



Benedict A. Isabel

June 1, 1957 - February 13, 2016

Benedict (Benji) A. Isabel, 58, passed away Saturday, February 13, 2016 at Albany Medical Center after a long illness.

Benji was born June 1, 1957 to the late Gerard and Angela Isabel. He attended St. Mary's Institute and Bishop Scully High School (Class of 1975). He graduated from Siena College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. He worked for the U.S. Post Office as a mail carrier and later worked for Amsterdam Memorial Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital, Amsterdam, NY as a Unit Clerk.

Benji was a volunteer for GAVAC Ambulance Services, Amsterdam, NY for many years. He was a playground instructor for the Guy Park Avenue playground. Benji always said that they were the "greatest group of people he ever knew." He played softball for many teams. He was very well read, well versed and enjoyed sports, particularly the Mets, 49ers and Tampa Bay Lightning.

In high school he was called the "human calculator" because of how quickly he could compute numbers. Benji was very well liked, kind hearted and generous, and could talk to anyone about any topic. His smile and his gentle personality made people feel like they had just made a true friend. He always had a kind word or an encouraging comment and made people feel special.

Benji is survived by his brothers Alexander B. Isabel (Stormy) of Fonda and Gerard J. Isabel (Linda) of Amsterdam, his nieces Elizabeth Thompson (Michael) of Johnstown, Laura Davis (Nick) of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and Pennie Isabel of Amsterdam, his nephews David Isabel of Saratoga and Anthony Isabel of Amsterdam, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous friends. He was pre-deceased by his parents Gerard D. (Pup) in 2012 and Angela M., in 2013.

At Benji's request, there will be no viewing hours or funeral. There will be a private memorial service for the immediate family only. Donations can be made to GAVAC, P.O. Box 11, Amsterdam, New York 12010.

Amico Funeral Home, Gloversville, NY is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.amicofuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Just finding out that Benji passed many great memories of him from St Mary's and Guy Park Ave playground RIP My old friend*

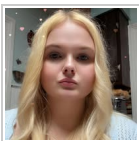
Kevin Pemrick - May 14, 2016 at 05:12 PM

PS

“ *Alex and Jerry:*

So sorry to hear about Benji. I have lots of great memories both playing and talking about sports. I still remember the time we went down to a Yankee doubleheader against the White Sox in the early 70's. The Yankees beat Wilbur Wood in both games and Ben had to hear it from us all the way back. He was a great sport. I was only one of 2 people I ever met who liked who turned into the Sacramento Kings. He was very loyal, even when his teams were bad. I didn't know his health had gotten worse and was surprised to hear of his passing. I can still see his smile and hear his laugh, even after all these years.

Patrick J Shandorf - February 28, 2016 at 11:13 AM



“ *Candice Hayes lit a candle in memory of Benedict A. Isabel*



Candice Hayes - February 22, 2016 at 10:05 AM

MS

“ *Benji was a great man to work with. He made the nights go by faster.* ”



Meagan Sweet - February 19, 2016 at 08:47 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Brooker lit a candle in memory of Benedict A. Isabel* ”



Sandra Brooker - February 19, 2016 at 08:44 PM

SB

I had the pleasure of working with Benji at AMH ER. He was a kind thoughtful man and will be missed by all who knew him.

Sandra Brooker - February 19, 2016 at 08:47 PM

MC

I meant Benji though Pleasant Cleaners and we always had nice talks he will be missed

mary chaffin - February 21, 2016 at 09:03 AM

KW

“ Dear Alex, Stormy and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your brother Benji passing. I am sending prayers, kisses and hugs across the country. Wish I could be there in person. I never had the opportunity to meet Benji but I know that he was a great guy by all of the warm things that you shared about him.
Love to you all, Karen, Edward and Sean

Karen Taylor, Everett WA - February 19, 2016 at 05:08 PM

DC

“ Dolores Cohn lit a candle in memory of
Benedict A. Isabel



dolores cohn - February 19, 2016 at 04:39 PM

AD

“ Dear Alex....I am sorry to hear of the passing of your brother, Benji...I had the opportunity to re-connect with him when he worked at St. Mary's Hospital....he was a wonderful person, very caring, and I know that he will be missed by those who knew him. God bless you and your family at this time, and may He hold you in His holiness in the time to come. Sincerely, Anne Quandt DeVall

Anne DeVall - February 19, 2016 at 02:44 PM

MC

“ I had the good fortune to sit near Benji in many of our HS classes. I remember how he could be working on sports statistics but never miss a beat with what was going on in class. In Latin class his leadership was valued and respected. He was so smart, yet so kindhearted. He will be missed.
-Mary Crannell Craven, Telford, PA

Mary Crannell Craven - February 19, 2016 at 01:16 PM

KQ

“ Kathleen Quigley-Grant lit a candle in memory of Benedict A. Isabel



Kathleen Quigley-Grant - February 19, 2016 at 12:21 PM

TO

“ Addio mio fratello.

TM

Tom - February 19, 2016 at 12:21 PM

Mikalina
Tambasco

“ Mikalina Tambasco lit a candle in memory of Benedict A. Isabel



Mikalina Tambasco - February 19, 2016 at 11:26 AM

JT

“ Gerry, Alex and family..... I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Benji. He was a pleasure to be around. Will always think of, and cherish, all the years playing softball with him because it gave me a chance to see him on a regular basis. It gave me first hand knowledge of his good nature and sharp wit. Myself and my families thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jim Terwilliger and Family

Jim Terwilliger - February 19, 2016 at 08:19 AM

 Valerie Popielarz

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Dave and Val Popielarz

Valerie Popielarz - February 19, 2016 at 07:58 AM

GJ

“ My thoughts are with the Isabel family at this time. I have fond memories of Benji, along with Alex, Gerard and their parents, when I knew them growing up in Amsterdam. Gary Jakaitis

Gary Jakaitis - February 19, 2016 at 07:07 AM

SH

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Shannon Hoogkamp - February 18, 2016 at 09:07 PM

HD

*To the Family of Benji;
My sincerest sympathy and condolences to your family upon hearing of the passing of Benji. I met and worked with Benji at the Amsterdam post office. Benji was a true gentleman. He was well liked by everyone . He certainly knew a lot about sports and yes, we loved putting him to the test on multiplying numbers, it was truly amazing. Come NFL draft day and Benji was off that day. I enjoyed working and knowing Benji and he will certainly be missed by many. Again, so sorry for your loss and not good-bye Benji, but until we meet again, may God Bless you with heavenly peace.*

Henry DiCaterino - February 19, 2016 at 03:30 AM

MB

“ I am very sorry for your loss, he was a great guy who will be missed by many.

mark biasi - February 18, 2016 at 09:06 PM

RH

“ My mama Judy Haller and I enjoyed working Benji our gentle giant. He and I would talk music and he once "you have very eclectic taste in music. He loved our southern drawl and called us "kid". We love you and will miss you. Say hi to Judy Zac and Katie Belfance for us.



Robin Haller - February 18, 2016 at 07:30 PM

TS

“ Benji was the kindest person I know. I will miss him.

Toni Snell - February 18, 2016 at 05:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benedict A. Isabel.*



February 18, 2016 at 05:23 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Benji' s family and friends. I have many fond memories of working with Benji at the post office. He truly was an amazing individual. I'm going to miss him. RIP Benji*

cheryl himme - February 18, 2016 at 03:41 PM



“ *Alex & family,*

Sorry to hear of Benji's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.

Julie Antis

Julie - February 18, 2016 at 02:14 PM



“ *Jolyn Bloom lit a candle in memory of Benedict A. Isabel*



Jolyn Bloom - February 18, 2016 at 01:58 PM

RO

“ So Sorry for your loss. I'll never forget the softball game days.
Thinking of you and your family. Deepest sympathies.

Roberta

roberta - February 18, 2016 at 01:12 PM

CB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss.

Keeping Benj's family and friends in my thoughts and prayers.

*Deepest Sympathies,
Cora Berry*

Cora Berry - February 18, 2016 at 11:03 AM