



## Ben Spears Thomas

December 3, 1957 - March 6, 2021

Ben Spears Thomas, cherished friend, father and husband, born on December 3rd, 1957 completed his life's journey on Saturday, March 6th in his Mooresville, NC home. Ben passed suddenly and unexpectedly during a cardiac arrest. He is survived by his loving mother, Ann McClain, his brother and sister, Liza Stevens and Scott Thomas, his wife and soulmate, Angela McConnell and his two children, who were his pride and joy, Mary Taylor Thomas and Will Thomas.

Ben, although born in Memphis, Tennessee, grew up and called Baton Rouge, Louisiana home. He attended Lee High School before enrolling at Louisiana State University, the college where both of his children currently study. Ben loved purple and gold, and every Saturday you could find him and his children cheering the Tigers to victory. Although Ben feared he had gotten his children hooked on LSU football at a young age, it brought him much pride and joy to see Mary Taylor and Will continue his legacy at his alma mater. At LSU, Ben was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Science.

After college, Ben worked for a short period on the River Bend Project, where he honed his people skills by calling on state and local representatives. Ben then explored his passion for law, and graduated from Louisiana State University's Law School in 1989. After law school, Ben followed his mother to Mooresville, NC, where she had moved after her marriage with Bill McClain. Bill was an important member of the Mooresville community, and Ben used

him as a mentor and an idol.

Ben met his wife, Angela, at a Habitat for Humanity meeting, and their love quickly blossomed. Ben was known to date many girls at once, but when he met Angela, he had found his soulmate. Not only was Ben a great husband and father, he was a self described Renaissance man. Ben was an avid scuba diver, pilot, sailor and world traveler, and could often be seen flying his seaplane around Lake Norman. His greatest joy was being able to take his family on all of his adventures with him.

In the Mooresville community, Ben created a successful real estate law practice, which is now succeeded by his partner, Tiffany Webber. Ben often called Tiffany, and her husband, Ryan Webber his second children or "the kids", and he loved them dearly. Ben saw many of his same characteristics, and an immense drive, in Tiffany, and was proud that he would one day retire and use her as his attorney. Ben was also the Past Local Director of the Catawba Valley Bank, Past Local Director of Bank of Iredell, past president of the Mooresville Rotary Club, Past Membership Development Vice President of the Mooresville/South Iredell Chamber of Commerce, Past Vice President of Habitat for Humanity, Past Director of the Mooresville YMCA, Past President and Board Member of the Mooresville/South Iredell United Way and the Past Director of the Rotary STARS Program.

Ben was often seen as a larger than life figure in the local community. He always had a keen ability to keep everyone on their toes, he would light up a room with laughter. Ben was also immensely generous, and he never met a stranger. His ability to see past differences, keep an open mind, give everyone the benefit of the doubt and never hold a grudge are traits that everyone who knew him aspire to emulate. Although Ben is no longer here with us, his legacy will be passed down for generations within his friends, family and the entire Mooresville Community.

In lieu of flowers being sent, Ben and his family would ask that donations be made to Habitat for Humanity. <https://habitatcharlotteregion.lightning.force.com/lightning/r/Report/00O0G000006qPioUAE/view?queryScope=userFolders>

[www.habitatcltregion.org/support](http://www.habitatcltregion.org/support)

A small service will be held this week for Ben, as he would not want a large gathering during the COVID-19 pandemic. Later this year, when more people are vaccinated for the virus, Ben's friends and family will host a large celebration of life for him. Knowing Ben, he would want nothing more than his friends and family to have a party in his memory with a very good Cabernet being served.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Thomas family.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ I just heard about Ben’s passing. I’m so sorry to hear this. We have used him several times in buying and selling homes. He always made the process so much easier. I was looking forward to seeing him on 4/30/21 when we close on our current home. He will be missed in Mooresville. Praying for comfort for his family.

Karen Moran - April 23, 2021 at 01:44 PM

JB

“ We just heard the news about Ben and send our condolences to his family. We met Ben years ago when closing on a home and our son use Ben as well when he purchased his first home. Always smiling, always with a joke, a comment to make you feel comfortable in his office. He will be missed by many who have had the honor to meet him. The good Lord got a good one and will be there to comfort all who need comforting.

John and Bobbie Brown

John Brown - March 20, 2021 at 09:52 AM

LA

“ Lisa Anzalone lit a candle in memory of Ben Spears Thomas



Lisa Anzalone - March 16, 2021 at 04:15 PM

LA

*It was such a pleasure getting to know Ben through the West dinner group a few years ago. He impressed us as a fun-loving, kind-hearted man who treasured his family and friends. Angela, you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. Ben will truly be missed. Love, Lisa and Tom Anzalone*

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**Lisa Anzalone** - March 16, 2021 at 04:18 PM

PM

“ *My husband and I had the pleasure of meeting Ben while closing on property in Mooresville. We immediately saw a light hearted man that loved not only his job but loved people!! Our sincere condolences to his family during this difficult time 🙏. Mark Long and Penny Matthews.*

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**Penny Matthews** - March 14, 2021 at 06:29 PM

BH

“ *What a wonderful tribute to an amazing man, husband, father, and gift to the community. Ben was truly special and I feel blessed to have gotten to know him a bit through our West Dinner Group, and as my favorite closing attorney. Angela - please know that you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Becky Hatfield** - March 14, 2021 at 03:22 PM

MB

“ *Angela, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Ben on many community projects and opportunities over the past 30 years. He made a tremendously positive impact on our community. He will be missed.*

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**Mark Brady** - March 11, 2021 at 05:16 PM

TH

“ Sincere condolences during this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. South State Bank - Mooresville Branch

Tara Henderson - March 11, 2021 at 01:51 PM

DB

“ What a great man!!  
We closed with him on our home in 2016  
n he was one of the nicest men I've met!!  
Heaven will surely be Blessed!  
Smile on his face everytime you saw him!  
With a song in his Heart!!

RIP Mr Thomas!  
Prayers to his wife n family!  
He surely left a footprint!!!

Ronnie n Donna Barnette



Donna Sue Barnette - March 11, 2021 at 10:31 AM

CB

“ Dear Angela, Mary Taylor, Will and family, Ben was a wonderful person and a true leader. Praying that God will flood you with special memories that bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time. God bless you all.

Connie Byers - March 10, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ben Spears Thomas.*



March 10, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *V-Cleaners&Alterations lit a candle in memory of Ben Spears Thomas*



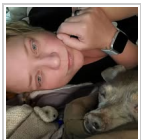
**V-Cleaners&Alterations** - March 10, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ *Dennis Cowardin lit a candle in memory of Ben Spears Thomas*



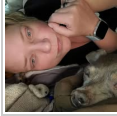
**Dennis Cowardin** - March 10, 2021 at 07:44 AM



“ *Miranda King lit a candle in memory of Ben Spears Thomas*



**Miranda King** - March 09, 2021 at 08:29 PM



*I tried to share a memory earlier. Ben gave me my first professional job when I was just at the age of 20. It has been over 20 years but I know he was so proud of his career and family. I remember him building his house that would hold his plane. It was his passion along with his wife and family!! May Ben Rest in Peace!!*

**Miranda King** - March 09, 2021 at 08:33 PM



*Having moved here over 21 years ago, Ben was the very first person that I did work for at his hanger/ home on the lake I learned fast that Ben was a man who wasn't afraid of standing behind the podium or getting dirt on his hands. I have had a great relationship with Angela's family since moving here and knowing of Ben's doing  
God bless*

*Walter Beneway*

**walter beneway** - March 10, 2021 at 08:17 AM



*I have so many good memories of Ben, I can't even begin to tell them all. I'm grateful to have known him. The best was his crawfish boil. For a fellow Louisiana girl, this was such a treat...but to enjoy his company was simply the best! I know Ben will continue to inspire those he leaves behind. He has created a true legacy of character, commitment to community, and kindness. You family at home and work will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Carla Agnini** - March 11, 2021 at 09:20 AM



*“ I will always remember Ben as a kind and thoughtful gentleman. He was an excellent attorney and a steady, calm hand. He was generous with his time and a positive force as a team member in complex commercial matters. I'm still in shock and find it difficult to reconcile his departure. My deepest condolences to his family, colleagues, and the Mooresville community. Ben, you will remain in our thoughts and hearts forever as a bright light of decency and benevolence.*

**Key Kasravi** - March 09, 2021 at 04:57 PM

CH

“ Ben was an inspirational leader in Mooresville and a great lawyer. He knew that though we may be competitors, that our best work came through collaboration and we would often bounce ideas off of each other. I will miss him as I am sure many will. My condolences to Angela and the children. You will be lifted up through all of this.

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**Cliff Homesley** - March 09, 2021 at 03:55 PM