



Ben Downard III.

January 29, 1961 - June 26, 2024

Loren Willard "Ben" Downard III, 63, passed on the evening of June 26, 2024, in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Ben was born in Quantico, Virginia, on January 29, 1961, and grew up in California. As a teen he moved back to Virginia, where he joined the Army and later met and married his wife and raised their three sons. He spent the last 30 years doing what he really loved in cross-country trucking. His biggest passion, though, was his grandchildren. He was practically born to be the silly doting grandfather. Best known for his sense of humor and unmatched social skills, Ben was the funniest, biggest, and strongest man and was instantly always everyone's favorite person the second he walked into the room.

Ben is preceded in death by his parents, Loren "Ben" Downard II and Minerva "Judy" Carlton, his brothers Richard "Dickie" Cassel and James "Sonny" Downard, and his grandson Uriel Loren Downard. He is survived by his wife Barby; his three sons Dustin (Bailey), Tommy, and Alex; his seven granddaughters Lexie, Serenity, Eevlynn, Madison, Lindsay, Alayna, and Paisley; his four grandsons Michael, Gabriel, Remiel, and Thomas; his brothers Michael (Sonia) and Thomas, his sister Michelle, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews who watched him grow into an awesome, funny, caring and generous father, grandfather, and Christian. He was very loved and will be greatly missed. A Celebration of his life will take place on Friday, July 12, 2024 from 1-3 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA followed by a Pot Luck Reception.

"Come and follow Me, I will bring you Home...I love you and you are Mine."

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 12. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Reception

JUL 12. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room
9609 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Tribute Wall

KD

“ Kenneth and Trisha Dunn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Downard III..

Kenneth and Trisha Dunn - July 12, 2024 at 10:54 AM

KD

“ Kenneth and Trisha Dunn purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ben Downard III..



Kenneth and Trisha Dunn - July 12, 2024 at 10:54 AM

JW

“ Dear Barry and family my deepest sympathy to all of you. So sorry to hear of Ben's passing. Love Jessie Wines

Jessie wines - July 11, 2024 at 10:43 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ben Downard III..



July 11, 2024 at 01:37 PM

LB

“ Liz Baxter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Downard III..

Liz Baxter - July 11, 2024 at 01:08 PM

LB

“ Liz Baxter purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ben Downard III..



Liz Baxter - July 11, 2024 at 01:08 PM

EF

“ emily hagen + family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Downard III..

emily hagen + family - July 11, 2024 at 03:55 AM

EF

“ emily hagen + family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ben Downard III..



emily hagen + family - July 11, 2024 at 03:55 AM

TF

“ The Manchego & Toole Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ben Downard III..



The Manchego & Toole Families - July 10, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Ben Downard III..



July 10, 2024 at 07:43 AM

GS

“ Glenna Settle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Downard III..

Glenna Settle - July 10, 2024 at 07:43 AM

LE

“ He was always loved and I hope he knew that



Lexie - July 09, 2024 at 11:17 AM

CD

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Christian Michelle Downard - July 09, 2024 at 08:08 AM

CD

he came home to celebrate my birthday

Christian Michelle Downard - July 09, 2024 at 08:17 AM

SE

“ *He's always been such a strong, goofy, and loving person*



Serenity - July 08, 2024 at 07:39 PM

LE

“ *I was listening to this song earlier and it really impacted me and I think it's a perfect passage for grandpa.*

*It makes me smile to know when things get hard,
You'll be far, you'll be far from here
That while I clean shit up in the yard, ooh
You'll be far, you'll be far, far from here
So pack up your car, put a hand on your heart
Say whatever you feel, be wherever you are
We ain't angry at you, love
You're the greatest thing we've lost
The birds'll still sing, your folks'll still fight
The boards'll still creak, the leaves will still die
We ain't angry at you, love
We'll be waiting for you, love
And we'll all be here forever*



Lexie - July 08, 2024 at 06:35 PM

CD

thats beautiful honey

Christian Michelle Downard - July 09, 2024 at 08:16 AM

EJ

“ *Michael and family, on behalf of myself and the Satellite Operations Teams in Reston and Ottawa please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your brother Ben. May your memories of him bring you laughter and joy in the future. The trees are from all of us.*

EDMOND JULIEN - July 08, 2024 at 04:34 PM

EJ

“ *Edmond J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Downard III..*

Edmond J. - July 08, 2024 at 04:29 PM

TA

“ *The Shaffners & Alford's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Downard III..*

The Shaffners & Alford's - July 08, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ben Downard III..*



July 08, 2024 at 12:56 PM

MH

“ *You will be missed. You always made me laugh. Rest in peace cousin.*



Marci Hartman - July 08, 2024 at 12:00 PM

MS

“ *Michael & Sonia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Downard III..*

Michael & Sonia - July 08, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ben Downard III..



July 08, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ Christian Michelle Downard sent a virtual gift in memory of Ben Downard III.



Christian Michelle Downard - July 07, 2024 at 07:26 PM



“ Serenity lit a candle in memory of Ben Downard III.



Serenity - July 07, 2024 at 03:21 AM



I will always remember Ben, he was such a wonderful person. Funny, loud laugh, wonderful sweet guy...love you, Aunt Betty.

Betty Bailey - July 07, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ Christian Michelle Downard lit a candle in memory of Ben Downard III.



Christian Michelle Downard - July 06, 2024 at 07:24 PM