



## Benjamin Reece Clinton

August 25, 1973 - November 14, 2018

Benjamin Reece Clinton, age 45, passed away on November 14, 2018, in Ponce Inlet, Florida.

He was survived by his parents Kevin and Barbara Clinton, sister Jessica (Clinton) Perone, and son Charles Smith. He was also an amazing uncle. Captain Benjamin had many interests and passions in life, including boating, racing, and fixing up anything on wheels.

He will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and fellow hobbyists.

There will be a private service held at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Rensselaer, IN.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5125  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Benjamin Reece Clinton



Jackson Funeral Chapels - November 30, 2018 at 02:12 PM



I did not know Benjamin but loved seeing his pictures of him and Lady on the boat doing what they loved to do. I am so sorry for your loss, sending prayers for the family, friends and his dogs who I am sure miss him too!!!

Terry Jackson - December 05, 2018 at 10:26 PM



We never met but I loved seeing his pics of him and Lady out on the water....My heart goes out to his family, friends and Lady. Prayers sent your way.

Vickie Vitale - December 06, 2018 at 07:06 AM



Even though we only "knew" him on Facebook the sense of loss is so very strong. My heart breaks and the tragedy of suicide is almost unbearable. Sincere condolences to the friends and family. May he rest in complete peace and you have happy memories to comfort you. Lady was one of my favorites and her eyes always brought joy to my day. Hopefully we will be able to continue to see how she is doing. ((Virtual hugs))) to all involved. Karen Kovach, Florida

Karen Kovach - December 06, 2018 at 10:43 AM

KE

*How can it be that someone you never met can have such a strong impact, and their passing cause so much sadness? We were "friends" through a bluetick coonhound Facebook page. Benjamin's photos were inspiring to all of us. His love and care for Lady was so evident. I hope his family and friends can find peace knowing that he is now at peace with himself. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

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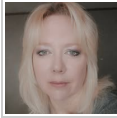
**kell** - December 06, 2018 at 03:11 PM

JG

*I too am a FB coonhound "Friend " of Benjamin & Lady. My loving prayers to your family. Benjamin gave me many smiles with his Lady photos & comments. I feel blessed to have been touched by his love of Lady.*

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**janis gonzalez** - December 07, 2018 at 05:16 PM



*Ben was an amazing person. I knew him since grade school. Loved all of his posts. He will be VERY missed!!*

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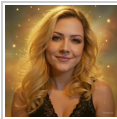
**Tracey LoVecchio** - December 29, 2018 at 07:39 PM

EH

“ I'm so sad to find this post. I've known Ben since high school, he lived 2 doors down from me in Bolingbrook, IL. Although transitioning from AZ wasn't easy for me, he made life fun! I still remember driving in his purple sports car & my ears would ring for days following (you could hear his sound system from blocks away, not to mention feeling the vibrations, lol) or even just hanging out in his garage as he fixed whatever (he could fix anything). Needless to say, I've been off Facebook for several months now & was attempting to contact Ben. I'm in shock! I've been planning to visit for sometime now & my only regret, not taking the opportunity. Jessica, I hope you are ok sweetie? If you'd like, you can message me: [ericahoffman@comcast.net](mailto:ericahoffman@comcast.net) and please give my condolences to your parents. This is heartbreaking...R.I.P. my friend, God bless. XOXO P.s. I was going to message him this link I saw today, because it made me think of him (both of us travel warriors). <https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/san-francisco-lighthouse-job/index.html>



Erica Coomer- Hoffman - January 08, 2019 at 03:04 PM



I tried to reach you on facebook, but your profile wasn't active. We are all just beside ourselves about it. ♡

Jessica Marie - January 12, 2019 at 01:30 AM

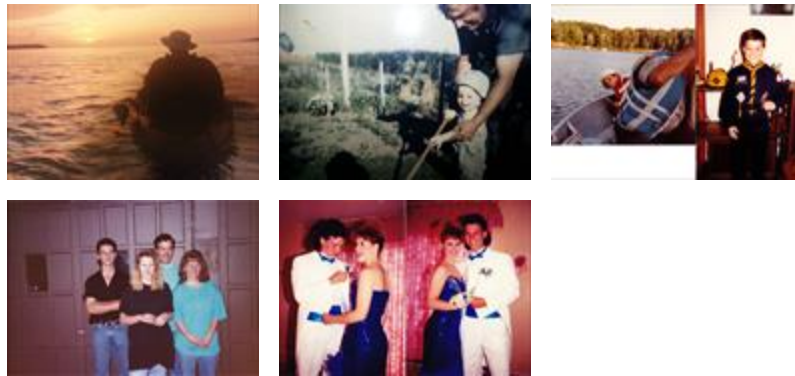
EH

*I'm so sorry for your loss. There aren't any words that can take the pain away after losing a loved one. I always enjoyed his pictures & posts, kept me so inspired! We got back in touch probably in 2008 & although we were merely pen pals living distances apart, we shared similar interests. I'm so disappointed I didn't go to his funeral & even more disappointed almost 2 months went by before I attempted contacting him. Heaven got another angel for sure. I'm just sorry I never took time to go visit him. He knew my son was looking into Embry Riddle & we had spoke about us visiting on Spring Break. Never in a million years would I have thought something tragic would take him. Your brother was a good friend, always cheered me up when I was down. Made anything & everything seem possible. He was kind hearted & loved to have fun. I remember him always being before his time when it came to fixing things or just figuring out how something worked. Very intelligent & will always be in my heart. Love & prayers for healing our sadness. XOXO*

Erica Coomer- Hoffman - January 28, 2019 at 01:18 PM

KC

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Kevin Clinton - December 27, 2018 at 12:11 PM

KC

“ OH Benjamin you have been a big part of our married life for 45 years. It wasn't but a couple of months after your mother and I were married that you made your imminent arrival known, by August we were three. To say you were a busy boy would be an understatement. The Lord must have thought we were up to the challenge. Your hyper activity continued through your teen and adult years. These same attributes that drove us nuts allowed you to succeed at whatever endeavors you set your mind to. You had many jobs over the years. As one opportunity would come to an end it wouldn't be long before you would reinvent yourself and be on your way again earning you the nickname of “The Come Back Kid” Those who knew you know what we are saying. We worked so hard at trying to be good parents that it got in the way of being a friend to you when you needed one. If we had this all to do over again we would most likely make the same dumb mistakes. You didn't come with a manual. Even if you did we probably wouldn't have read it anyway. We are proud of you but didn't tell you enough. We love you dearly and I know didn't tell you that nearly enough either. To be a big part of our family for 45 years and sharing in your adventures and now for you to be gone leaves a gigantic hole in our hearts. You were first of all a Son, A Big Brother, An Uncle, A Father, A Husband (for a time) Nephew, Cousin and a Friend to many! We will all be forever changed for having known you. As I write this out of nowhere this flood of tears comes for a life cut short. A father should never have to bury his son. This has been one of the hardest things I ever had to do in the 66 years of my life. Our Hope in all of this is that you knew the LORD Jesus as your personal Savior and that we will one day all be reunited in heaven. We are PROUD of you and LOVE YOU Benjamin!!

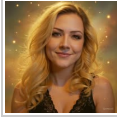
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Kevin Clinton - December 20, 2018 at 12:35 PM

EH

*Beautifully written! My sincere condolences to your family. God bless you all, Amen.*

Erica Coomer- Hoffman - January 08, 2019 at 03:10 PM



*I ♥ you Dad. I couldn't have said it better. It's very honest and I feel the same way.*

Jessica Marie - January 12, 2019 at 01:37 AM

KR

*Absolutely heart breaking to read this and know how much he meant to you and to many! Even though I have been out of touch for years with him; he always held a special place in my mind and heart. He's been weighing in on my mind a lot since his passing. Hugs to all!*

Kathy Rainey - January 20, 2019 at 03:38 PM

KC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kevin Clinton - December 20, 2018 at 11:48 AM

SP

“ Beautiful video, heartbreaking that a life taken too early. My deepest sympathy to Kevin, Barbara and family. Sandi Corns Pickel

sandi pickel - December 12, 2018 at 09:42 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. I met Ben in elementary school and we were pen pals for many years. I always loved when he could visit. We hadn't talked in many years but I will miss his posts on Facebook. Love ya, Benjamin.*

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**Cara Ludington** - December 07, 2018 at 07:55 PM



“ *My condolences to the family ! I loved Benjamin ' s posts with Lady and they use to brighten my day ! May his soul rest easy abd you are all in my prayers* ❤️

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**Jill Coletti** - December 06, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to family & friends. A life gone too soon. Benjamin & I never met but we shared a passion for Bluetick's. I will miss his posts & pictures of Lady*



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**Cindi Turner** - December 06, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ *Benjamin spread joy through his photos and stories of his and Lady's adventures. Strangers became his friends. We are thankful for the light he shined when he lived on this earth. Look up to heaven at night and the brightest star will be him.*

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**Laura Schmidt** - December 06, 2018 at 09:51 AM

BE

“ Although we never met, I wanted to let you know how much joy you brought to me through your posts on the Bluetick Coonhound FB page. The sunsets, the boat pics, and Lady....always Lady , on the boat , in the dryer during thunderstorms, such incredible images and memories. Thank you for that, you are greatly missed by your Coonhound family. Godspeed Benjamin, I pray your soul is at peace.

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**Bette** - December 06, 2018 at 07:27 AM

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“ Fair w

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**Teaky Tollison** - December 06, 2018 at 06:35 AM

CA

“ Always enjoyed the boating pictures with lady. So very sorry for this loss.

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**Connie atwood** - December 05, 2018 at 09:24 PM

KP

“ Although we never met personally I felt like we knew each other thru our love of our pets. We always loved seeing pictures of you and Lady and hearing of your time on the water. We hope you have found peace. Our hearts are broken and wish peace for those you left behind. Your Bluetuck family will miss you. Kathy Peel

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**kathy peel** - December 05, 2018 at 09:10 PM

BB

“ Will always remember Benjamins smile and his pup Lady and her sweet smile. The two of them are a treasure to our group on Facebook, (I love my Bluetick coonhound). Benjamin we miss you.

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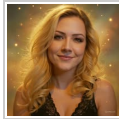
**Becky Berry** - December 05, 2018 at 08:52 PM

KB

“ Words seem inadequate to express the sorrow felt by the loss of Ben. My prayers and thoughts is with his family and friends. KimB



Kim Brinkman - November 30, 2018 at 12:55 PM



Thank you, Kim. Words do seem inadequate for me to express right now, too.

Jessica Marie - December 01, 2018 at 07:08 PM

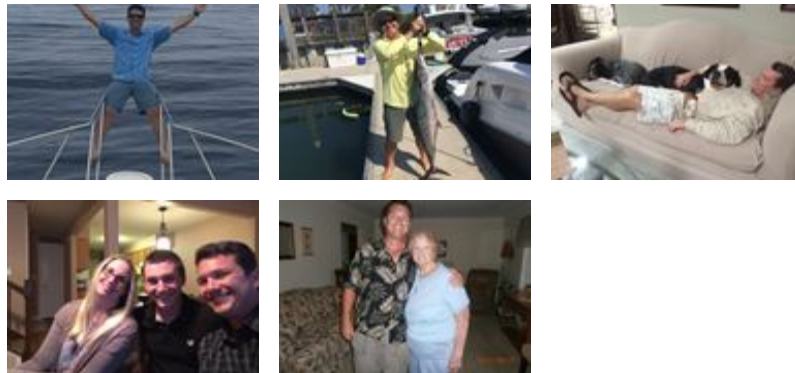
ML

I knew Benjamin through Fb , met him through the group I Love my Bluetick Coonhound his photos of him, Lady , his boat and the beautiful sunrises and sunsets on the ocean were wonderful .. very sad to hear of his passing , may peace be with you

Mike and Roxanne Little - December 06, 2018 at 01:40 AM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes

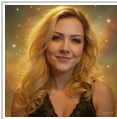


Jackson Funeral Chapels - November 30, 2018 at 12:40 PM

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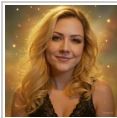
“ Such a great friend had such a great person period from meeting you back in the junior high school days all the way up through high school. Remembering building are bmx bicycles to are RC cars. We would stay up all night in the basement of your quad, building them RC cars to take them to the race track in Schaumburg Illinois. The ride to high High school the 1st day of freshman year in your big red Mopar, believe it was called a Polaris that was your grandfather's. When we all got Pontiac's your Purple Trans Am, my blue Firebird. We both put big black 455 motors in them. I know your parents may read this but we had some pretty big parties at my house at your house and at Matt Phillips's house. You are only one year older than me but you are like a Big Brother to me. The memories I have of us growing up and going through high school together will never go away. You will be missed my friend but you will never be gone in my heart. In one more thing I remember we had 1 hell of a night on New Year's Eve of 1999 breaking in the year 2000. My thoughts and prayers go out to your parents and your sister. So many memories I would not be able to sit a mall on to this page.

**Bob Kummer** - November 30, 2018 at 09:24 AM



*That's really sweet, Bob. I remember a lot of that, too. I remember my dad always taking him to the hobby store in Barrington Square, for RC parts.*

**Jessica Marie** - December 01, 2018 at 08:06 PM



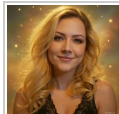
*It looks like you were using voice to text. But, I got it. Thanks for saying all of that! ♡*

**Jessica Marie** - December 02, 2018 at 12:24 AM

ME

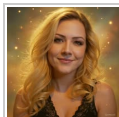
“ When I think of you, I still see that sparkle eyed, intelligent, funny and sweet little boy. My cousin.. my friend. I loved your spunk! I will forever cherish the memories I have of you Ben. I hold them close to my heart. ❤️ Lis

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**melissa** - November 29, 2018 at 11:28 PM



I know he loved you a lot. I always remember you guys hanging out and talking and laughing when we got to see you! ♥️

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**Jessica Marie** - December 01, 2018 at 07:22 PM



You guys were pretty close. ♥️

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**Jessica Marie** - December 01, 2018 at 08:09 PM

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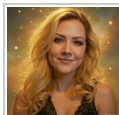
“ I work at the marina where Ben kept his boat. For the 3 1/2 years I've worked there, I talked to him just about every day I worked and considered him a friend, not just a customer. I miss seeing you around the Harbor and talking to you about whatever the day brought us. RIP my friend. 😞

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**Chris Seymour** - November 29, 2018 at 09:44 PM

BI

My wife and I met Ben and Lady at the marina over 2 years ago. Lady would invite herself on our boat to say hi and Ben wouldn't be far behind. Was always a pleasure to talk with. You will be missed. Until we meet again RIP Captain

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**Bob imm** - December 01, 2018 at 12:45 AM



Thank you both for sharing that. I know he really enjoyed going there.

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**Jessica Marie** - December 01, 2018 at 08:09 PM

KA

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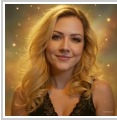


Kathy - November 28, 2018 at 09:54 PM

KA

*My favorite picture of us Prom 1991.....you had a smile that lit up the room!!! Miss that smile!! Miss knowing you gained your angel wings xo*

Kathy - November 28, 2018 at 08:56 PM



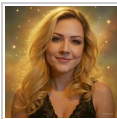
*I ♥ all of the dance photos. I think my brother may have gone to more dances than anyone I've ever met. At least like 3 just with you. :))*

Jessica Marie - December 01, 2018 at 08:11 PM

AN

“ *I love and miss you, Socks! I hope you're at peace, but I still want you here. Missing our daily chats, your silly jokes and your warm, kind heart. Rest well, my sweet friend.*

Andrea - November 28, 2018 at 09:47 PM



*Thanks Andrea. I really think he must be at peace. I miss his humor so much.*

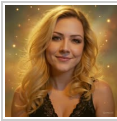
Jessica Marie - December 01, 2018 at 07:13 PM

Stacy Stanley

“ Always and forever in my Heart !  
Hugs to all his family and friends.

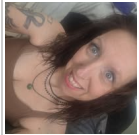


Stacy Stanley - November 28, 2018 at 08:38 PM

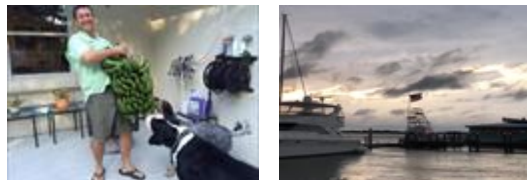


Thanks Stacy. Thank you for all of the pictures and kind words about him. It means a lot!

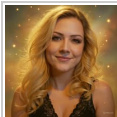
Jessica Marie - December 01, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ He was so proud of his bananas. Lol and he loved his boat



Alicia Morrison - November 28, 2018 at 08:36 PM



That banana pic is hilarious. And I am surprised he is not pounding Limp Bizkit in the boat video. :))

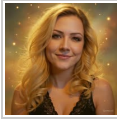
Jessica Marie - December 01, 2018 at 07:17 PM

DF

“ Benjamin you are so missed ~ I love you so much! I will always cherish the many memories that we share together. Love you Aunt Barb and Uncle Kevin ~ my prayers are with you 💔

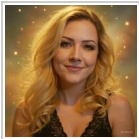


Doreen Foust - November 28, 2018 at 08:36 PM



Cousin, you have helped me so much in the past few weeks. Your support is priceless. You always made Ben laugh too. ♡

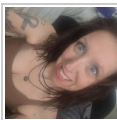
Jessica Marie - December 01, 2018 at 08:19 PM



“ We will always love you (Uncle) Ben, my brother! We will remember the fun times and visits forever. We miss you so much.



Jessica Marie - November 28, 2018 at 03:58 PM



Miss that smile

Alicia Morrison - November 28, 2018 at 09:35 PM

KR

“ Kathy Rainey sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin Reece Clinton



Kathy Rainey - November 28, 2018 at 03:09 PM



'Captain' Benjamin ♡

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**Jessica Marie** - December 01, 2018 at 08:28 PM