



## Ben Cook

May 13, 1979 - May 10, 2024

William Benton Cook, age 44, passed away on Friday, May 10, 2024. Ben was born in Lubbock, TX at Methodist Hospital on Mother's Day, May 13, 1979, to loving parents Eugene & Margaret Cook. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1997 & went on to attend Howard College in Big Spring, TX on a rodeo scholarship. Ben had a love and passion for bull riding, learning to ride from his father at the age of 14 years old. He was a member of the HPJRA, TCFR, & PCRA associations all through high school and well into his adult life. He continued to perfect his craft and skills until 2004. Ben and his dog Nugget traveled across the country to various rodeos, many of which he won. He passed along his love and knowledge of the sport to several children teaching them how to ride bulls any chance he got.

Anyone that knew Ben knew he was a jokester and loved playing tricks on family and friends. He loved to laugh and always had a smile on his face showing off those dimples. He would light up any room and live life to the fullest. He had a knack for making friends easily and making all friends feel like they were his best friend. Ben was also a dare devil and loved the thrill of an adrenaline rush. He spent time at the lake with friends, wakeboarding, and entered many contests earning the nickname "Badger." Ben loved to play golf and often times you could find him swinging his clubs whether at the course or in the living room. He was also stubborn, always right, and would not back down from a fight or challenge.

Ben attended First Baptist Church Roosevelt with his parents, fiancé, and his sons. He installed cable for various companies through contract work and was employed by Excel at the time of his passing. He and his father, Eugene, started C & C Bucking Bulls partnering with PeeWee Cazarez hosting various buck outs for the next generation of bull riders to learn and practice.

Stetson, Zaylor, and Swayze were his entire world. His sons gave him strength through the rough times and laughter and joy all the time. He was so proud of his children, "Pinky Swear," and considered himself extremely lucky to be their dad. His family and friends will hold dear the many stories and be privileged to tell them of their funny & loving father. Fiancé, Kallie Rogers, was the love of his life. They were beginning to plan their future and looked forward to spending the rest of their lives together.

Ben is survived by his three children, Stetson, Zaylor, & Swayze Cook; fiancé Kallie Rogers; his parents, Eugene and Margaret Cook who raised him with unconditional faith, love, and support; his sister and brother-in-law, Leah & Chris Corona; his brother and brother-in-law, Daniel Cook & Jeremy O'Brien; nephew Dakota & Alexis Hart; niece Jordan Hart; Pepper; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, & close friends whose memories, adventures, inside jokes, and nicknames will hold special places in their hearts.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Curley & Ruby Cook; Johnnie & Jean Haden; and many other loved ones who were waiting on him at the Door to Heaven.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Friday, May 17, 2024, at Sanders Funeral Home. A celebration of his life will be 10:00 AM Saturday, May 18, 2024, in Sanders Memorial Chapel with Pastor Jack Thompson officiating. Please celebrate the life of Ben by visiting [www.sandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sandersfuneralhome.com)

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401

## Memorial Service

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401

# Tribute Wall

B(

“ Beverly Russell (Cook) lit a candle in memory of Ben Cook



Beverly Russell (Cook) - May 18, 2024 at 12:12 AM

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*I remember the first time I saw Ben I told him he had those beautiful Cook eyes. I told him the girls would be silly over his sweet dimples. I watched the tribute video, it was so beautifully done. Gene and Margaret sorry I couldn't travel and be there, but my heart and prayers are with you all. Love you cousin.*

Beverly Russell (Cook) - May 18, 2024 at 12:25 AM

LL

“ Love, Ashley (Hunnicuttt) Leos purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ben Cook.



Love, Ashley (Hunnicuttt) Leos - May 17, 2024 at 11:12 PM

D&

“ Dennis &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Cook.

Dennis &. - May 17, 2024 at 07:50 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ben Cook.*



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May 17, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ben Cook.*



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May 17, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ *Phil and Grace Johnson purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ben Cook.*



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**Phil and Grace Johnson** - May 17, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ *Duane and Amy Burleson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Cook.*

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**Duane and Amy Burleson** - May 17, 2024 at 12:10 PM

DB

“ Duane and Amy Burleson purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ben Cook.



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Duane and Amy Burleson - May 17, 2024 at 12:10 PM

BA

“ Brian, Carolina, Berkley, Leti, and Amy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Cook.

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Brian, Carolina, Berkley, Leti, and Amy - May 17, 2024 at 12:05 PM

BA

“ Brian, Carolina, Berkley, Leti, and Amy purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ben Cook.



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Brian, Carolina, Berkley, Leti, and Amy - May 17, 2024 at 12:05 PM

YS

“ Your friends at S&W Seed purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Ben Cook.



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Your friends at S&W Seed - May 17, 2024 at 09:52 AM

CM

“ Chuck & Kim Martin purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Ben Cook.



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**Chuck & Kim Martin** - May 17, 2024 at 08:42 AM

JH

“ Margaret, Eugene and family I am so deeply saddened by your loss of your amazing Ben. Hugs and prayers Gary and Janice

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**Janice Hennington** - May 16, 2024 at 09:42 PM

BR

“ Billy R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Cook.

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**Billy R.** - May 16, 2024 at 08:27 PM

BR

“ Billy R. purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Ben Cook.



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**Billy R.** - May 16, 2024 at 08:27 PM

VT

“ Vista Bank's Florida Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ben Cook.



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**Vista Bank's Florida Team** - May 16, 2024 at 06:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ben Cook.*



May 16, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ *Mercedes & Christopher Bilbo purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ben Cook.*



**Mercedes & Christopher Bilbo** - May 16, 2024 at 04:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ben Cook.*



May 16, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ *The Dutton Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ben Cook.*



**The Dutton Family** - May 16, 2024 at 01:46 PM

LO

“ Love, Charles and Dawn Oldham purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ben Cook.



Love, Charles and Dawn Oldham - May 16, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Ben Cook.



May 16, 2024 at 12:29 PM

LV

“ Love Dr Girish & Rebecca Vallabhan purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ben Cook.



Love Dr Girish & Rebecca Vallabhan - May 16, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ben Cook.



May 16, 2024 at 12:08 PM

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“ *To Eugene, Margaret, Leah, Daniel and all family members who loved Ben. We are praying for God’s grace and comfort to come over each one of you during this time of extreme loss. May our Lord grant you peace and strength. You will all continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Mike and Teresa Rowlett  
Mico, Tx*

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**Mike Rowlett (cousin)** - May 16, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ben Cook.*



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May 16, 2024 at 11:09 AM