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Ben was born into the loving family of Ben L. and Rosella Carriker in Chandler, OK on January 3, 1944. He later graduated from Follett High School in Follett, TX. Upon graduation he joined the Marine Corps, where he served for 4 years. In 1966 he met and married Jill Gibson. They made their home in Dallas and went on to have two children, Carri and Adam. Always the entrepreneur, Ben's first business venture was a meat company called Steakmakers, where he took pride in serving his many customers. In 1970 he found what would become his life's work and joined an industrial supply company as a salesperson. Rising quickly through the ranks, Ben eventually purchased the company in 1980 and rapidly expanded it. Eagle Brush & Chemical became a successful enterprise, trusted by its customers, respected by its competitors and revered by its employees, who took their cues from Ben's leadership and amazingly strong work ethic. Ben dedicated his life to his career, his community and most importantly his family. A teacher, a coach and the first person many, who knew him, would go to if they had a question, Ben never knew a challenge that he didn't meet head on. His hobbies included keeping up with news, politics and current events, investing in the stock market, fishing and playing craps in Las Vegas. On March 29, 2018, Ben finally found peace after a lengthy battle with lymphoma. He is preceded in death by his parents and beloved sister, Mattie Lou. He will live forever in the fond memories of his wife, children, son-in-law James Powell, grandchildren Taylor and Jake, business associates and several dear friends including Gary Wieser, Glen Love and Glen Barrett. Funeral service will be held at 2:30pm, Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at Restland Funeral Home in the Memorial Chapel with Rev. Earnest Walt officiating. Interment will follow at Restland Memorial Park in the Garden of Inspiration. Arrangements are under the care of Restland Funeral Home located at 13005 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75243.



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JL

Jesper Schou Lykkegaard posted:

I am sorry for your loss – I have good memories of Ben and I am grateful that he and his family opened their home for me 31 years ago. Jesper Schou Lykkegaard (Christensen)

April 4 at 10:58 AM

BB

Brooke Baumgartner posted:

Jill, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I only had the pleasure of meeting your husband two times. Once when we ran into each other at the state fair and the other time was when you were celebrating your birthday and dancing at Arthur's in Addison. Each time he was very nice. I know he must have been a heck of a guy to win your heart! My heart goes out to your family. Please know you will always have an extended family in RISD. Sending love, hugs, and prayers to you and yours. Brooke Baumgartner

April 2 at 9:00 AM

TP

Tom Payne posted:

I will always be grateful for Ben's help, knowledge and attitude. He took the time to listen, understand and recommend solutions. Even taking the time to visit one of my job sites to ensure the right product was being used. His knowledge was vast. I enjoyed even our small visits. It was more than learning chemistry. It was his wit, management skills and kindness. Loved his conservative attitude. "He built his business!" And did not appreciate anyone telling him differently. When he shared with me his health issues. I walked away in awe. Amazed at his "matter of fact" attitude, genuine honesty and grace. I will always remember Ben. He was truly a great gentleman!

March 31 at 7:40 AM

RM

Richard Minkoff posted:

Ben was not only a great guy, he was one of a kind! Funny, fiercely loyal, and always available to lend a helping hand. He was tall, handsome, loved his family to the utmost, and was an unbelievable friend. He was one of the proudest men I have ever known. He will be sorely missed, but his memories will never fade.

March 30 at 4:16 PM



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Patricia Wood posted:

To the Carriker family. My heart goes out to all of you. My you all find comfort and peace during this stressful time. I didnt personally know Ben, but having known his children and grandchildren he must have been an awesome father and grandfather, may he rest in peace.

March 30 at 1:47 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ben by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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