



Ben W. Essenburg

July 26, 1947 - March 6, 2018

Ben Wayne Essenburg, 70, of Englewood passed away on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at his Charlotte County residence.

Born on July 26, 1947 in Oak Park, Illinois he had been a resident of Florida for twenty-three years coming from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Ben was an international award-winning artist who showed in many art shows throughout many states.

Survivors include his loving wife forty-seven years: Jill Essenburg; his four children: Jennifer, Juliana Randall, Benjamin and Jonathan all of Englewood, Florida; his parents: Ben and Grace Essenburg; his sisters: Mary Vanderkamp, Cindy Lacey; two brothers: Jack and Lloyd Essenburg; four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 4 PM at Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 East Dearborn Street, Englewood, FL 34223.

Englewood Community Funeral Home with Private Crematory has been selected to handle arrangements. You may share a memory with the family at <http://www.Englewoodfh.com>

Comments



“ Jill , Jen, Julie, Benj and Jon, with deepest sympathy and love we are sending your way.. We just found out and are deeply saddened.. It has been such a privilege to have known Ben and call him friend,, From Margate to Englewood and even in Massachusetts, the friendship spanned has spanned many years and so many happy memories, From house painter to a famous artist, From the birth of your first to your last.. Len always bragged that Ben would let him pretend paint for a picture,, And the talks over helping with some of the work,, There are so many memories and so happy our family got to share so many with you all.. His love of Jesus and his family made a complete world.. and his faith (yours too) always got you all through.. May the Lord help you through this time and may you know Ben is always with you .

With much love and friendship.

Len and Judy Hutchinson,

Michael, Joe, Donna , Brian, Jennifer ,Julie, Matt , Mikayla, Kristin, Dan, Tim and Jon,, they may not of all known Ben but love the stories we tell and love his art work



Judy Hutchinson - July 18, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ As Ben chatted with us, he picked up the smallest brush with only one bristle. The reflections of wings appeared on the water. A master was at work. Ben was not only an exquisite artist, he was most importantly a man of God. He loved Jesus and shared his faith generously. One of the reasons he did all of this so well was because of the love and support of his beautiful wife Jill. She is a grace-filled woman. Prayers lifted for comfort and strength for her and the family.

Elaine Bush - April 05, 2018 at 08:37 AM



“ I was a fan of Ben's art long before I ever met him. When I finally did meet him at the Melbourne Art Festival, I was absolutely star struck. I gushed and giggled like an idiot, thrilled to be standing in the presence of greatness. He was so kind, and humble. He was not at all put off by my comparisons of his work to DiVinci's, or if he was, he didn't let on. I still think his work is as great as the finest masters. Over the years, I was able to get to know him and his sweet wife, Jill, a bit. What wonderful souls they both are. He will always be my favorite artist, and I'll think of him fondly every time I look at one of his paintings. Hugs to you, {{{{{{Jill.}}}}}

Rebecca Martin

Rebecca Martin - March 11, 2018 at 09:56 AM