



Benjamin J. Kohlhof

July 5, 1977 - May 29, 2018

NORFOLK -- Celebration of Life Service for Benjamin J. Kohlhof, 40, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 16, 2018, at Christ is King Community Church in Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Pastor Glenn Wapelhorst, Pastor Dick Dungan, Pastor Dale Taylor, and Pastor Chris Winegar. Private burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 15, 2018 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Benjamin died Tuesday, May 29, 2018, as a result of a traffic accident in Dali, Yunnan Province in the People's Republic of China. He was in China to reunite and travel with his fiancé, Danyan Hong, who had recently received her visa. They were to return to the U.S. to be married.

The son of Dennis and Susan (Hopkins) Kohlhof, he was born July 5, 1977 in Norfolk. He was baptized on Sept., 11, 1977, at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk and confirmed in 1992 at Peace Evangelical church, rural Norfolk. Ben attended Winter School District 20 and Park Avenue Christian School. He graduated from Norfolk Senior High School in 1996. He attended several semesters at Northeast Community College and was on the President's List. Ben started working with his Dad at D W Kohlhof Trucking & Repair while in high school. Then he worked at the Norfolk Regional Center for 20 years, starting in Food Service, then as a psychiatric Technician, Patient Services assistant and Activity Assistant. At the time of his death he was employed with Employment Works, Inc, Norfolk.

Ben had an unconditional love for his family and friends and a heart for ministering to others. Ben spent time in India, Haiti and Mexico on mission trips. He loved traveling, being in airports, and learning about other cultures, the people, the food, the customs. If he became interested in something he would read and study about it, learning all he could. Some of his favorite interests were the stock market, craft beers, and growing super-hot peppers. He enjoyed mountain biking, softball league, and all Husker sports. Ben was an artist and a poet and wrote many profound words. He began piano lessons at age 4 and was self-taught on the guitar. Ben especially enjoyed spending time with his cousins and their families.

Ben was a member of Christ is King Community Church in Norfolk, played in the worship band, and hosted Wednesday Night Bible Study in his home. He was involved with the Suds Missions, Teens Encounter Christ, Dalit Freedom Network, and sponsored a child through Compassion International.

Survivors include his fiancé, Danyan Hong of Guangzhou, China; his parents, Dennis and Susan Kohlhof of Norfolk; one brother, Bill Kohlhof and his wife Stephanie; his grandparents, Jeanne H. Hopkins of Norfolk, and Willard and Jerrine Kohlhof of Battle Creek; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Ben was preceded in death by his grandfather Bert Hopkins, aunt Phyllis Kohlhof Higel, cousin Lynn Tosh, and his beloved dog Gertie.

Bearers will be Scott Bruening, Chance Buss, Eric Rogat, Travis Schaefer, Nate Caauwe, and Alex Steadman.

Honorary bearers are his cousins Andrew Speidel, Katie Gillson, Jon Price, Adam Beck, Daylla Beck, Cassie Forney, Chrissy McGhee, Chandra Zohner, Chelsey Santos, Caitie Johnson, Callie Zohner, Caleb Zohner, Jessi Hansen, and JoDee Sun.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-7676
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

Service

JUN **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Christ Is King Community Church
715 Madison Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701
<http://ckccnorfolk.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Benjamin J. Kohlhof

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Benjamin J. Kohlhof.



June 16, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin J. Kohlhof.



June 15, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ Ben and I were pen pals in 4th grade. In high school, we always got a kick reliving the funny things we wrote about. RIP Ben, my only pen pal.



Troy McCormick - June 12, 2018 at 03:04 PM



What a special memory Troy! Thank you for sharing this! ❤️

Pam Speidel - June 12, 2018 at 09:08 PM

SK

Thank you for sharing Troy!

Susan Kohlhof - June 14, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin J. Kohlhof.*



June 12, 2018 at 02:17 PM

KE

“ *Meant so much to so many, so sorry, so sad, so early, love you lots Ben, always and forever, R.I.P.*

Kenny - June 11, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin J. Kohlhof.*



June 11, 2018 at 09:34 PM

TP

“ *Lifting up daily in prayer your family and all those in mourning. Ben shall live on in all those hearts he touched and for that, we are blessed!*

*Todd Phelps
Religious/Spiritual Coordinator
Norfolk Regional Center*



Todd Phelps - June 11, 2018 at 11:38 AM

LH

“ *Praying God will Comfort and Bless you at this time of sorrow. Lisa Horton*

lisa horton - June 01, 2018 at 01:08 AM