - February 03, 2025 at 11:18 AM



Sorry for your loss. ❤️ 🙏

Steve Shirk - February 03, 2025 at 09:06 PM



Powerful tribute.

Steve Shirk - February 03, 2025 at 09:06 PM

JS

On behalf of our family, thank you.

Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen - February 05, 2025 at 06:47 PM

BE

Rest in eternal peace, Ben, and may the entire Piersol and Sheetz family experience comfort from the Prince of Peace even as you mourn.

Brian Ebersole - February 06, 2025 at 10:38 PM

SC

Very moving tribute

Samuel Wayne Clark - February 07, 2025 at 08:52 PM



Please accept our heartfelt condolences for the passing of Ben. May your beautiful memories provide you comfort during this difficult time.

Ellen Hoffman - February 19, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ *Van Tana lit a candle in memory of Benjamin West Piersol*



Van Tana - February 08, 2025 at 08:59 AM

JS

“ *Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen lit a candle in memory of Benjamin West Piersol*



Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen - February 05, 2025 at 06:48 PM

PC

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all of the Piersol family. Ben played on the same St. Leo team as my son. We enjoyed many conversations including the dream of the move to Montana one day. I am glad you all were able to make that dream come true. May some of those joyful memories make you smile. The Rovnak's*

Paul and Carl - February 05, 2025 at 06:45 PM

JS

On behalf of our family, thank you.



Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen - February 05, 2025 at 06:46 PM

DS

“ So sorry for your loss! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Diane and Rich Shultz

Diane Shultz - February 03, 2025 at 04:25 PM

MW

“ Dear Judy, Ben, Rebecca You will not remember me, but I remember you. I met you and came to know you a little when I took care of your darling Rachel in the Nursery at St. Joseph Hospital in Lancaster, PA. I remember her journey and shared your grief when you lost Rachel as a little girl. My heart is broken for you again. There are no words to comfort a loss so unspeakable. Because I remember the great JOY that young Ben's birth brought to you even as you mourned Rachel and were raising Rebecca. Looked just like his dad from day 1 ! Beautiful beloved Ben.....he would have graduated from LCHS 2 years behind my own younger daughter who graduated in 2005. Never forgot what wonderful parents you both were. Just such sweet and loving people too. Dad Ben brought the nurses a Valentine's box of chocolates from the pharmacy while Rachel was hospitalized in the Nursery after birth. I can't imagine what you are feeling except unbearable pain. I am so so sorry to the bottom of my heart. While Ben and Rachel are embracing in heaven, my hope is you know nothing but caring, support, unfathomable compassion and love from all around you. Jesus be close, stay closer than air. God hold you in every way possible. Special hugs to Rebecca and her children. Heartfelt Remembrance and  . Mary Ann Wolpert , RN. Lancaster, PA

Mary Ann Wolpert - February 02, 2025 at 09:02 PM

BP

Mary Ann...thank you for your memories and beautiful thoughts.....you are a wonderful human being...a Humanitarian...May God Bless You...we are struggling as Ben also wss a good youngman everyone loved...Ben

Ben Piersol - February 24, 2025 at 07:13 PM

DN

“ Dear Ben, Judy and Rebecca. Have always missed you in the neighborhood. I couldn't believe it when I opened the newspaper today and saw that Ben had passed away. I remember that Ashlie Nelson babysat him a few times. How we wish we could go back to the 4-H days with Kendy. Our condolences to the whole family. Hope the memories you have made with him stay with you forever. Glad to see you are thriving in the bitter cold ongoing Montana winters. Our sympathies. Sam. Donna and Ashlie Nelson

Donna Nelson - February 02, 2025 at 07:58 PM

BM

“ Ben , Judy, and Becka I was so sorry to hear about Ben passing away. He is now at peace. Our thoughts are with you, Dennis, Cathy, Greg, and Chris.

*RIP Ben
Bernice and Don McCullough
Charlotte, NC*

Bernice McCullough - February 02, 2025 at 07:46 PM

BB

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Judy, Ben, and the entire Sheetz and Piersol families. Words cannot express our sorrow. The Sheetz and Piersol families have always been there for us, and for that we will always be grateful.

Please be assured of our thoughts and prayers during these difficult days. May the memories of the times you shared bring you comfort and peace.

Eternal rest grant unto Ben, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace . Amen.

Bob, Barbara (Frank), and Andrew Boehme

Barbara Boehme - February 02, 2025 at 02:30 PM

JS

Thank you for the beautiful prayer...we are grateful.

Jessica Ann Sheetz-Nguyen - February 03, 2025 at 10:14 PM

JR

“ *So incredibly sad! Very sorry to learn of his passing. Love and prayers sent to the entire family. Jean & Bill Reuter*

Jean Hoffer Reuter - February 02, 2025 at 09:34 AM

LM

“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your loved one, prayers are with all of you ,*

Lori mcgovern - February 02, 2025 at 08:57 AM

HE

“ So very sorry for Sheetz family loss.

Helen M Ennis - February 01, 2025 at 02:15 PM

JS

Thank you Helen...❤️

Jessica Ann Sheetz-Nguyen - February 01, 2025 at 02:31 PM

DO

“ Prayers and heartfelt condolences to you all at this time of deepest grieving. Dona and Ed

Dona - January 30, 2025 at 10:57 AM

JS

Thank you Dona and Ed...

Jessica Ann Sheetz-Nguyen - February 01, 2025 at 02:31 PM

KM

“ Our family is heartbroken for the entire Sheetz family after hearing the news of Ben. We are praying for you all and hope that the many wonderful memories you have will be a blessing for you always.
Love, Katie and John McNamara

Katie McNamara - January 30, 2025 at 10:15 AM

JS

Dear Katie, John, and Family, Thank you for your prayers. We are grateful. Sincerely, the Sheetz Family.

Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen - February 02, 2025 at 02:35 PM

KB

“ Dear Ben, Judy, Rebecca & the Sheetz family~ We are deeply saddened to hear of little Ben's passing. We wish you comfort, peace and strength to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.

Thinking of you, Kris & Bonnie McCue

Kris & Bonnie - January 29, 2025 at 11:55 AM

RS

Dear Judy, Ben, and all of the Sheetz family! I am so sorry to hear about Ben's passing. I read his obituary and he sounds like a wonderful young person. Your loss is shared with those of us who never had the good fortune to will know him. I hope the many wonderful memories will keep them close in your hearts. Please know that you remain in my thoughts, prayers, and well wishes. May Ben rest in peace.

Renée Schlueter

Renee Schlueter - January 29, 2025 at 12:22 PM

JS

Thank you so very much my dear friend.

Jessica Ann Sheetz-Nguyen - January 29, 2025 at 08:31 PM

JS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jessica Ann Sheetz-Nguyen - January 28, 2025 at 08:00 PM

PD

“ *I am shocked, horrified and deeply saddened by Ben's sudden loss. My deepest condolences go to the entire Sheetz family. May Ben be at peace*

Paula T Delong - January 28, 2025 at 07:31 PM

JS

Thank you. Paula, Jessica

Jessica Ann Sheetz-Nguyen - February 01, 2025 at 02:30 PM

MK

I was so so sorry to read of Ben's passing; our deepest condolences to the Sheetz and Pierson families. Saying prayers for all of you and wishing you some measure of peace.

Mary Kegel

Mary Kegel - February 03, 2025 at 11:12 AM

FB

To the entire Piersol-Sheetz Clan:

We are so incredibly sad to learn of Ben's passing - he was obviously such a bright light in this world. We know that there is very little that anyone can do or say when your lives are filled with such overwhelming grief, but know that you all are in our hearts and minds as you pass through this incredibly difficult journey. Wishing you all peace, hope, faith, love, and the strength of family surrounding you.

Felicia (Lisa Kegel) Bechtel and Family

Felicia Kegel Bechtel - February 06, 2025 at 07:01 PM