



Benjamin Joseph Wu

February 2, 1974 - June 9, 2020

Benjamin Joseph Wu was born on February 2, 1974 in Saigon, Vietnam, to loving parents James and Huong Lien. The family endured the long tumultuous journey across the world and came to America in 1980. Ben went to school in Lakewood, WA and enjoyed playing sports like baseball, football and wrestling, often being named MVP or at least a star player.

After high school, Ben joined the army and was assigned to the 25-A unit as a Medic. He was stationed in Germany and served in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm. He told stories about taking supplies to the front lines, and saving different insects in their med cart, scaring his fellow medics when they'd open the drawers.

After doing his first four years in the army, Ben came home to Washington and put himself through the University of Washington. "Go Dawgs" He graduated with his Bachelor's in Mathematics. During this time, he met his wife and decided that he would rejoin the army. In August of 2001 Ben re-enlisted and was accepted into Officer Candidate School. He finished OCS in December, amidst the 9/11 catastrophe.

Ben was sent to a Field Artillery unit '6/32 FA Proud Americans' as the Signal Officer (S6) in Oklahoma for four years and then was sent to the Middle East to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). When he returned to the U.S. Ben furthered his training by attending the Signal Captain's Career Course in Fort Benning, GA.

From there, the family traveled again, this time moving to Fayetteville, NC. Captain Ben Wu was assigned to 44th MEDCOM as their S6. He served with them for four years until he was deployed once again to the Middle East. This time he went to help with Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) in Afghanistan. When he returned to the states, he was assigned to a new unit FORSCOM, again as their S6 and it was time for the family to travel again, this time to our nation's capital Washington D.C. He reported to Fort Belvoir in August of 2012. In January of 2013, Ben was accepted in the National Defense University where he achieved his Master's degree in Political Science. Once he completed

this endeavor (in 10 months instead of 18) it was time for the family to move on one last time. This time, retiring from the army, Ben returned to Washington State to settle in and enjoy his children.

Ben's pride and joy were his three children; Brianna Marie Wu (09/20/2002, Kelsey Noelle Wu (08/25/2004), and Benjamin Joseph Wu (Jamie) (04/22/2010).

Benjamin Joseph Wu succumbed to heart failure and died in his sleep on June 9th 2020 in his home. He will be sadly missed by his children, his brothers and sisters, many nieces and nephews and his many brothers and sisters in arms.

Benjamin, May you rest in Peace. To thine own self be true!

Cemetery

Tahoma National Cemetery

18600 SE 240th St

Kent, WA, 98042

Comments



“ I am so sorry for your loss and words cannot do justice to the pain and sorrow that you are feeling. I am still in shock by his death as he called me just a few days before he died and missed his call. He left a message and said he hoped all was well and sounded like he always did. I owe it to Ben to describe what he meant to me. A true friend, comrade and brother-in-arms that I was very proud and honored to serve with. We were in Afghanistan together, and while we were in different places, I always knew that if things got bad, Ben would always be there and vice versa. Ben and I took the attached photo in Kabul, Afghanistan and still remember how he teared up when talking about his kids. He missed them terribly. His kids were his whole life and they were what put that big smile on his face every day. Ben's heart was huge and his love for his children had no limits.

He would never hesitate to help another Soldier and remember him telling me once that he was driving to Fort Bragg to give a Soldier that was having hard times his van. Who does that sort of thing? Ben Wu did. Last month, I got a call wishing my mother a Happy Mother's Day. Again, typical Ben. Ben's legacy will never be forgotten. He would want us to laugh and not cry. To be happy and not sad, and give all we can to help each other. That's what Ben did and is what I will strive to do in memory of him. Life is but a short interlude, and we are only here for a little while, and I know that one day Ben will be reunited with all of us and that smile and laugh will still be there. I will look forward to that day. Until then, God bless you my friend and know you will be up there watching over all of us.

Theresa

Theresa Ford - June 25, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ Ben and I were in Afghanistan together. He was a man of ideas who enjoyed rich conversations. I hope his children will work wholeheartedly to continue to honor his diligence, camaraderie and friendship.



Joel McMillan - June 20, 2020 at 06:41 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Benjamin Joseph Wu.



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin Joseph Wu.



June 17, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ I spent many hours chatting with Ben as our sons studied Judo. He was a funny, intelligent, and very caring person. I will miss our conversations and I will miss him. God rest his soul.

Robert Brenner - June 15, 2020 at 07:43 PM