



# Benjamin Ross Berman

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It is with great heartache and sadness that I am saying goodbye to my son, the love of my life, Benjamin Ross Berman. He came into this world on January 15 1985. He was a beautiful, wonderful, caring and compassionate young man. He brought me such joy. I never knew how much I could love anyone. He was talented, and funny, a theatre geek. Les Miz was his all time favorite. Recently he was all excited by Hamilton. He called me and said "mom, you gotta go on line and read all the words to the songs for Hamilton, because you will never understand them otherwise. Then go on YouTube and watch the performances it's so good" He wanted to be in the theatre, or on stage doing comedy. It was not to be, Ben had demons that took over his soul. He could not fight them, and his life ended early Sunday morning August 28, 2016. He leaves behind his loving family. His mother Cindy Strienfeld, stepdad Howard Strienfeld, grandmother Natalie Schwartz, grandfather David Schwartz, stepsister Paula Marietta, her husband Alfred Marietta and children AJ and Joey Marietta, stepbrother Michael Strienfeld, great aunt Shirley, great uncle Al, Godmother Dorothy Landes. And his many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Hopefully his late father Stephen Berman greeted him as he entered paradise.

My friend, Christine Thomas, sent me this poem that really are the words in my heart

I would give my life to have you back,  
Said the Mom  
I know you would, said her child.  
I cry each night for you, said the Mom  
And I catch all of your tears said her child  
I pray for the day  
That I can see you again,  
Said the Mom



## Obituary

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Just close your eyes and you can see me,  
Said her child  
I am always just a dream away.....

You are the first person who loved me,  
And you are the first person I loved.  
You were always there  
when I needed you,  
And you always knew  
when I needed a hug.  
I am here for you now, mom  
In your heart and in your soul.  
I did not take your heart with me  
Instead I left mine with you to hold.  
One day I will take your hand  
And lead you to paradise,  
But until then my beautiful mother,  
When you want to see me  
You only need to close your eyes....




# Events


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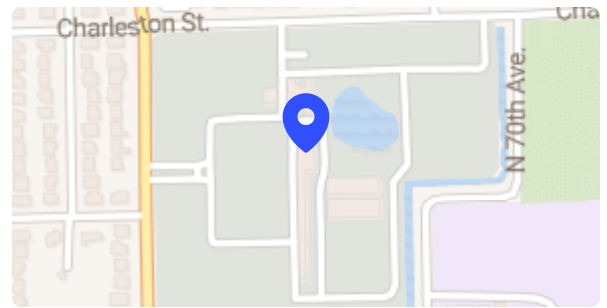
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## Chapel Service

 **Thursday**, September 1, 2016

 2:00 PM ET

 **Beth David Memorial Gardens**  
3201 North 72nd Avenue, Hollywood FL 33024





# Tribute Wall

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**Barbara Keys** lit a candle in honor of Benjamin.

Cindy I am deeply saddened by your loss and truly empathize with you. My prayers go out to you and your family. Faith will see you through this most difficult time. Sincerely Barbara Keys

September 2 at 4:18 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Berman family.

September 2 at 10:45 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Berman family.

September 1 at 5:59 AM



**Karen Rachel** shared an album called **New Album Name**.

August 31 at 4:47 PM



**Karen Rachel** September 1 at 7:52 AM

I knew him from Body, this is Karen (Hanson). I look a little different then I used to I suppose!



**Cindy** September 1 at 5:38 AM

How did you know Benjamin?



**Karen Rachel** shared 2 photos to the **File ben** album.

August 31 at 4:47 PM





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VB

**Valarie Brown** posted:

Cindy....There are no words I can say that would express the feelings I am having now trying to imagine losing a child. Reggie & I will pray for you to find the strength and faith to make it through this trying time. We are so very sorry for your loss.

August 31 at 1:06 PM

BE

**Brandee Evans** lit a candle in honor of Benjamin.



August 31 at 10:29 AM

BE

**Brandee Evans** posted:

Ben was such a smart guy and so funny. He possessed an empathy that many of his age, lacked. I'm so so sad about this--makes me feel sick inside. I can't even think of the right words of comfort. My sincere condolences and may God bless. ...Brandee (Shannon's mom)

August 31 at 10:28 AM

MR

**Margie T. Rhodes** lit a candle in honor of Benjamin.



August 31 at 9:29 AM

MR

**Margie T. Rhodes** August 31 at 9:32 AM

There are no words of comfort for the loss of a child. I pray for strength for family and friends to get through the struggles of accepting this loss and to remember Ben for the great individual he was. Hugs

MN

**Maria Nunes** posted:

I am so so sorry about your loss Cindy! You lost Ben here on earth but you gained an angel in heaven that will watch over all of you. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. May God give you comfort and peace and rest his soul in heaven!

August 31 at 8:37 AM



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CI

**Cindy** shared an album called **File ben.**



August 30 at 8:09 AM

CT

**Christine Thomas** posted:

My Dearest Cindy, No words I write could ever say how sad and empty I feel today. Angels came for Ben way too soon. He is in Heaven looking down on us with those beautiful eyes and smile! Know that I am here for you my friend > Love you all

August 31 at 6:45 AM

MS

**Maureen Saenger** August 31 at 8:44 AM

Cindy, My heart aches for the loss of your pride and joy. I know he will never leave your heart and he was an amazing boy. I loved hearing the stories and I hope to hear them again. Here are some XOXOX from NJ. Love ya, Moe

GK

**Gloria Kohn** posted:

We had some great talks. Allan really liked him. He was so good natured, taking out my garbage when he saw it on the patio, fixing me breakfast & bringing it down so we could chat. He was just such a lost soul sometimes & I wish I could have helped him more. Now he's at rest & watching over his family. May all of the good memories get you through this trying time. Many thoughts of love will be with your family. Gloria

August 31 at 6:29 AM

VT

**Valerie Toczynski** posted:

Dear Cindy, Howie and family, We are so deeply saddened by the loss of Ben. Our deepest condolences. We'll pray that your faith will get you through this difficult time. We are always here for you if you need us. We love you our dear friends so very much. May Ben rest in peace. Love, Valerie and John

August 30 at 5:48 PM



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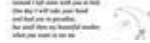


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August 30 at 8:09 AM



I would give my life to have you back,  
and be there.  
I know you think you're the one,  
I'm not right for you, and the more  
I think about it, I see more and more  
I want to be with you, but I see you're right,  
and I'm here.  
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## Media

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Miami, 2010



Cindy shared 5 photos to the **File ben** album.

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Long lake camp



Long lake camp



Mom, granny and Ben



Long lake camp



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### *Mother & Son*

MOTHER AND SON

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 I know you would, said her son.  
 I cry each night for you, said his Mum  
 And I catch all of your tears said her son  
 I pray for the day that I can see you again,  
 said his Mum  
 Close your eyes and you can see me,  
 said her son.....  
 You are the first person who loved me,  
 and you are the first person I loved.  
 You were always there when I needed you,  
 and you always knew when I needed a hug.  
 I am here for you now, mum  
 in your heart and in your soul.  
 I did not take your heart with me  
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 One day I will take your hand  
 and lead you to paradise,  
 but until then my beautiful mother,  
 when you want to see me  
 you only need to close your eyes.....*

*E.warby*





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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