



## Benjamin Lee Hanna

March 18, 1975 - April 17, 2024

Benjamin Lee Hanna, 49, of Williamsburg, passed away on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. He was born in Traverse City, Michigan, to Gene and Patricia (DeTour) Hanna on March 18, 1975.

Ben was known for his unconditional love for others, his sociable nature, and his amazing sense of humor. His caring spirit led him to always lend a helping hand whenever needed. He found joy in square dancing, line dancing, bingo, picnics and get togethers, and cherishing moments with friends and family. His favorite pastimes included bocce ball, basketball, and fishing adventures with his Uncle Nick. Ben dedicated time to serving at Bushnell Presbyterian Church while in Florida.

Benjamin will be deeply missed by his parents, Gene and Patricia; his siblings, Matthew Hanna and Tyler (Christine) Hanna; his nephews, Christopher (Caitlin), Jordan, and Gavin; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins whom he held dear. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William and Geneva Hanna, and Stanley and Hazel DeTour. A funeral service honoring Benjamin's life will take place on Friday, April 26, 2024, at Kalkaska Funeral Home at 1:00 PM. A visitation will begin one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Ben to his family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

The service for Ben Hanna will be streamed on the funeral home YouTube channel, please use this link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd5ytWq5Fz>

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The stream will be live approximately 1 hour prior to the start of the service.

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens

3575 Veterans Dr.  
Traverse City, MI 49684

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S Cedar St  
P.O. Box 1457  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ I used to ride the bus with Ben to GTI and from GTI and also went to friendship group as well he was a awesome person and he always love to talk to me on bus he will be miss deeply R. I. P Ben Hanna

Kelly beck - May 08, 2024 at 11:29 AM

KB

“ My heart goes out to Gene,Pat,and family. We are so sorry about Ben's passing. He was a fine young man and touched many lives here in Red Oaks. He is going to be truly missed by many.

Kathy & Kevin Becker - April 27, 2024 at 09:23 PM

HH

“ What a beautiful person Ben was. He really loved square dancing, thats where I got to know Ben more and enjoyed being around him. Rest in peace, sweet Ben. Helen Holder (Red Oaks)

Helen Holder - April 26, 2024 at 04:16 PM

BM

“ We will miss your smiling face at Bushnell church and rv park and White Pines events. You always created a reason to smile and be happy.. Our neighbors also said how much they enjoyed meeting you at church. Will will be missed.

Barney and Nancy Miesse - April 26, 2024 at 12:14 PM

SK

“ Our sympathies to Pat and Gene and their family. Our daughter Kelly was a dear friend to Ben for many years and will always have him in her heart. Ben was loving, helpful and filled with fun and we will all miss him so much. God's love and peace to the Hanna family. Love and prayers from Kelly Kolden and family. ❤️

sharon Kolden - April 26, 2024 at 10:27 AM

NG

“ Pat and Gene our hearts go out to you. Ben will be missed by so many here at Red Oaks. Condolences to all the family.

Nancy Gautreau - April 26, 2024 at 10:05 AM

DD

“ Pat and Gene, we are so sorry for the loss of your wonderful Ben. His smile, sense of humor and kindness will not be forgotten. Ben and Heather have been friends since they were 3 years old. He was the best Homecoming King, and his Queen will surely miss him.

Heather, Donna and Bruce DeBoer

Donna DeBoer - April 26, 2024 at 09:52 AM

JV

Ben was such a sweet friend to so many! He was thoughtful and loved his friends and family. He will certainly be missed by many!!  
Jeremy Julie and Jerry Valade

Julie Jeremy and Jerry Valade - April 05, 2025 at 11:43 PM

JH

“ Pat & Gene, we are so sorry for your loss. I was so blessed to have the memories, taking Ben to McDonald's and bowling in Zephyrhills. Ben always put a smile on the faces of those around him. His warm heart will be missed by us all. Heaven has welcomed a truly great friend.

*Joe & Linda Hintz*

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**Joe Hintz** - April 25, 2024 at 11:24 PM

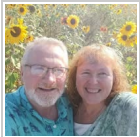
DD

“ Pat and Gene, we are so sorry for your loss of Ben. What a bright light he was! We loved his smile and his sense of humor... he was an all around wonderful guy. He and Heather have been friends they were 3 years old. He was the best Homecoming King, and his queen will surely miss him.

*Heather, Donna and Bruce DeBoer*

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**Donna DeBoer** - April 25, 2024 at 04:25 PM



“ Ben...we will certainly miss you! Especially your "whole being" excitement and fun at the Bocce Ball tournaments...

*Hugs/Prayers for Gene & Pat and all the family,  
Todd & Pam Bowman*

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**Todd N Pam Bowman** - April 25, 2024 at 02:08 PM

BW

“ We send our deepest sympathies to Gene and Pat for the loss of their loving son. My husband and I had a great time at the White Pines Family Camp in Marion the one year we were able to attend and Ben contributed to this experience! My husband and I had never played bocce ball and during that weekend there was a bocce ball tournament, well Dave S. and Ben talked us into playing. Well needless to say Ben and Dave taught us how to play and they won our match hands down. Little did we know that Ben was a champion bocce player. Treasure your memories of Ben, Gene, Pat and family.



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**Bob and Diana Williams** - April 25, 2024 at 11:54 AM

GT

“ A donation to Area 2 for Special Olympics from the Taylor family.  
Oh, Dear Ben, how you touched our hearts.  
Heaven got a little brighter today.  
We were blessed to know you.



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**Gloria A Taylor** - April 25, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Benjamin Lee Hanna.



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April 25, 2024 at 08:33 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Benjamin Lee Hanna.



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April 25, 2024 at 08:14 AM



“ Ben, we will all miss your big smile and your loving spirit 💔



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Nicole Agruda - April 24, 2024 at 08:33 PM

FP

“ Our deepest condolences to you Gene and Pat and of your Family  
It's really difficult how to explain how one individual can affect so  
many people's lives.

*My dear friend had the ability to make people happy, to laugh and  
smile, and love.*

*Ben enjoyed hanging out with his many, many friends at Red Oaks.  
I know he enjoyed being teased. One time us guys took Ben to five  
guys for lunch. Now he would always call for shot gun. I had already  
gotten into John Bishop car to ride in his spot.*

*I had to take a picture of Ben's reaction, with his hands on his hips,  
saying "Frank".*

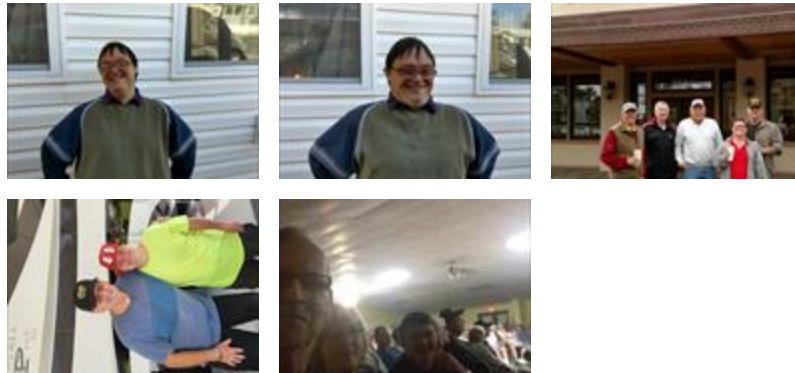
*Ben really enjoyed bingo night.*

*This is for you Mr. Ben*

*( B -12 ) I'll buckle my shoe and of course, ( I -22 ) Hook, Hook,  
Beep Beep. And Ben all time favorite; was ( N-40 ) with a big smile  
and laugh.*

*So many wonderful memories*

*Frank and Johna Pettit*



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Frank and Johna Pettit - April 24, 2024 at 05:31 PM

KF

“ Kim Lindsay and family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Benjamin Lee Hanna.



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**Kim Lindsay and family** - April 24, 2024 at 05:11 PM

TW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Terry & Ina Wooley** - April 24, 2024 at 03:53 PM

PJ

*Precious. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Priscilla Jeffers** - April 24, 2024 at 07:22 PM

PJ

*He always made sure to save us a spot at the potluck at White Pines. So much appreciated that he did.*

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**Priscilla Jeffers** - April 24, 2024 at 07:25 PM

TW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Terry & Ina Wooley** - April 24, 2024 at 03:23 PM

DB

“Debbie and Bob planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin Lee Hanna.

Debbie and Bob - April 24, 2024 at 02:12 PM

DB

“Debbie and Bob purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Benjamin Lee Hanna.



Debbie and Bob - April 24, 2024 at 02:12 PM

LF

“So much fun at White Pines. Won't be the same without that smile. Heavens a little brighter with his light shining.



Linda and Deb Fitzpatrick - April 24, 2024 at 10:51 AM

OL

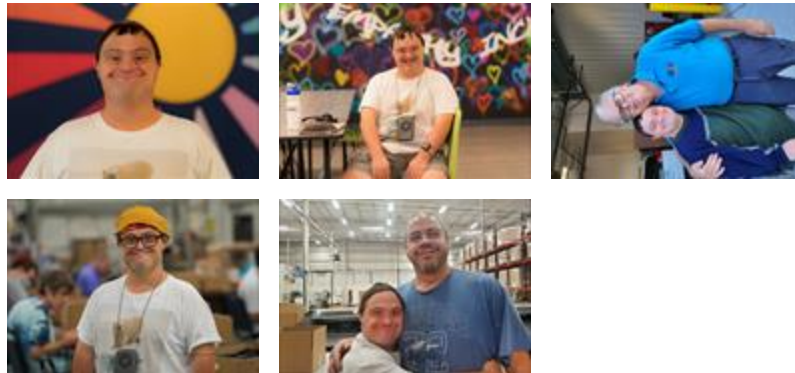
“Olivia & Phil Lewis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Benjamin Lee Hanna.



Olivia & Phil Lewis - April 24, 2024 at 10:16 AM

MH

“ 5 files added to the album *Grand Traverse Industries*



**Micah Haven** - April 24, 2024 at 09:35 AM

FP

“ *Frank Johna Pettit lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Hanna*



**Frank and Johna Pettit** - April 23, 2024 at 09:31 PM

DM

“ *Pat and Gene, words cannot express the sorrow we feel for the loss of your precious Ben. We are so happy for the time we had to spend with him over the years, as he always brightened our day..Much love, Bev & Dusty*



**Dusty & Bev Miller** - April 23, 2024 at 12:06 PM

FJ

“ Frank and Johna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin Lee Hanna.

Frank and Johna - April 23, 2024 at 10:02 AM

FJ

“ Frank and Johna purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Benjamin Lee Hanna.



Frank and Johna - April 23, 2024 at 10:02 AM

BM

“ Bev & Dusty Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin Lee Hanna.

Bev & Dusty Miller - April 23, 2024 at 09:11 AM

BM

“ Bev & Dusty Miller purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Benjamin Lee Hanna.



Bev & Dusty Miller - April 23, 2024 at 09:11 AM

LR

“ Our deepest sympathy, Gene and Pat, regarding the death of your son Ben Hanna. He was loved by us and everyone and his memory will live on forever.

*Our very best.  
Bob and Marilyn Greenwood*

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**Lynda Rickards** - April 23, 2024 at 05:01 AM

CB

*Our heart breaks for you and your family. We loved Ben and his loving ways, always a smile for me and calling me Mrs B. He was a joy to have him involved in the Friendship group and he blessed our hearts being there spreading the love of Jesus. I'm so sorry. God bless you for raising a remarkable son. Love and hugs and prayers to all of you.  
Carol Butzow and family*

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**Carol and Greg Butzow** - April 23, 2024 at 11:20 AM

SL

“ We have been so very blessed to know you and your Mom & Dad. We will miss you greatly; you brought sunshine to all that knew you. Until we meet again! Skeet and Bonnie



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**Skeet and Bonnie Lathrop** - April 22, 2024 at 11:24 AM

DD

“ Our dear Ben, words cannot express how much you will be missed. You touched so many hearts. No one is more special to all of us, here at Red Oaks. I'm sure Frank will watch over him until you meet again. Donna Denis



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**Donna Denis** - April 20, 2024 at 09:42 PM

AH

“ *Ann Happel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin Hanna.*

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**Ann Happel** - April 19, 2024 at 06:02 PM

AH

“ *Ann Happel purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Benjamin Lee Hanna.*



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**Ann Happel** - April 19, 2024 at 06:02 PM