



## Benjamin "Ben" Ashby

October 31, 1960 - January 20, 2024

We Are Confident, I Say, and Willing to be Absent  
From the Body and to be Present With the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8

Benjamin "Ben" Ashby, age 63, and a resident of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, entered into his eternal rest on January 20, 2024 at Lakeview Hospital, Covington, Louisiana. Ben had dealt with a lengthy illness for quite some time but through it all, he never complained.

Ben was born in Fayetteville, Tennessee on October 31, 1960 to the parents of the late Gene Ashby and Beatrice "Bea" Ashby. Ben was baptized at an early age and truly loved the Lord.

He graduated from Franklinton High School in 1979 and was a Veteran of military service proudly serving his country in the Louisiana Army National Guard.

Ben worked many years in the oilfield business as a senior chief mechanic with Noble Drilling and chief mechanic with Cal-Dive International, making many lifelong friends.

Ben's true passion was hunting and fishing where he found much peace and joy, especially with his best friend, his K-9 companion, "Sister".

To know Ben, was to love him and to be loved by him. Although Ben has left this world, his memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Left to cherish his memories, his Mother, Beatrice (Bea) Perry Ashby of Fayetteville, Tennessee, a brother, Jeff (Kirsten) Ashby of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, sisters, Diane (Ray) Corkern of Franklinton, La.; Pam (Robert) Old, of Lafayette, La.; nieces and nephews, Sara Blair, Jason (Amber) Creel, Stephen Corkern and Shauna (Tim) Wietharn; great nieces and nephew, Bresa Blair, Ryan Creel and Louie Creel as well as many other cousins and family members. In addition to his family, Ben leaves behind a legacy of love and memories shared with a network of very special friends.

He was preceded in death by his Father, Gene Ashby, and grandparents, Murrell Benjamin Ashby and Mable Brown Ashby, and Bernie and Clarice Perry.

Out of respect of his wishes, a Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to all the many people who cared for Ben, visited with Ben, and took care of Ben in his time of need.

"I Have Fought a Good Fight, I Have Finished the Race, I Have Kept the Faith." 2nd Timothy 4:7 Love Ben

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a non-profit organization in honor of Ben's passion. Suggestions include the National Wild Turkey Federation ([www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org)) , National Fish and Wildlife Foundation ([www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org)).

org) , or National Wildlife Federation ([www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org))

# Tribute Wall

BD

“ *Becky Davidson sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Ashby*



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**Becky Davidson** - January 30, 2024 at 08:10 PM

RF

“ *Regina Forbes lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Ashby*



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**Regina Forbes** - January 30, 2024 at 06:54 PM

AH

“ *A. Harmon lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Ashby*



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**A. Harmon** - January 29, 2024 at 06:30 AM

CH

“ *Ms Bea, Pam & Diane, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending my love and prayers for you all.*



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**Charlotte Hornsby** - January 28, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JH

“ Praying for the family.



Jacque and Charlie Hopkins - January 28, 2024 at 07:58 AM

CG

“ May God give his family and friends and loved ones comfort during this difficult time! It was a privilege to have known him and his family since I was around 11 years ! He was loved by many and will never be forgotten!! He is no longer suffering and in the living arms of our sweet Jesus!!



Cindy Magee Gerald - January 28, 2024 at 07:20 AM

DP

“ Diane and family I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved brother. Sending love and prayers to you and your family.



Deby Pigott - January 27, 2024 at 04:45 PM

JO

“ Julia Oswald lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Ashby



Julia Oswald - January 27, 2024 at 03:13 PM

SB

“ *Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Ashby*



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**Susan Barber** - January 27, 2024 at 12:01 PM

EK

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Edna Kennedy** - January 27, 2024 at 07:59 AM