



## Jay Benson

December 4, 1979 - November 29, 2007

Jay Travis (Blaze) Benson, age 27, passed away Thursday, November 29, 2007 at his residence in Sapulpa, Oklahoma as a result of injuries sustained in a house fire. Jay was born December 4, 1979 in Ramona, California to Theodore Dana Benson and Bonnie Ellen (Passenheim) Benson. He graduated in 1998 from Broken Arrow Alternative Academy. At the time of his death, and for the past three years, Jay worked as a Senior Batchman for Bartlett-Collins Glass Company. Jay was a workaholic but in his spare time he liked reading, fishing, target shooting, digital photography and his collection of exotic animals (snakes and lizards). He is survived by his mother: Bonnie Ellen Benson and step-father Randall Roberts of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; his brothers: Martin Rev Benson of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Petty Officer Houston and his wife, Susan; his sister: Anne Geffert and her husband, Karol of Coweta, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Wild Canid Survival and Research Center (<http://www.wolfsanctuary.org>), in honor of Jay's love and fascination with wolves. Private family services will be held. Arrangements were entrusted to Daniel C. Schaudt of Schaudt's Glenpool Funeral Service & Cremation Care. Family and friends may view the obituary and send condolences to the family online at [www.schaudtfuneralservice.com](http://www.schaudtfuneralservice.com)

# Tribute Wall

LY

“ *Though I never did get to talk to you, the death of an important person is always a great loss. Howls and yowls to you wolfbrother, and may your walk through the spirit world be easy on you.*

*Lynxie of the SpiritRunners.*

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**Lynxie** - May 29, 2013 at 05:34 PM

DA

“ *Travis was one of the wisest people I have yet to meet in my lifetime, however short it may be. I am still learning how I benefited from all he taught me. Without him my pack would never have gotten as far as it has.*

*He will be missed dearly by my entire pack and I, an absence that will forever make us ponder of our own integrity.*

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**Darkwulf** - May 29, 2013 at 05:34 PM

M(

“ *Bao, as I am writing this, I really do not know what to say. I am stricken from your death. I am stricken of sadness, as all are who have been touched by your company, online and in real life. I have had a privilege, just to know you, even from this computer in my own home. Goodbye, my friend.*

*Batdark of the Spirit Runners*

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**Matt (Batdark)** - May 29, 2013 at 05:34 PM

PW

“ *howls to a good wolf he will be surley missed by his sister apache she wolf howls*

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**patsy wishtischin** - May 29, 2013 at 05:34 PM

SH

“ *run wild, run free, you left a family within the pack that will miss you very much.*

*Shadow*

*Alpha female pack Seeonee*

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**Shadow** - May 29, 2013 at 05:34 PM

SH

“ *Jay Benson*

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**Shadow** - May 29, 2013 at 05:34 PM

CH

“ *You will always be my first love, B. Thank you for everything you did for me and Im sorry it took me long to do this. I wish we had ended things better because you were a good person and a great friend. I hope you got your wish, my mate.*

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**Christen** - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Though we never got to meet in person Jay, the pictures that your mother paints with her words has given us deep insight to you. Your loyalty, love, and selflessness of giving are traits we are going to sadly miss in this world. Continue watching over the family from above with those already at the Bridge. Till we meet some day.*

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**Bill and Terri Barnes** - December 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Jay I remember when we first met, you looked so tough. Remember when we were walking across the pasture near your home with Houston and you saw a puddle that a lady such as myself should not have to walk through. You picked me up carried me bravely across and promptly dropped me on my butt in the grass! I chuckle still when I think of that. You are sorely missed by your brothers who were more proud of you than they ever got a chance to tell.

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**Susan Benson** - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our hearts are aching for your family right now. Prayers for your comfort and the hope that wonderful memories will bring you smiles through the tears until you see Jay again.

*Sending you hugs.*

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**Jimmy and Cathy** - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

YV

“ Though I did not know Jay; his Mother has always told the most wonderful stories. Jay will live on through those stories. For he will be missed terribly by his family - Jay is at the Bridge with some very good friends waiting for us to join him.

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**Yvette** - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ My love and prayers go out to the family of this wonderful, young man. May he soar on the wings of an eagle.

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**GeorgiaPug** - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I never had the great pleasure of meeting Jay, but have heard many stories from his mother, Ellen. I send blessings to Jay's family and I send peace for Jay. Where the wild wolves roam, so may he.

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**Blanche** - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My most loving condolences to those coming to terms with the loss of someone special, especially his mother, my dear friend Ellen.

*Reading these tributes has given me even more insight into this unique young man. His adoring (and by all accounts, adored) mother, through her gift of painting the most beautiful pictures through words, allowed us to glimpse the bond she had with a wonderful son.*

*His loss has touched people all around the world and we grieve for those left behind. Peace and comfort to all those that loved him.*

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**Rona von Stein** - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time. Its never easy to see your children go before you or to lose a sibling. Ellen my friend we are here for you. Healing thoughts and prayers of strength.

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**DeAnna Miller** - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Sorry for your loss!  
Love and respect to you and your family!

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**Michele Bell** - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ *My dear Brother-  
You were larger than life while you lived; what you must be now...As tough as you acted, and as mean as you looked, you never passed up an opportunity to assist a person in need. Your harsh exterior melted like spring snow, giving way to the gentle and generous creature that was your true form. We that are here still mourn your loss, but celebrate your transition. May you be free of cares and pains forever. I got the tattoo you wanted, but did not live to wear. I will bear the mark until I see you again.*

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**Houston E Benson** - December 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ *I knew him shortly and not as well as I would have liked but he made an everlasting impression on me as I know he did on many. He will be missed.*

*May you find your peace on the other side. Godd hunting Brother.*

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**Diablocicado** - December 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *His memory lives on thru his mother's wonderful stories.*

*My condolences to the whole family.*

*-MJ*

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**Maryjo** - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ He was a great guy, I haven't felt so sad in a long time. He was a good freind and mentor who always had an open ear and a quick wit. He will be terribly missed, but I know hes gone off wherever a soul goes after it leaves the body. Hope it treats him well, he deserves it.

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**DreiGrasheir** - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ For the past 3 years that i knew Bao, he was not only a friend but a brother. He helped me out when and i needed him and put me in my place when i was acting out. He was always great to start a conversation with and man we could talk for hours. Unfortunately i never met him in person, however what i do know of him was that he was the best person to know., his door was always open to those in need, his love for his family blood related and not was outstanding and his respect to all living creatures was phenominal. So heres to you Bao, my brother...run free i love and miss you

Tanya 'Blu'

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**Tanya (Blu) Goonan** - December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I give my condolences to beo. He was a beloved friend and was always there. I know he is in a better place now, watching out for his pack.

Blessed Be

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**Christina** - December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ While I never got to meet Jay in person, he was probably one of my best friends. He was a good listener, wise in giving advice, and always had faith in me and my abilities, even when I didn't have faith in myself. He was always calm and understanding, and had a passion for life that I'd never seen before. I learned a lot from Bao, and he will be missed.

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Isaac "wolfbrother" Coyote - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Your web gear is on my chair waiting to be cleaned, you car in the pasture waiting to be washed. I heard canadian geese this morning. Find us a pond full of pumpkin seed perch, we'll fish together again.

*Unto us a child is given, unto us a son is born.*

*Love, Mom*

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ellen benson - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I only knew him online, but he was still as a brother to me. He offered me help once when I felt my life was in danger and always told me the offer was always open. He will be sorely missed. My heartfelt comfort goes to you in a time I know to be difficult.

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Cindy Hildebrand - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ *I miss you Lil' Brother...something fierce!*

*We knew each other for quite a long time. He was indeed an excellent friend and confidant. Pretty decent warrior too. (Now who will I say 'Gotcha!' to?)*

*May there always be venison on your table and mead in your mug. And may you go on this trip with the very brightest of blessings.*

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**Vena LeEllen Townsend** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *My oldest brother has travelled on. Though we miss him terribly, we must trudge forward. I thank all of you for your kind wishes and soothing words. In the hearts of those who were touched by his life, my brother's spirit will never perish.*

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**Rev** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *We will all miss you. I am proud to call you my friend. With profound regret that we were all robbed of your ever-growing influence and friendship. Time has been a foe with out equal. I will look forward to knowing you again on the other side. As I said at our last meeting only a few hours before. "Come early and we will catch up then".*  
*Del & Dee*

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**Del Woodard** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Death be yea not proud. For this day you have carried away an angel in training. And a formidable foe of evil and injustice only tempered with compassion, loyalty and a heart of gold.*

*Say we all.*

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**Dee Foster** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *My dearest Son: your love of the world and your friends will be missed. I'm so glad I have happy memories of you to remember; I know your friends do too.*

*May you be happy in what must be the great forest beyond.*

*Dad*

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**Theo Benson** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *My sympathy and prayers go with all of you. An unfortunate tragedy has befallen us all. The world lost a great person on that sad day. You will be missed greatly my mentor and friend. RIP...*

*Shannon*

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**Shannon** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ jay was my best friend i was honored by his friendship he was the brother i never had.

he was a coworker and was my trainer for the batch tower at work.

he touched the lives of so many people and so few knew the the real man.

he will be greatly missed

run free my brother and have a horn of mead and a hunch of venison ready for me when you hear i'm coming home.

ken (artic)moore

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**ken (artic) moore** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Bao touched our hearts clear over to the Lakes reservation here in Inchelium, Washington state. He was to us an honorable and good spirit. We send our songs of healing to the family and our deepest sympathies.

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**Shun'Dei and Donnie Fry** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ At the end of my workweek last week, Jay was my relief that Wednesday night, November 28.

With sympathy and best regards,

Joe, batch mixer.

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**Joe** - December 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ *My dear friend Anne,  
Your sweet brother will be missed. It is good to share stories of his  
life and caring, quiet way. You and your family will be in my thoughts  
and prayers this week, as you say good bye to Jay...*

*~love, Suzanne*

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**Suzanne** - December 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM