



Lawrence "Larry" Benintend

May 24, 2017

Lawrence "Larry" Benintend died as the result of a tragic car accident on May 24, 2017 in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 48. Larry is survived by his parents, Lawrence and Elaine Benintend, his sister, Melissa Gordon (David) and their children Alexis, Rachel and Tyler. Larry is also survived by his wife of 11 years, Christine, her parents John and Betty Gritzer and her sister, Catherine Canady (Darrell) and their children, Carolyn and Victoria. Larry was born in Pittsburgh, PA on June 27, 1968. He graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School in 1986 and the University of Florida in 1993 with a degree in Environmental Engineering. He worked at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for many years. He married his best friend, Christine on July 1, 2006 and was a devoted and loving husband. Larry was an extremely kind and positive person who touched the lives of many people, especially those at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank where he volunteered every week. He loved his four nieces and one nephew dearly and he was an active part of their lives. Family and friends were always his first priority and for someone who didn't care much for animals, he sure adored his and Chris' kitties! A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church, 720 Hamlet Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. A Celebration of Life Gathering will follow at Topline Ballroom Dance & Events located at 402 East Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085 between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend to celebrate Larry's life, please come with photos and stories to share.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank (www.midohiofoodbank.org/benintend), the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (givetochildren.org/larrybenintend) or the Lupus Foundation of America (support.lupus.org/goto/larrybenintend). Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Larry Benintend.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church
720 Hamlet Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Celebration of Life

JUN 3. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Topline Ballroom Dance and Events
402 East Wilson Bridge Road
Worthington, OH 43085

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Larry has been a dear friend to me from the time I met him when we worked together at Ohio EPA. He and his wife, Chris have been a special part of my and my husband's circle of friends and we share some great memories. We will miss him dearly. We will remember his kind heart, caring spirit and big smile. He had an amazing baking skill, often showing up to get togethers, treating us to his brownie cheesecake and chocolate chip cookies. His sense of humor was awesome and his desire to live life to the fullest, inspiring. We are so very sorry for his tragic loss and send our love and prayers to his family. Maria & Shawn

Maria Lucente & Shawn Smith - June 03, 2017 at 11:48 AM

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“ I worked with Larry in Hazardous Waste. He made me laugh often and we benefited from his baking exploits. He was always ready to help with whatever needed done. I went to his housewarming party; He was so proud of his new house. He will be missed.

Paula Canter - June 03, 2017 at 09:10 AM