



## Milford Augustus "Ben" Forrester, Jr.

March 15, 1959 - January 5, 2026

Milford Augustus "Ben" Forrester, Jr., 66, gained his angel wings on Monday, January 5, 2026.

A native of Greenville, South Carolina, he was the son of the late Milford Augustus "Gus" and Marsha Virginia "Ginny" Davis Forrester. Ben proudly served the Greenville County Sheriff's Office as a Master Deputy for 38 years, from where he retired in 2020 to enjoy civilian life. Between serving the citizens and friends of Greenville County, he could be found sharing a pot of coffee, a good story, a loud laugh, and a contagious smile! His favorite pastimes include fishing, reading, "piddling" in the yard, and making memories with all his "babies". He was a lifelong member of the Wade Hampton Masonic Lodge 404. Ben left a lasting impression on so many. He will always be remembered fondly and missed greatly!

Surviving are his wife, Gail Bryson Forrester of the home; four children, Augusta Cannon (Josh) of Travelers Rest, Coly Forrester (Lisa) of Anderson, Adrian Forrester of Boiling Springs, and Toby Hollingsworth (Brooke) of Simpsonville; five grandchildren, Austin Cannon, Gabi Cannon, Theodore Forrester, Harper Hollingsworth, and Lorelai Hollingsworth; and several cousins.

Due to the upcoming inclement weather, the memorial service has been cancelled and rescheduled for 4:00 p.m., Saturday, February 7, 2026, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel conducted by Rev. Benny Durham.

Visitation will be held 2:30-3:45 p.m., Saturday, February 7, 2026, at The

Wood Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks if you choose, please make memorials in his honor to one of the following programs that Ben supported as often as possible: Shriners Hospitals for Children, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, South Carolina, 29605, Upstate Warrior Solutions, 770 Pelham Road, Suite 102, Greenville, South Carolina 29615, or The Wounded and Recovery Fund at [www.greenville-warfund.com](http://www.greenville-warfund.com).

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Memorial Service

FEB 7. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AS

“ To Ben's family, so sorry for your loss. I worked alongside Ben for many years. You couldn't find a better man. Rest in Peace my friend.... Tommy Smith

A.T. Smith - February 07 at 10:23 AM

LG

“ I was saddened to hear about the passing of Ben. Having known him and his family since childhood there are so many memories that go way back. A true friend and deputy that affected everyone he met. He will truly be missed and I am keeping his family and friends in my prayers.

Libby Gordon - January 12 at 08:02 AM

MK

“ Loved Ben for many years he was a great Deputy and a great friend. He had my back when we did the first clean sweep. What a great time we had during that and many search warrant and arrests.

Mike Kellett - January 10 at 09:39 AM

RM

“ Sorry to hear about Ben. He was a good friend. Prayers for Gail and the family.

Ronnie Mckeown - January 09 at 02:54 PM

JB

“ I will miss his contagious laugh and his unwavering friendship. He was a great deputy and a personal friend. Rest in peace my friend.



Johnny Mack Brown - January 09 at 01:29 PM

DW

“ *Ben and I go back a long way and I've always believed that he was one of the finest men I was blessed to know.*

**Dennis Weathers** - January 08 at 10:21 PM

DT

*To Ben's family I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with been at the convention center many years. He was just a wonderful person. I loved hearing his stories about Buck.. I pray God will give y'all strength as you navigate through this great loss. ❤️*

**Debbie Turner** - January 09 at 02:18 PM

NL

“ *Dear Forrester family, I am so sorry to learn of Ben's passing. He was a great officer to work with and a wonderful friend. I'm sending prayers of peace and comfort now and in the future.*



**Nancy Lance** - January 08 at 07:21 PM

DD

“ *This man Ben Forrester my brother and one of my best friends you will so dearly be missed, I will miss our talks and our stories, I remember all the time we sat around and talked about all the things we used to get into and embarrassed our children who didn't believe half what we said. My heart breaks knowing that you have gone from us so soon but our hearts will always have you with us. To the family you know that I will always be here for you and love you all forever. You all have had my heart for many years and God gave me the chance to be in your lives. Fly high my brother.*

**Donald Duncan** - January 08 at 07:18 PM