



Justin Ray Bennett

March 18, 1981 - April 1, 2021

Justin Ray Bennett, loving son, brother, fiancé, devoted uncle and steadfast friend, passed away on Thursday, April 1, at his home in Jackson, Mississippi. He was 40 years old.

Justin was born to Kenneth Reginald Bennett and Victoria (Vickie) Jenkins Loper on March 18, 1981, in Indianola, Mississippi, where he spent the bulk of his formative years and cultivated numerous lifelong friendships. After graduating from Indianola Academy in 1999, he attended Mississippi State University, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry in 2003. Justin was a chemistry specialist for the Entergy Corporation in Jackson, Mississippi, prior to his passing.

Justin thoroughly enjoyed spending time with family and friends, studying and reading the Bible, loved traveling, camping, and had a propensity for diving headlong into projects that were both creative and inventive in nature. He had a green thumb and passion for gardening and growing flowers, an avocation that allowed him to generously indulge family and friends in each season's yield. For 40 years, Justin had a smile that was contagious, even in times when it wasn't clear whether or not he was smiling within. He also possessed a mischievous grin and caustic wit that was overshadowed only by his big-hearted nature, which shone through an ever-present willingness to embrace

a stranger in need. Justin was dearly loved by so many family and friends, for whom this loss feels unfathomable.

Justin was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Billy Ray (Pop) Jenkins, of Laurel, Mississippi, and his paternal grandparents, Grady and Katherine Bennett, of Blaine, Mississippi, as well as a paternal uncle, Thomas Arthur Bennett, of Nashville, Tennessee.

Justin leaves behind his beloved fiancé Wen Wen Cao. He is survived by his maternal grandmother, Wilma Jenkins, of Laurel, Mississippi, his mother and stepfather, Victoria (Vickie) and Scott Loper, of Laurel, Mississippi, his father and stepmother, Kenneth Reginald and Rhonda Adams Bennett of Madison, Mississippi. His siblings Daniel Grant Bennett (Lacey) of Madison, Mississippi, Jeremy Brandon Bennett of Amory, Mississippi, and Michael Heath Hendon of Chicago, Illinois. His nephews Noah Brandon Bennett, Jackson Lachlan Bennett, and Calloway Alexander Bennett. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins whom he loved dearly from both his paternal and maternal families.

A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be held at 3:00 pm at Memory Chapel Funeral in Laurel, Mississippi on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. The family will receive friends from 1:00-3:00 with Reverend Brent Benson officiating. Interment will follow in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Laurel, Mississippi.

Pallbearers will be Randy Carr, Kyle Smith, Noah Bennett, Chad Street, Frazier Abraham and Michael Thornhill.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapel Laurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2151 US-184
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
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Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Justin was a beloved Brother in good standing of Circle Lodge 638. We learned of his passing this evening. We are saddened that he has ceased his labors here, but assured of his reward in that celestial lodge, that undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns. We will drape our charter in tribute beginning April 20 and add an ornament with his name to our Christmas Tree.

Ben Block Jones II

Secretary, Circle Lodge 638

Madison, Mississippi

Ben Jones - April 12, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Justin Ray Bennett.



April 06, 2021 at 08:07 AM

DM

“ Davida Morrow lit a candle in memory of Justin Ray Bennett



Davida Morrow - April 05, 2021 at 09:55 PM

JA

“ I grew up with Justin and his brothers. I'm just simply heartbroken over this news. To his family, and my Aunt Rhonda and Uncle Reggie, I'm so sorry and you all will be in my prayers during this difficult time.

Jared - April 05, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Justin Ray Bennett.



April 05, 2021 at 06:05 PM

RR

“ Randy Richards lit a candle in memory of Justin Ray Bennett



Randy Richards - April 05, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Justin Ray Bennett.



April 05, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Justin Ray Bennett.



April 05, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ I enjoyed working together with Justin for over three years. We were chemists at Mississippi Power. We traveled together, two or three times, for training purposes, including up to North Dakota. We also shared many meals together. Justin always impressed me with his intellect, and I enjoyed his wit, as well. Like me, he had a drive to make our power plant an exemplary one. We also shared something else in common; we both had a cat sharing an RV with us, as a cherished buddy and companion. I am so sorry that Justin has passed away. I know he was dearly loved and will be deeply missed.

*My sincerest condolences,
Jeff Graham
Alabama Power*

Jeff Graham - April 05, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“ Justin was a very good coworker and we developed a friendship during his time here. We would share stories of Starkville and just enjoy a laugh or two when we could. Justin was very knowledgeable and his passing will definitely be a loss to everyone who knew him!

Andrew Buckhalter - April 05, 2021 at 12:46 PM

RR

“ Randy and Diann Richards purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Justin Ray Bennett.



Randy and Diann Richards - April 05, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Justin Ray Bennett.



April 05, 2021 at 08:33 AM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Justin Ray Bennett.



April 05, 2021 at 07:25 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Justin Ray Bennett.



April 04, 2021 at 02:26 PM

DS

“ Although I only met Justin later and only a few times he had a sweetness and intellect about him that made him so incredibly interesting to be around. He and his wonderful Pup Louis were a great team. Praying for the family and especially Vickie his mother May our lord watch over you and bring you some sense of comfort.

Donna Smith - April 04, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Justin Ray Bennett.



April 03, 2021 at 05:24 PM