



Ben Dacus

March 7, 1970 - January 9, 2009

Heading: Ben C. Dacus

Dateline: Greenville

Ben Carlton Dacus, 38, of 98 Stella Avenue, died January 9, 2009 at North Greenville Hospital.

A native of Greenville County, son of Merle Brockman Dacus Blevins of Marietta, S.C. and the late John L. Dacus, he was an employee of Consilium 1 and a member of Taylors First Baptist Church.

Also surviving are his wife, Brenda Barnett Dacus of the home and their three children: two daughters, Holland 9 and Hannah 7; a son, Zachary 4; a sister, Beth Williams and her husband, Dale of Greenwood; and his maternal grandmother, Hazel Brockman Powers of Greer. Additionally, he is also survived by over one hundred first and second cousins and a loving aunt, Lois Dacus Elmore.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Taylors First Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Frank Page. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Chris Fore, Mike Huff, Ricky Mansfield, Shane Dacus, Chadwick Dacus, Tim Barnett, Craig Brockman, David Harris, and Matthew Harris.

Honorary escort will be Ronnie Blevins, Matt Reynolds, and Ron Elmore.

Visitation will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ben Dacus Memorial Fund on behalf of their three children c/o Suntrust Bank, 6708 State Park Road, Travelers Rest, S.C. 29690.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Taylors First Baptist Church
200 West Main Street
Taylors, SC 29687

Tribute Wall



“ Praying for you##imported-begin##Ronnie and Katherine Vaughn##imported-end##

January 26, 2009 at 10:12 PM



“ Dearest Brenda,
You are so much in my thoughts and prayers. By the way, my husband just deployed for I raq with your good friend's husband. They met yesterday and found out their common link is Ben. Even after he is gone he is still touching lives. More to come but wanted to let you know that I am thinking of you and the girls and Mr. Zachary.
All my love,
Reba Dacus Bullard##imported-begin##Reba Bullard##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 11:41 AM



“ Brenda, Holland, Hannah and Zachary:

I want to let you know I love you all very much and I will help you all I can in the future. I will help take care of the children to give you time to finish your schooling and anyother way you need, all you have to do is ask. He was a great son, husband to you and a great father to his children. He never met a stranger, he was a people person, I am so proud of all he has done in his Christain life and the influence he has shown at home and at work, or wherever he was. He as made his Mother very proud of him. Love MeMe.##imported-begin##Merle Blevins##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 12:15 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to Ben's family and friends. While I only knew him professionally through our work together at GE, he was someone I truly enjoyed working with, and made a point of stopping by to chat whenever I was in town. I consider him a good friend and he will be missed.##imported-begin##Tom Rohling##imported-end##*

January 15, 2009 at 01:50 PM



“ *Little Sister,*

We are all saddened at the loss of brother Ben. But he is still smiling through you and the children and all the other people who ever met him. Our family gatherings will not be the same without Ben. But I still smile and hear his usual greeting - "Hey,hey,hey". When we are all together again someday,Ben will be standing there a the gate, smiling and greeting us with "hey,hey,hey!" Ben was always sweet and patient and encouraging and unselfish with all of our children. Anyone who ever knew him now has a big whole in their life. I love you Brenda.

Timbo##imported-begin##TIM BARNETT##imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 01:41 PM



“ Dear Brenda,

Ben was more than just a wonderful person; he was always so kind and considerate to me.

And, we know that his passing will not only leave a void in our lives, but in the hearts of all those who knew him.

Ben will always remain within our hearts. May God give you strength.

My prayers are with you and your sweet children.

*Love always,
Cindy Barnett*

##imported-begin##Cindy Barnett##imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 08:57 AM



“ Brenda,

From your cousin Rachel in Texas, please accept my deepest sympathy and be assured that you and your children are in my prayers day and night.##imported-begin##Rachel Eggers Heavner##imported-end##

January 14, 2009 at 02:25 PM



“ *Ben Dacus was a great person we will miss him, my condolences to the entire family.##imported-begin##Walter Hicks##imported-end##*

January 14, 2009 at 01:45 PM



“ Brenda and the children, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I met Ben when we were in high school. I lived in Charlotte, NC and would come down during the summers and stay at my aunt and uncles house (Ann and Tom McIlroy). Ben, Shane, Steve and my cousin Charlotte all become good friends. I will always cherish those summers and the memories.##imported-begin##Maryann Bennett Beane##imported-end##

January 14, 2009 at 12:39 PM



“ We have lost you too soon my friend. I know your heart rests with Christ now. The burden on those left behind is great, because the blessing of your heart in our lives was so great! Related as cousins, though with our family we felt we were raised as brothers, I love you as a brother, and I will miss you. We, as a family will do our best to nurture and support the family that lost you too soon. Love Craig##imported-begin##Craig Brockman##imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 10:50 PM



“ I would like to give our condolences to the Dacus family in their time of great loss. Ben was a good friend and a man who will be dearly missed by all.##imported-begin##Brooks Bartlett##imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 10:39 PM



“ Although we can not be there, our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Michael Dacus##imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 09:40 PM



“ We are going to miss Ben. Brenda, you and the kids are in our prayers and thoughts. Call us if you need anything!! Even just to talk at midnight!!!!##imported-begin##Chayne Huff##imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 09:27 PM



“ Brenda
you and the children have my deepest sympathy.
Ben was always talking about Holland, Hannah and Zachary.
He loved you and the children so much.
He was a good person at work

Trish##imported-begin##patricia J curlee (trish)##imported-end##

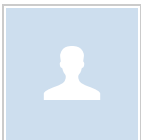
January 13, 2009 at 07:41 PM



“ To the Dacus family...

I only had the pleasure of meeting Ben twice at our annual GE Summit but by the second time, he was like an old friend with a familiar face. The first year he worked at our Summit, he was our "Guy Friday"--It was his task to help us with any issues we had at Summit and it was nothing but a week of problems, every one of which we gave to Ben. He quickly responded and soon became of one of "the girls" as we are a group of perinatal nurses. Seeing his smiling face each day, was a breath of air! Every day we were so grateful to have him as part of our team. We were THRILLED when we came back and there he was the next year! It made us feel like we were in really good hands and once again, proved up to the task of assisting 200 perinatal nurses - not an easy task for anyone. We share in your sorrow and will sadly miss him, but will remember his generosity as we attend the Summit again next year. While his place should be here on Earth with his family, take comfort in knowing that he is in a wonderful place and he is looking down on the wonderful legacy he has left in his place. Our deepest condolences....The Perinatal Team at GE##imported-begin##Donna Hafner##imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 06:21 PM



“ Ben was one of the first people I met upon arriving in Greenville, and also one of the finest. In a matter of minutes he made me feel that I had known him for years. He had his priorities straight, God and family first. He is a friend that will be dearly missed. I'll miss our walks together at lunch, but I know he's walking with the Angels now. The Dacus family will be in our prayers. With deepest Regrets, John Keat and Family.##imported-begin##John Keat##imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 04:19 PM



“ Ben was a man of God, a family man, made from honor and integrity. Ben never met a stranger. There are really very few people in my life that I can say changed me just by knowing them, Ben can be counted as one of those few. I truly treasure the time we had together with our families and on the trials and trout streams. One of the greatest men I have ever known is now an angel. Be with me Ben as I carry out my current mission and return to our families. You have the "Over Watch" and I know you'll stand it true. Chief misses you man...see you on the other side.###imported-begin###Matt Reynolds, ITC, USN###imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 03:56 PM



“ May God grant the family peace in this time of despair.###imported-begin###Joel Sigman###imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 12:52 PM



“ For all of my adult life, I have regarded Ben with amazement, disbelief, incredulity? - at his amazing attitude and unfailing patience and constant spirit of love. He radiated a man at peace with himself and those around him despite the circumstances and details of life that bring most of us down. By the world's standards, he may not have achieved greatness in power, possessions, in influence or prestige, but by God's standards, he has achieved something greater than greatness. He attained goodness. May we all rest in the knowledge that he lived a more complete life as a father, husband, son, cousin, co-worker, nephew, friend in his short life than most men ever achieve. May we be found worthy of having known him. May our lives reflect his influence. What more could we do for his memory than learn from his example?###imported-begin###leslie dacus blackwell###imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 12:48 PM



“ Dear Dacus family,
Please accept my humble condolences. I am so sorry for your loss;
Ben was a great man, and I could tell that despite the short time that
I knew him. I pray God gives your family strength to carry on, and
know that your husband/ father was loved very much by
all.##imported-begin##Jason Fort##imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 12:24 PM



“ Ben Dacus was God's man, almost a perfect husband and one of
the best fathers I have known in all 50 sttes. When I read Psalm 1 I
see gentle Ben: when i read about Barnabas the encourager, I think
of Ben.
Ben lives on in his loving wife andtheir three beautiful children as
well as all of us whose life he touched.
H. M. "Smoky" and Inez Eggers##imported-begin##Homer M.
"Smoky" and Inez Barnett Eggers##imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 12:23 PM



“ What a blessing Ben has been to everyone he met. There are few
people we encounter that exemplefy the love of Christ the way Ben
has during his short 38 year life. There has never been any question
of his loyalty toward our heavenly Father, his loving wife and
adoring children, not to mention all humanity that I witnessed him
come into contact with. We will all miss Ben, but can be comforted
by the knowledge that he's at peace with His creator. Brenda,
Holland, Hannah, & Zachary will be in my prayers as you come to
accept Ben's passing as part of God's master plan.##imported-
begin##Debbie Moss##imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 10:26 AM



“ *Dacus family,
I just wanted to offer my sympathy and to let you know that my family will be in prayer for your family. If there is anything that we can do or that our sunday school class at Monaghan Baptist can do please let us know.
In Christ,
bill###imported-begin##Bill Roach###imported-end##*

January 13, 2009 at 09:17 AM



“ *Receiving such news (about) a former co-worker and Godly will instantly cause everything around you to stop. Also, knowing such a great person will make one think about the impact that he/she has made on this world. Given this; I must say that "Ben has made his mark on this earth_ during his time here. Therefore, I look forward to the day of rejoicing with him; along with all of God's children someday !!!" To the family; I say "KEEP TRUSTING IN 'HIM' WHO WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU --> HIS NAME IS JESUS"...###imported-begin##Aliven Ladson###imported-end##*

January 13, 2009 at 08:54 AM



“ I am so terribly sorry to hear about Ben. My great sympathy for your family. The photographs on the Wood Mortuary website were very touching. Thank you for sharing those with us.

May God be with you to help you through the loss of Ben. I'm sorry I cannot make it to the visitation or funeral.

Sincerely,

Natalie Anderson

(daughter of James Miller and Sheryl Dacus Miller who head up the reunion)##imported-begin##Natalie Dacus Miller

Anderson##imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 08:43 AM



“ Dear Brenda,

My deepest sympathy and condolences to you and your family.

I am a member of the IT team Ben's was part of at GE. Our part of the group is located in Schenectady, New York.

Although I never met Ben in person, in the short time we worked together (about 2 years) I enjoyed every encounter we had.

He led the weekly meetings with a firm but gentle voice. In our tumultuous work environment, his voice and manner was always calming - a rare trait in our little world.

I also enjoyed the art of office banter with Ben. He sparred verbally like a champ, lightening the weight of our daily doings with his graceful wit.

Through this small window of activity that we shared, he appeared to me to thoroughly enjoy life.

I will miss his gentle ways.

*Sincerely,
Bruce Ross*

PS.

Here are 2 snippets from e-conversations we had recently.

It exemplifies how I think of Ben -

always helpful and always fun to work with.

Ben Dacus once all BOLDs are completed ... then you can Save & Close

Bruce Ross what fun

Ben Dacus its a dream come true

Bruce Ross thanks

Ben Dacus just keep clicking Save & Close for clues

*Ben Dacus its a like a scavenger hunt
Bruce Ross and the big prize is...
Ben Dacus no nasty call from the HPSD Police*

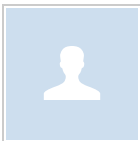
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Ben Dacus ahhh
Bruce Ross cause insufferable
Ben Dacus Oh yea
Ben Dacus Configuration Item
Ben Dacus lol
Bruce Ross intuitively obvious
Ben Dacus complete idiocy###imported-begin##Bruce
Ross###imported-end##*

January 13, 2009 at 08:34 AM



“ *Just wanted to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Please give my Hannah a hug for me.
Love you all!###imported-begin##JoEllen Oslager###imported-end##*

January 13, 2009 at 08:20 AM



“ *I only knew Ben for a short time as I 1st met him last summer through working with him on the GE Healthcare Summit in Washington but, in that short amount of time, it was apparent what a caring man he was. He will be sorely missed. My sincerest condolences go out to you and your family.*

With Deepest Regrets,

Mike###imported-begin##Mike Ritz###imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 08:07 AM



“ Merle, Hazel and family, please accept our sincere sympathy. We miss seeing you and hope that you will find comfort through your faith during this time. Our prayers are with you.
Love in Christ, Mitchell and Dale###imported-begin###Mitchell and Dale Powers###imported-end##

January 12, 2009 at 08:11 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Ben at the '08 GE Healthcare Summit. He was an excellent co-worker and an even better guy to hang out with after work. He was a great team leader and always made people laugh.

I remember I had a minor meltdown after a tough day of work and Ben was there for me, a guy he barely knew, to support and keep me going. I don't know how I would have made it through without him.

*He was a wonderful person through and through and he will be fondly remembered. my thoughts and prayers are with his family.
Rest well Ben.###imported-begin###Gabriel Leifer###imported-end##*

January 12, 2009 at 07:30 PM



“ BRENDA WHAT A WONDERFUL TIME WE HAD GETTING KNOW YOU AND BEN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL. BEN WAS SO WILLING TO DO WHATEVER WAS NEEDED. MIRIAM AND I WERE SO SHOCKED WHEN WE FOUND OUT. BEN HAD SUCH A HEART FOR MISSIONS AND HE TALKED ABOUT WHAT HE SAW AND HOW HE HELPED IN NEW ORLEANS. OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND THE CHILDREN IF WE CAN BE OF ANY HELP PLEASE LET US KNOW. LOVE AND PRAYERS

RANDY AND MIRIAM ELLENBURG##imported-begin##RANDY ELLENBURG##imported-end##

January 12, 2009 at 06:39 PM



“ Brenda,
Words cannot express how deeply sorry we are for your loss. Our prayers will be with you and your precious children and that God will give you strength to face the days ahead.
~David and Leanne Williams##imported-begin##David and Leanne Williams##imported-end##

January 12, 2009 at 04:39 PM



“ Happy trails Ben. You are one of the finest people I've known and our path will be lonelier without you.##imported-begin##Will Stuart##imported-end##

January 12, 2009 at 04:35 PM



“ Brenda,
You and the children are in our hearts and prayers. If there is anything we can do to help, please let us know. We held Ben in very high regard, and will miss him greatly. We are so very thankful we were able to spend time with you both at Matt's dinner. The words Ben had to say honored Matt so much, I will always remember Ben that way.
You have our deepest sympathy,
Jenny and Fred Sizemore###imported-begin##Jenny & Fred Sizemore###imported-end##

January 12, 2009 at 04:32 PM



“ Ben was a genuine southern gentleman, a very kind soul. I have great sadness in my heart knowing how much he will be missed by those who have loved him. I also have no doubt in saying that the world was a better place with him here. He was a sunbeam on a cloudy day.
I will miss him.
I pray that God's love and grace comfort his wife and children during this time of sorrow.

Consilium1
Art Feltman###imported-begin##Art Feltman###imported-end##

January 12, 2009 at 04:32 PM



“ To The Family of Ben Dacus,

You are in my thoughts and prayers in the passing of your love on. I will be praying that God give you peace and comfort in your time of sorrow.###imported-begin##Jean Taylor###imported-end##

January 12, 2009 at 03:07 PM



“ Ben, you are one the few people in this world that actually changed humanity for the better. I have never met anyone like you who chose right from wrong every time. I am truly honored to have been influenced by you and your family. You have made an impact on our household forever. Your words for Matt were from the heart and you touched his soul with them. Dacus Family, we will be with you always. Friends forever by choice tied by a mutual love and respect for Ben. A man of God, gone home. Be Peaceful.##imported-begin##Matt, Shannon, Madison, Rylee Meagan Reynolds##imported-end##

January 12, 2009 at 03:02 PM



“ I am so deaply saddend by your loss.

Ben and I became friends during our GE Healthcare Summits. He met my wife and Kids in Washington, DC last summer.

Life was better on the planet with Ben in it. There was genuine love and devotion to his family.

I have two sons (5 and 9) and cannot even begin to imagine how painful this is for you all.

We will gladly make a donation to the fund for your children.

Our love and prayers go out to you all.

*John, Beth, Joshua and Braden Statt
consilium1, Rochester, NY##imported-begin##John
Statt##imported-end##*

January 12, 2009 at 02:57 PM



“ *I feel truly honored and privileged that you have allowed my family to be a part of your family. I am thankful for the the time we had, however brief it may have been, and I am deeply grateful for having known you, Ben. Your family is an inspiration. To the Dacus family, you will always be a part of me. Thank you all for your unmeasurable kindness and generosity.*
With all of our hearts,
Margaret, Cameron and Greyson##imported-begin##Margaret Hedgepath, Cameron Dills, Greyson Hedgepath##imported-end##

January 12, 2009 at 02:52 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences. Ben was one of the finest people I have ever known.##imported-begin##Tom Toornman##imported-end##*

January 12, 2009 at 02:23 PM