



## Benedetto Ermini

September 26, 1935 - March 3, 2026

After a long struggle with leukemia, Ben Ermini passed away at his home in Heritage Hunt.

He was born in 1935 in Yonkers, New York, was a graduate of Gorton High School, and attended Iona College. He was also a graduate of the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia.

Ben retired from the Yonkers New York Police Department with the rank of Captain. After retirement he became the Director for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Using his Investigative knowledge and understanding of emerging technology, he designed processes that led to more successful outcomes for at risk children. This became his life's work and after First Lady Laura Bush toured NCMEC she became an avid supporter.

Ben is survived by his wife of 68 years, Kathleen Searles, his daughter, Lisa Ermini, his son, David, and three grandchildren. His son, Dr. Edward Ermini, predeceased him.

A Visitation will be held at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas from 6-8 pm on March 10th. His funeral mass will follow at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Wednesday, March 11th at 10:30 am.

He will be Interred at Stonewall Memory Gardens in Manassas, VA.

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
8213 Linton Hall Road  
Gainesville, VA 20155  
<http://holytrinityparish.net/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ From the Members of the New York Police & Fire Retiree Association,  
Ben may you "Rest in Peace"  
To the family  
The membership is sorry for your loss.



New York Police & Fire Retiree Assoc. - March 22 at 04:52 PM

MA

“ I had the fortune of working for Ben at NCMEC and have such fond memories of him and that time. He would always give us scratch off tickets at Christmas time and treated us like family. Ben was such an advocate for his people and for all the children we served. I loved listening to his stories and he always spoke so highly of Kathleen, Lisa, David and his grandchildren. Such a genuine person who will definitely be missed. May he rest in peace and may the Ermini family find comfort in knowing he touched so many lives and will be missed by May.

Meredith Alberti - March 13 at 06:54 PM

GJ

“ Ben was an incredible boss and such a great person! I joined NCMEC after serving as a sworn member of the Prince William County Police Department, rank of Detective and assigned to Crimes Against Children Unit and Homicide Division. While working INVESTIGATIONS of more than 800 cases of child death, sex crimes, and physical abuse within CACU I developed strong relationships with many @ NCMEC where I met Ben Ermini. When our boys were 9 and 7, getting called out around the clock, it was Ben who believed in me and provided our family the opportunity for the tough decision to hung up the shield after 14 yrs to join NCMEC within MCD as a Senior Case Manager, which I remained for the next 13 yrs. During Ben's leadership, it was by far the best! Ben was one of the most influential people and direct results of providing HOPE to so many families. Ben and I enjoyed time on the golf course together and he was one heck of a golfer! I will always remember Ben as a great mentor and friend! RIP Ben! Heaven just gained an angel for us on Earth! Prayers to the entire Ermini family.

Gary Gardiner Jr - March 10 at 10:42 PM

CP

“ Ben was my first boss at NCMEC when I started as a case manager assistant the week after I graduated college in 1998. Years later, I was able to recognize just how lucky I was to have such a steadfast, honest, and fair supervisor in my first professional job. I am sorry to hear of his passing and send his wife and children condolences.

Carol Pohl - March 10 at 08:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benedetto Ermini.



March 09 at 10:34 PM

BH

“ Bob Hoever purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Benedetto Ermini.



Bob Hoever - March 09 at 03:28 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benedetto Ermini.



March 09 at 11:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benedetto Ermini.



March 08 at 05:07 PM

RT

“ Robert Garrett, Patrick & Taylor purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Benedetto Ermini.



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**Robert Garrett, Patrick & Taylor** - March 07 at 11:40 AM

CG

“ Charlie, Paul & Bonnie Garrett purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Benedetto Ermini.



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**Charlie, Paul & Bonnie Garrett** - March 07 at 09:31 AM

BH

“ Ben was a most precious friend and mentor. He was a respected giant in law enforcement and an angel protecting the children of America. Our family sadly sends our prayers and love to Ben's family and to the MANY who now weep while he rejoices with our Lord. St, Michael has recruited a truly amazing warrior . Bill and Barbara Hagmaier and family

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**Bill Hagmaier** - March 06 at 09:23 PM