

## Benjamin James Rouse

June 7, 1992 - May 26, 2013

Benjamin James “Ben” Rouse, 20, of Tunnel Hill, departed this life on Sunday afternoon, May 26, 2013, at St. Mary’s Medical Center in Evansville, Indiana.

Ben was born June 7, 1992, the son of James Owen and Rosemary (McCuan) Rouse.

He was a graduate of New Simpson Hill Grade School and Vienna High School. He was currently attending Southeastern Illinois College at Harrisburg and had just completed his second semester in the Diesel Technology Program, achieving President and Vice-President List academic honors.

He was employed at Cornerstone Polishing in Ozark, and Newcomb Heating & Air in Simpson, and he assisted several individuals at the Lake of Egypt with yard work and outdoor chores.

Ben had a zest for life and a love for music and the outdoors. His hobbies included rock climbing and rappelling, hunting, fishing, camping and playing the guitar. His smile and sense of humor were contagious and lightened those around him. He had an extremely strong ability to meet people and make friends. His close friendships ran strong and true.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sister- Chelsey of Jackson,

MO; his grandmother- Mary Rita Rouse of Danville, IL; his aunts- Melinda (Roger) Kunkel of Carlyle, IL, Luann (Paul) Pasquale of Danville, IL, Julie (Vic) Audo of Mahomet, IL; his uncle- Mark (Rae) Rouse of Fairfax, VA; his cousins- Elizabeth Kunkel, Cory Runyan, Luke & Tessa Audo; many dear friends.

Ben was preceded in death by; his paternal grandfather- Owen Lloyd Rouse; his maternal grandparents- A.J. "Spider" & Mary Elsie (Cavitt) McCuan; 2 very special great aunts- "Aunt Ainee" (Aileen Cavitt) and "Aunt Ev" (Evelyn Simmons)

Ben's passing leaves a void in the lives of his family and friends. The memories he leaves from his short time on earth will always be held close to the hearts of those he touched.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, May 31, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Community of Christ Church in Tunnel Hill, IL. High Priest Glenn Webb will officiate. A eulogy will be given by Norma Martin. Burial will be in the Webb Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 PM on Thursday at the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna, IL. Also from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Friday at the Community of Christ Church.

In lieu of flowers, educational memorials may be made in Ben's honor to assist students in the music program at Vienna High School and in the Diesel Technology Program at Southeastern Illinois College. Memorials can be made to the Benjamin Rouse Educational Memorial Fund, c/o James and Rosemary Rouse and may be directed to Bailey Funeral Home PO Box 695 Vienna, IL 62995.

# Cemetery Details

## Webb Cemetery

Webb Cemetery Lane  
Tunnel Hill, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 5:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Visitation

**MAY 31.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Community of Christ Church  
5170 Tunnel Hill Rd.  
Tunnel Hill, IL 62972

## Service

MAY 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

Community of Christ Church  
5170 Tunnel Hill Rd.  
Tunnel Hill, IL 62972

# Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin James Rouse*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Love and Still miss you Friend*



**Desiree Walton** - October 31, 2013 at 11:42 AM



“ *Justin Ballard lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



**Justin Ballard** - July 03, 2013 at 12:31 AM



“ *Debbie Williamson lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



**Debbie Williamson** - June 01, 2013 at 06:30 PM

JB

“ *Jerry Butler lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



**Jerry Butler** - May 31, 2013 at 01:25 PM

WJ

“ *Wm & Alice Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



**Wm & Alice Jeffords** - May 31, 2013 at 12:24 AM

MB

“ *Megan And Nathan Blaylock lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



**Megan and Nathan Blaylock** - May 30, 2013 at 11:17 PM

JM

“ *Jim And Grace Moore lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



**Jim and Grace Moore** - May 30, 2013 at 09:15 PM

BC

“ Beth & Brett Campbell lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse



Beth & Brett Campbell - May 30, 2013 at 09:05 PM

DC

“ Delores Carey lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse



Delores Carey - May 30, 2013 at 08:04 PM

DC

“ Jim, Rosemary and Chelsiy, our thoughts and prayers are with you. May GOD Bless YOU. Delores, Jeff and Michael

Delores Carey - May 30, 2013 at 08:03 PM

AH

“ My prayers are with everyone in the Rouse family. Ben was an amazing guy and will truly be missed.



Ashley Henshaw - May 30, 2013 at 05:29 PM



“ *Jim, Rosemary and Chelsey: My heart breaks for you. Prayers are with you always and forever.*



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**Donnie Blankenship** - May 30, 2013 at 04:17 PM

JB

“ *Jill Betts lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Jill Betts** - May 30, 2013 at 11:40 AM

NB

“ *My heart goes out to you, Jim and Rosemary, with the devastating loss of such a treasured son. I can only offer my prayers for healing as you hold on to the many precious memories of Benjamin.*

*Nanci Bounds*

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**Nanci Bounds** - May 30, 2013 at 11:21 AM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.*

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**Debbie Waters** - May 30, 2013 at 10:57 AM

HV

“ *Harold And Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



Harold and Georgia Vinson - May 29, 2013 at 09:08 PM

JG

“ *Jim and Rosemary, I heard and I am so sorry for your loss. I always thoguht the best for you two and I am sure your son was as a wonderful a person as you two, even better. Sharon and I can only say we wish you the best in the days ahead and for, me I loved you both and can say I enjoyed having you two in my life as friends.*

jJoe and Sharon Galassi - May 29, 2013 at 08:29 PM

JG

“ *Joe And Sharon Galassi lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



Joe and Sharon Galassi - May 29, 2013 at 08:07 PM

CE

“ *Chastity Eudy lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



Chastity Eudy - May 29, 2013 at 07:08 PM

MN

“ *May he be gently wrapped in Angel wings!*

*Mike & Carla Neal*

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**mike neal** - May 29, 2013 at 06:02 PM

CR

“ *Rosemary and family'*  
*Sorry to hear of your loss. May God comfort you and your family.*

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**Clearon and Jane Ross-Wright** - May 29, 2013 at 04:26 PM

KH

“ *Kenna Frizzell Hancock lit a candle in*  
*memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Kenna Frizzell Hancock** - May 29, 2013 at 01:25 PM

KB

“ *Kira Bacon lit a candle in memory of*  
*Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Kira Bacon** - May 29, 2013 at 01:25 PM

Missy Walker Davis

“ *Missy Walker Davis lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



Missy Walker Davis - May 29, 2013 at 08:15 AM

MG

“ *Michelle Gilday lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



Michelle Gilday - May 29, 2013 at 07:48 AM

RH

“ *I've only known Ben since august 2012 at the beginning of the first semester of this past school year at the SIC diesel technology program, where shortly after school started we had struck up a close friendship. I admired his intelligence, the way he could get a teacher to go so deep into the lecture that he would lose track of time and end up having to finish the notes next class period. I'm not from southern IL so Ben was kind of like my "southern Illinois guide" and he loved it. He showed me all the cool spots in the Shawnee. I know that boy's spirit has a hammock strung up down in Jackson falls just camping by the waterfall right now. He will be missed and loved by many, May he rest in peace.*

Ryan Holladay - May 29, 2013 at 02:08 AM

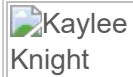


“ *Our hearts go out to you and your family. Ben has been in our prayers since his accident. Keep the faith, you will gain strength thru Him.*

*Our Sincere Condolences Bob & Janet Futch*

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**Janet Futch** - May 29, 2013 at 01:06 AM

 Kaylee Knight

“ *Kaylee Knight lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Kaylee Knight** - May 29, 2013 at 12:42 AM

 Jess Richardson

“ *Jess Richardson lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Jess Richardson** - May 29, 2013 at 12:17 AM

 CC

“ *Clarissa & James Carlson lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Clarissa & James Carlson** - May 29, 2013 at 12:17 AM

Sarena  
Kotter

“ *Sarena Kotter lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Sarena Kotter** - May 28, 2013 at 10:56 PM

JA

“ *Ben was in my very first pre-k class at New Simpson Hill. What a sweet, little face and sweet personality he brought to our classroom! My heart breaks for your loss. Your family is in my prayers. I am asking God to blanket you in His grace and tender mercies.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Jennifer Abate-Barrett (Mrs. Jennifer)*

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**Jennifer Abate-Barrett** - May 28, 2013 at 08:36 PM

RH

“ *I can't imagine what you are going through as parents, but my heart goes out to all of you for the loss of a son and a brother. I am still in shock to hear of his passing.*



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**Rhonda Henderson** - May 28, 2013 at 08:16 PM

JM

“ *Am sorry to hear of your son's passing, you are in our prayers. Keep the faith; you will gain strength thru his Word and your memories.*

*Jan Martin/Billy Wilson*

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**Jan Martin** - May 28, 2013 at 07:53 PM

LC

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



Linda Ruiz Carmona - May 28, 2013 at 06:26 PM

MY

“ *Ben....I still can't believe we'll never get hear your laugh again. I'm so glad that you were a part of my life and I will never forget you! My heart goes out to your family because I know how much they must miss you- as do we all. We know you're in a better place now but we still wish you were here and we always will!*

Marley Yates - May 28, 2013 at 05:20 PM

SH

“ *We are so sad to hear of Ben's passing. Jim and Rosemary, just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and will remain there. May the Lord keep and comfort you and grant you precious memories where Ben will live on forever. Love, Steve and Heather Heisner.*

Steve Heisner - May 28, 2013 at 04:07 PM

SH

“ *Steve And Heather Heisner lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



Steve and Heather Heisner - May 28, 2013 at 04:06 PM

KL

“ *Kayla Loyd lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Kayla Loyd** - May 28, 2013 at 03:16 PM

TH

“ *Its been a blessing to have known you. You were indeed the true definition of a true friend. Its with a very sad and heavy heart that we have to part ways. Im never gonna forget all those crazy memorable time we shared throughout life buddy. We will all miss u*

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**Thomas Horn** - May 28, 2013 at 02:57 PM

 Gina Johnson

“ *Gina Johnson lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Gina Johnson** - May 28, 2013 at 02:21 PM

FB

“ *Fran & Henry Bullock lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Fran & Henry bullock** - May 28, 2013 at 01:44 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Dalton-Mullins lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Brenda Dalton-Mullins** - May 28, 2013 at 01:37 PM

MK

“ *Margo And Charlie Keene lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Margo and Charlie Keene** - May 28, 2013 at 01:23 PM

RH

“ *Russ, Karla And Aaron Hale lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Russ, Karla and Aaron Hale** - May 28, 2013 at 01:00 PM

RH

*Words cannot say the pain we feel for the family at this time. Ben will be missed greatly in and around the community. You all are in our thoughts and Prayers, Russ, Karla and Aaron*

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**Russ, Karla and Aaron Hale** - May 28, 2013 at 01:02 PM

GB

“ *Goddard's Auto Body lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



**Goddard's Auto Body** - May 28, 2013 at 12:56 PM

LG

“ *Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



**Lora Goddard** - May 28, 2013 at 12:54 PM

LP

“ *Leslie Pool lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



**Leslie Pool** - May 28, 2013 at 12:03 PM

MA

“ *Mandy lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



**Mandy** - May 28, 2013 at 10:42 AM



“ *Jane Kluge lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Jane Kluge** - May 28, 2013 at 09:27 AM



“ *We Love and miss you Ben! Prayers for your family. Love you Desiree and family*



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**Desiree Walton** - May 28, 2013 at 08:28 AM



“ *You have our deepest sympathy. The Kunkel family.*



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**dottie huene** - May 28, 2013 at 07:36 AM



“ *Jan Trovillion Meyer lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse*



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**Jan Trovillion Meyer** - May 28, 2013 at 06:59 AM

JM

*Jim and Rosemary, I am so saddened by the turn of events for Ben. I cannot imagine the pain and suffering that parents must endure at the loss of a child, but know that I have been and will continue to pray for your family! Jan Meyer*

Jan Trovillion Meyer - May 28, 2013 at 07:04 AM

PM

“ Pam Morris lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse



Pam Morris - May 27, 2013 at 10:46 PM

DH

“ David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse



David and Ellen Hill - May 27, 2013 at 09:30 PM

RP

“ My prayers go out to your family.



Ray & Imogene Phelps - May 27, 2013 at 07:54 PM

MN

“ May God comfort the Rouse family at this time. Our hearts go out to them all as we remember Ben and Jason growing up together and all the many memories they made. God bless you Jim, Rosemary and Chelsy.



Max & LaRita Nance - May 27, 2013 at 07:05 PM

LF

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Jim, Rosemary and Chelsy. I can't imagine the pain of losing a child or sibling. May your faith, family and friends help you through the pain.

Lorna Francis - May 27, 2013 at 06:53 PM

JT

“ Joy Morris Trammell lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse



Joy Morris Trammell - May 27, 2013 at 06:04 PM

BG

“ Bill And Carla Glisson lit a candle in memory of Benjamin James Rouse



Bill and Carla Glisson - May 27, 2013 at 04:54 PM



“ *I would like to express my deepest condolences for your loss. I didn't know Ben, but I am a mother and know how devastating it would be to lose a child. This should never be. May God bless you!*

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**DEBBIE HORN** - May 27, 2013 at 03:09 PM

CB

“ *Ben was an amazing individual, he was talented, smart, kind, passionate, and strong. I loved Ben dearly, it's hard to spend 16 years knowing such a great guy and not grow to love them. I always remembered Ben as very humorous, he loved to laugh and to make others laugh as well. I'm sure he was destined for great things, but sometimes life has its own plan, sometimes with no understanding of it. If I could see Ben one last time I would simply just admire him, because life is a beautiful thing, something everyone should cherish.*

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**candice bailey** - May 27, 2013 at 12:49 PM

JW

“ *I remember when he started kindergarten with my daughter Ashlyn(Zaranti), I always thought he was such a cutie! From there they traveled the journey together as they did with other classmates-all thru grade school then to high school then to the real world. He was a great kid! Fly high Benjamin-ur cute charm will never be forgotten. God Bless u Rosemary & family. Love, Jill Walquist &The family of Annie Morgan*



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**jill walquist** - May 27, 2013 at 12:09 PM