



## Benjamin Julian Creel

December 9, 1964 - November 8, 2016

Benjamin Julian Creel, age 51, of Conway died November 8, 2016 at Grand Strand Hospital, surrounded by family and friends.

Benjamin was born in Conway, SC, a son of the late Paul Creel and the late Dolores Creel. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Russell. He is survived by his sisters, Paula Floyd of Aynor, Meredith Neal and Michelle Richardson of Conway, 12 nieces and nephews: Elliot Smith (Deidre), Daniel Smith (Erin), Reuben Smith, A.J. Neal, Jillian Neal, Clint Richardson, Brett Richardson, and Whit Richardson of Conway; Charity Prince (Coby) and Madalyn Smith of Aynor; Grace Richardson of Swords, Ireland; Tiffany Varga of Austin, TX; and 8 grand-nieces and nephews.

Benjamin graduated from the Citadel in 1986 (November Company) and the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1989. He was an attorney and past owner and CEO of Creel Oil & Gas and the North American Institute of Aviation. Benjamin was an active member of the Conway Chamber of Commerce where he served as President in 1996-1997 and was named Man of the Year in 1998. He was also active in the Conway Rotary Club, the Horry Citadel Club, and the Conway Medical Center Foundation.

Benjamin enjoyed hunting, camping, cooking, Nascar, golf, and entertaining friends and family at his home, Tar Kiln Branch. He particularly enjoyed his annual "Burning of the Greens" which he hosted for many years on the first Saturday in January.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church General

Scholarship Fund, 1001 Fifth Avenue Conway, SC 29526 or to the Citadel  
Scholars Scholarship Fund, The Citadel, 171 Moultrie Street, Charleston, SC  
29409.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 347-4909  
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Conway  
1001 5th Avenue  
Conway, SC 29526  
<http://www.fumcconway.org/>

## Funeral Ceremony

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Conway  
1001 5th Avenue  
Conway, SC 29526  
<http://www.fumcconway.org/>

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ I WOULD TO VOICE MY TRIBUTE TO THE FAMILY OF BENJAMIN JULIAN CREEL. I'M DEEPLY SADDENED BY YOUR LOSS AND PRAY FOR GOD'S HELP AND SUPPORT TO HELP YOU GET THROUGH THIS TIME OF PAIN AND TROUBLE. HE IS ALSO IN MY FAMILY. HIS DAD GAVE ME AWAY FOR MY WEDDING IN 1964 AT JUNIPER BAY BAPTIST CHURCH. I LOVED THE CREEL FAMILY. GOD BLESS.

JOYCE A. JORDAN WINSTON - March 05, 2017 at 11:20 PM

MJ

“ So sorry to get the word of Ben's death. The Creel and Love families has been close sine Julian Creel and my Dad, M L Love Sr., were good friends in Gulf Oil and Omar Temple, In my generation, Paul and I were close as he was the Chairman of Horry County Council and I was the County Administrator. Ben and Mel, my son, were classmates at The Citadel.

*My God grant his peace to the Creel Family!*

*M. L Love, Jr.*

M. L. Love, Jr - November 18, 2016 at 05:09 PM



“ Kristy Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel



Kristy Sheffer - November 14, 2016 at 08:23 PM

KF

“ To The Creel Family, Thomas and I shared many wonderful times with Ben on the Waccamaw River. He had a way of making you feel like you were the most important person in the room, always smiling and willing to help. We are so sorry for loss, and will continue to pray for your family in the days ahead.

*Thomas & Kim Floyd*

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**Kim Floyd** - November 11, 2016 at 09:17 AM

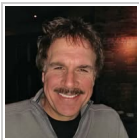
KM

“ Kelley Miles lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel



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**Kelley Miles** - November 11, 2016 at 01:59 AM



“ Michelle, Paula, Meredith and Creel family, I just heard of your tragic news and I just wanted to say how sorry that I am for our loss of Ben. It seems like only yesterday when I counted Russell among my closest friends and got to know you and Ben through him, when he was taken so tragically. I wish I could attend the service in person but I will be there in my thoughts and prayers and my heart. God bless you as you remember and celebrate Ben's life.  
*Love always*  
*Henry Cox*



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**Henry Cox** - November 11, 2016 at 12:48 AM

BB

“ *Button Benton Boyd lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel*



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**Button Benton Boyd** - November 10, 2016 at 05:05 PM

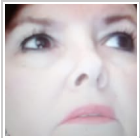


“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin Julian Creel.*



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November 10, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ *Paula, Meridith, Michelle and your Families, My prayers are with you at the loss of your brother, Ben. He was a friend to many and loved you three sisters. Ben very generously had the CHS faculty to his home for a Christmas party where many special memories were made. That was such a generous offer to our faculty who felt like family to one another. I pray that God will give you peace and strength as you go from this day forward. There are many friends who are here to help you through and are willing to hold you up!*

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**Debbie Johnson** - November 10, 2016 at 03:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin Julian Creel.*



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November 10, 2016 at 03:25 PM



“ *Edward Jordan lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel*



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**Edward Jordan** - November 10, 2016 at 03:08 PM



“ *Ben was a great classmate and a true gentlemen. I fondly remember weekend visits to his home when I was an out of state Cadet and his "spring Break" visits to my home in Florida. He will be truly missed. Deepest condolences and prayers for the family for their loss. He will always be remembered by his Citadel Classmates and devoted friends. Blessed to have spent time with him last week...*

*Austin Branch*

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**Austin Branch** - November 10, 2016 at 02:19 PM

JB

“ Conway has lost another one of its sons. It is hard to express the sorrow felt upon learning of Benjamin's death. I got a chance to chat with him at the Taste Freeze about 2 months ago and was glad we had that moment. You will be missed my friend.

J. Marshall Biddle - November 10, 2016 at 01:16 PM

GT

“ my sympathy and prayers for the family. My family has always counted the Creel's as friends. Sincerely, Gail Lilly Todd - The Enoch and Leatha Lilly Family



Gail L Todd - November 10, 2016 at 12:56 PM

WB

“ Wanda Shelley Baker lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel



wanda shelley baker - November 10, 2016 at 12:27 PM

SJ

“ SANDRA JONES lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel



SANDRA JONES - November 10, 2016 at 11:53 AM

SH

“ Benjamin was a true friend to me. I will forever miss his genuine southern charm, wonderful sense of humor and loyal friendship. I am grateful for all the priceless memories that I will cherish the rest of my life. Praying for peace and comfort for the family and friends of this amazing man.

Shauna - November 10, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Benjamin Julian Creel.



November 10, 2016 at 10:16 AM

Laura Fiscaletti

“ Laura Fiscaletti lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel



Laura Fiscaletti - November 10, 2016 at 08:04 AM

SL

“ Sandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel



Sandra Lewis - November 10, 2016 at 06:30 AM



“ *Toni Richardson lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel*



**Toni Richardson** - November 10, 2016 at 06:06 AM



“ *Donna Tindal lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel*



**Donna Tindal** - November 10, 2016 at 05:59 AM



“ *Tonya Reaves lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel*



**Tonya reaves** - November 09, 2016 at 11:50 PM



“ *Jamie Livingston lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel*



**Jamie Livingston** - November 09, 2016 at 10:14 PM

AR

“ It saddens me to hear of his passing. I remember my first month in the US back in 2007 as a student at North American. Benjamin invited those of us who remained at school over the holidays to join him for Christmas dinner, together with his friends. It's a gathering I still look back on with fondness. He was a goodhearted man and he made a strong impression on me. My condolences to his family. I will keep him in my prayers. RIP.



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**Arthur** - November 09, 2016 at 08:45 PM

LP

“ Lindsay Penninger lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel



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**Lindsay Penninger** - November 09, 2016 at 08:19 PM


EE

“ Ellen Edwards lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel



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**ellen edwads** - November 09, 2016 at 07:35 PM

 Twyla  
Kelley

“ Twyla Kelley lit a candle in memory of  
Benjamin Julian Creel



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**Twyla Kelley** - November 09, 2016 at 06:04 PM

BS

“ Betty And Bob Squatriglia lit a candle in  
memory of Benjamin Julian Creel



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**Betty and Bob Squatriglia** - November 09, 2016 at 05:33 PM

DT

“ I met Ben when we entered the gates of Stephens Barracks on a hot day in August 1982 at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. Through the following four years, we became closer then brothers in many ways and remained as such for the following thirty years. No one will ever know the depths of emotion he was capable of - always considerate and a true southern gentleman. He was in my wedding party and my children grew up knowing him as "Uncle Ben". I visited his family's home many times as a cadet and was always treated as one of the family. I will miss him more than words can convey. The Long Grey Line has an addition - God speed and rest in peace Ben.

*To Ben's sisters and extended family - I offer my sincerest condolences. You and yours will be in my family's prayers.*

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**Derrick Turner** - November 09, 2016 at 05:33 PM

CF

“ Chappel Fisher lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel



Chappel Fisher - November 09, 2016 at 05:28 PM

BJ

“ Bob Joyner lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel



Bob Joyner - November 09, 2016 at 05:16 PM

JS

“ Judy Skipper Spivey lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel



Judy Skipper Spivey - November 09, 2016 at 04:59 PM

RS

“ Robin Sasser lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Julian Creel



Robin Sasser - November 09, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin Julian Creel.*



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November 09, 2016 at 04:30 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time*

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**lynn Lambert** - November 09, 2016 at 04:13 PM