



Richard Kipp Behenna

March 6, 1960 - January 31, 2012

Mr. Richard Kipp Behenna, a devoted husband, exemplary parent and a kind and compassionate friend, left this world peacefully on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 and entered into the presence of his Heavenly Father, now in a world of no more pain and suffering.

He was born in Miami, Florida and lived in Cutler Ridge. During those years as a Ridge Rat he played baseball, football and soccer. Rick graduated from Miami Southridge in 1978 and signed with the Atlanta Braves Baseball organization. He was traded to the Cleveland Indians in 1983 and continued his baseball career. In 1984 he met his wife of 27 years, Kimberly Smith, who fell madly in love with him and devoted her life to his dreams and goals.

He used his God given talent, skill and knowledge of baseball to share with the community. Rick's passion for baseball drove him to coach at East Coweta High School for several seasons and give private lessons to up and coming baseball players in surrounding communities. He also developed and organized a summer college baseball league for local college players. Rick always gave back all of the knowledge he developed as a professional baseball player in hopes that it would help young men achieve their dreams. Most of all, his desire was to instill good work ethic, discipline, character and integrity in the development of all whom he came into contact with. Rick will forever be remembered as a great leader, coach, friend, father and husband.

Surviving Mr. Richard Kipp Behenna are his wife Kimberly and his children Bowen & Brandon. His family, mother Marlayne, brothers, Mark, Scott, and Gregg, his sister Nancy and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to acknowledge Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Dr. Joseph Parks, Dr. Assikis and Dr. McAlpin for their faithful, loving care he received during this journey that God had called him on. Thank you for never giving up on the diagnoses and thinking outside the box. Thank you for willing to use your skills and knowledge when others wouldn't take the opportunity to take on the challenge.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com
Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson St., Newnan. Vistitation will be Friday evening Febuary 3, 2012 between 6 to 8 P.M. The memorial service will be on Saturday Febuary 4, 2012 at 3:00 P.M at Sonrise Baptist Church, 6 Shenandoah Blvd. In lieu of flowers, Mr. Behenna's memory may be acknowledged by memorial contributions to BAT www.baseballassistanceteam.com or Pink Posse www.pinkposseofga.com and follow the prompts to make a donation.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

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38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

SonRise Baptist Church
6 Shenandoah Blvd
Newnan, GA 30265

Tribute Wall

KM

“ *It was a pleasure to be on Ricks team and much harder to compete against him. He will be sadly missed but never forgotten.*

Kevin Murphy - September 21, 2012 at 10:04 PM

KN

“ *My husband and I met Rick at Hohokam Park during Spring training of '83 or '84. I was tracing my family history and found us related many generations back to England. He was very receptive to our "hello" and my family followed his career and continued searching family history throughout the years. We are so terribly sorry for your loss. My dad, William H. Behenna , at age 79, is a colon cancer survivor. We pray for your family and know that he is in a better place watching over us. Kimberly Behenna Nizzi*

Kimberly Behenna Nizzi - March 27, 2012 at 09:53 PM

JA

“ *I would like to offer on behalf of the Amell family our deepest heartfelt condolences on Ricks passing. I remember going to watch Rick pitch at PKL even when my team was'nt playig his team, because you knew he was something special. When Rick threw his fasball you heard before you saw it. When Rick and I played together at Miami Southridge you could'nt have asked for a better teammate, it was a lot more fun to play behind him than have to hit against him. Ricks greatest legacy though is the man, husband, and father he became. Rick, u will be missed by many, God bless you and your family*

john and czarina amell - February 18, 2012 at 10:21 PM

BW

“ My sincere condolences go out to the Behenna family. I knew Rick through the Perrine Khoury League, and although we were never team mates I knew even then that his leadership and abilities would take him far. We should all strive to have the positive impact on so many lives the way that Rick did.

Bob Watson - February 17, 2012 at 05:57 PM

NR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We just heard about Rick's death. We enjoyed our great times together in Sunday School and at school with Sue. Rick will be missed.

Nick & Sue Rickenbaer - February 15, 2012 at 01:37 PM

TI

“ Dear Kim, Bowen and Brandon, We are so sorry for your loss. Rick was a great gu. He always had a kind word for us whenever we would see him around the baseball fields. Ben looked up to Rick and always appreciated when Rick would give him some words of wisdom regarding baseball and life in general. He will be missed, but praise God we will see him again in a much better place. Please let us know if we can ever do anything for you or the boys. We will continue to remember all of you in our prayers.

Tommy, Pam & Ben Inman - February 08, 2012 at 06:52 PM

AL

“ I remember Rick from Southridge where we shared several classes. We also played baseball together at Khoury League in Cutler Ridge. He was well liked because of his many talents and competitive drive. He was a person I looked up to because of his character. I will always remember him. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and close friends. He was a good man and will be missed by many.

Al Lewis - February 08, 2012 at 01:46 PM

KR

“ Dear Kim and the boys, I am so sorry to hear about your loss Rick will always be one of a kind such a loving man to all he met in his life time. I am so glad I was able to meet you and and see Rick after about 30 years at our NC home and our boys played against each other at Gardner Web. My thoughts and prayers go out to u and all your family. May God give u peace and comfort. Love, Kathy Reilly (Cullifer)

Kathy Reilly - February 06, 2012 at 11:25 AM

JS

“ I work with Scott in Oklahoma City and consider him a great friend. He spoke endlessly about Rick, and while I never met him, I felt like I knew him. I pray for comfort and peace for your family and that you will feel God's grace and strength during this time. May God bless you and keep you, Jennifer Schmitz

Jennifer Schmitz - February 06, 2012 at 10:30 AM

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Kathy Reilly - February 04, 2012 at 09:27 PM

MF

“ Kim, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and the boys.

Marci Fiske - February 04, 2012 at 08:33 PM

DA

“ I lived in the neighborhood with the Behennas on Irene dr. I went to school with Rick. He was head a shoulders above the rest.He was one of a kind. I knew he would go on and touch so many in positive and inspiring ways. My fellow Ridge Rat, may you be an angel to all. Prayers to your family. I haven't talked to you since high school but have followed your career and was able to keep up with the amazing things you have done with your life. Rest in Peace.

Donna Stoll Auth - February 04, 2012 at 07:52 PM

KA

“ Kim, Rick fought a tough battle with you there every step of the way. I pray that you find comfort in the memories and love you two shared as you gather with family and friends to celebrate his life and homecoming.

Kelly Abercrombie - February 04, 2012 at 01:05 AM

DS

“ Rick, you will be truly missed my friend. I also grew up in the "Ridge" and had the opportunity to coach "Bo" on the Palmetto Optimist Raiders team with Jim Reilly a long time ago. It was just me, Jim and Sully back then. I grew up a just couple of of streets over from the Behenna's. As Rick grew up his prowess on the mound became legendary in the Perrine/Cutler Ridge area. I was able to reconnect with him here in Atlanta through High School Football. Rick was an avid supporter of ECHS athletics and I had the good fortune to officiate one of Brandon's last games in the GHSA playoffs vs. Douglas High School. Rick also took time this past summer in Miami to go by and visit with my 84 year old mother. He passed along to her a picture from the team I mentioned above. It was such a small but wonderful gesture and she greatly appreciated the gift. She always remarks what a pleasant man he was. She also passes along her condolences to the family. Rest assured he is now pain free and in a better place. God Bless.

Deane Stewart - February 03, 2012 at 05:23 PM

DE

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Deane - February 03, 2012 at 05:21 PM

RG

“Great person and a good coach. He was very kind to my son in the Summer League. He will be missed.

Ray Grote - February 03, 2012 at 03:58 PM

SP

“ To the entire family I give my condolences. My prayers are with you all. Please know that Rick will never be gone. He is in Heaven now and is and will always will be watching over you all! I know it is a trying time for you all but don't cry because he is gone physically. He would want you to laugh and smile and continue forward with life. He left a legacy and gave so much to so many by touching their lives in the littlest of ways. Continue and carry on all the good that he has done in this world in his name and yours . Don't shed tears of sorrow yet shed tears of him at peace. He is now your guardian angel watching from up above!!! I would also like to say thank you for saying Cutler Ridge and Ridge Rats as that would have been what he wanted! And it makes us Ridge Rats Proud!

Shari Billings Pardo - February 03, 2012 at 03:38 PM

AF

“ Kim,Bo,and Brandon you are in our thought and prayers at your time of loss. We know that Rick will be missed by everyone and he has touched alot of people. God Bless. He will never be forgotten

Ann Moore & Family - February 03, 2012 at 01:19 PM

EM

“ My deepest condolences to the family. There are no words to comfort one with the loss of a son, husband and father. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Ed MacDougall, Mayor

Ed MacDougall - February 03, 2012 at 12:46 PM

AL

“ My sincere condolence to you as you celebrate the life of your loved one.. May you be comforted in knowing that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I shall always remember that Rick had a special place in his heart for helping young people reach their goals in life. Alice Malcolm

Alice L.Malcolm - February 03, 2012 at 11:29 AM

CR

“ Kim, your husband fought the good fight, and you were an amazing champion of his care. All of us at CORRAL are so sorry for your loss.

Christa ryan - February 03, 2012 at 07:25 AM

PO

“ I had the Great Pleasure of growing up in Cutler Ridge and friending the Behennas. A Lendgonary Family.As most in the Ridge everybody had a Nickname Most knowing Rick as the Allstar Pitcher. We Rats knew him as Lil Bo. He was the Shaddow of his Older Brother Scott (aka Bo) which he adored. With that ,he was always Joked on made to Ride in the Back and was always left to walk one step behind because he was the younger Bo. He always had a smile and Loved every minute of it. He had his get back moments, Like the Fast Ball that would Buzz inches off your chin then the hanging Curve Ball that you swong at and made you look like a fool.Only to look you in the eye and give you that Lil Bo smile.We talked on the phone from time to time and e mailed occasionally his conversations always left you with that funny warm feeling in your stomach. That will be missed!!!! RIP Rick and I know you and Kip are talking baseball and him telling you what pitch you should have thrown, Enjoy.

Pat O'Brien - February 03, 2012 at 06:38 AM

SL

“ Having Brandon and Rick come into my life and the life of many young men last year was a true blessing. In the short time that I knew Rick was a blessing and inspiration. Each time we talked I came away from the conversation a better coach and person. He was an endless supply of information and made an impact on each of our boy's life that will last a lifetime. We are praying and thinking about you Brandon and family during this difficult time. Coach Shane Lasseter and Heard County Baseball

Shane Lasseter - February 02, 2012 at 09:09 PM

AB

“ It was amazing to watch Rick grow up and into his dreams. He was a beautiful person in our childhood and a wonderful friend in high school even though he was a year ahead. What a smile and a good heart he had even then. I am so glad to have known him, and honored to be a fellow Spartan. Our son has just turned 14 and dreams of being a pro one day- hasn't missed a Little League season yet. I tell him it CAN happen, and that I've seen it and have been telling him stories of knowing Rick, Danny, and Mike, and many others since Nicky was in t-ball... but that isn't all there is in life. Rick was blessed to have already known that at an early age and as he created a beautiful family life. What a gift to have shared his passion for the game with other generations. That smile of his is forever burned into my memories. Kimberly, Bowen, Brandon, and family: may you find strength in knowing a part of Rick lives on in our hearts and memories. So upset when I originally posted my condolences that I didn't realize the following statement was written backwards and tonight the McKoon director was kind enough to help me fix this: I can't imagine one person who met Rick that was not a better person for knowing him. May God bless and keep you in his loving arms. Sincerely, Angela Billings Miami Southridge Class of '79

Angela Billings - February 02, 2012 at 08:39 PM

BK

“ We grew up knowing him as my brother's best friend-impossibly handsome, superb athlete, humble and kind. The day he pitched his first major league game for the Braves, my father stayed home from work and my brothers from school to watch this wonderful event. It was as though they themselves were on that mound. He became the man I knew he would-an excellent family man and parent, hardworking, humble, still as handsome as could possibly be. We loved him, but no one more than my brother, Joe, who considered him a 5th brother. My dad, also a professional baseball pitcher, loved him in a way that makes my eyes swell with tears at the thought of it. Our heart breaks for his young family. It brings to mind the poem by AE Housman, which in part reads "So set before its echoes fade, the fleet foot on the sill of shade, and raise to the low lintel up, the still- defended challenge cup." The poem, appropriately, is titled "To An Athlete Dying Young" We hang our heads today in silent memory, and will think of you often, Ricky B, and keep you always in our prayers. Barbara, Ellen, Bill, Joe, Dan and Gene

Barbara Kissane - February 02, 2012 at 07:32 PM

TD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Behenna family. Rick was very brave during this journey, as were you Kim. It was a great pleasure getting to know both of you. We are thinking of you at the office.

Tanya DePastino - February 02, 2012 at 06:53 PM

BJ

“ My sincere and heartfelt condolences go out to Rick's family. He was so brave in his fight. We had reconnected just within the past few months on facebook. We chatted about his first year pitching for the Braves. I was attending Clemson University at the time, and all of the Braves games were shown on local tv. I remember being so excited watching him pitch his first game against the Big Red Machine...Johnny Bench, Dave Concepcion, Cesar Geronimo, Dan Driessen. He beat Mario Soto in that game. I always admired Rick while playing Khoury League and watching him at Southridge. It was like watching Nolan Ryan on the mound, boy could he throw some smoke! You could hear the pop of the ball in the catcher's mitt like no other I had ever heard. Please know that his family is in our thoughts and prayers. You will all see Rick again one day. God bless. Bill James Southridge Class of 1981

Bill James - February 02, 2012 at 06:01 PM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers for the entire Behenna family. We sincerely hope that through your faith and belief in our Heavenly Father that you find peace. We were so sadden with the word of Rick's passing. We had the priviledge of watching him grow up and develop into a wonderful man. We were truly blessed to have known him...Hugs to all..

Beish Family - February 02, 2012 at 05:33 PM

HS

“ My deepest sympathy on your loss. Needless to say I was both shocked and saddened by what I read when I picked up the newspaper this morning. I met Rick a few years ago when our sons were in high school. My son (Chris) played football at Lovejoy High School and Brandon was at East Cowetta. I'm not sure how we actually met and we didn't talk that often, but when we did we talked as though we had known each other our whole lives. It's been a few years since Rick and I last spoke but I always enjoyed our conversations. May God bless and keep you all and may Rick's love and memories keep you going when you miss him most. Harold Scott Riverdale, Ga

Harold Scott - February 02, 2012 at 05:10 PM

BS

“ Dear Kim, Bowen and Brandon, I am so sorry to hear of Rick's passing...what a wonderful and incredible human being he was. I am so grateful to have known him. He made such a difference in all our lives and will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers to you at this sad time. Much love and prayers, Becky Hawse Schaeffer

Becky Hawse Schaeffer - February 02, 2012 at 01:57 PM

WF

“ We are deeply saddened by your loss and pray that you will find comfort in the prayers and thoughts of those who loved Rick. We want to thank your family for sharing him with us on the baseball field. He served as an excellent friend and mentor to Zach and I know his heart is heavy as he begins a baseball season without Rick to talk to. Rick will be sorely missed.

Wayne & Martha Farmer - February 02, 2012 at 01:47 PM

MB

“ I am so sad dened to haar of Rick's passing. my thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire Behenna family.....may God Bless you all

Melody Behenna - February 02, 2012 at 01:31 PM

TB

“ To the Behenna family, words can't express my sympathy for you at this time. Though I've barely met you, I was blessed to have met Rick while coaching at Henry County High School when we shared the same region. Later, he and I took in a few Georgia Tech athletic events together and he was one of the kindest, compassionate persons I've ever known. I know how much he loved his family and whenever we talked, he always beamed with pride at how his sons were doing in sports. I always felt truly 'honored and humbled' that Rick took time to discuss baseball and life in general whenever I needed his opinion. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Troy Baker

Troy Baker - February 02, 2012 at 01:00 PM

JH

“ I was a childhood friend. My father Kelvin Espada coached Rick at the Khoury League in Perrine,Fl. Rick was the best pitcher ever at the Khoury leaague but you never would have known it by the way he carried himself. Even at his young age he was so kind and a friend to everyone. We all admired Rick and enjoyed watching him pitch. May God embrace you and calm your hearts.

Josie "Espada" Hartselle - February 02, 2012 at 01:00 PM

DC

“ Kim, I am so sorry for your loss he fought a hard battle. May you and your boys find strength in knowing that he has no more suffering and is with our Lord and Savior. Your in my thoughts and prayers. Donna Carter

Donna Carter - February 02, 2012 at 11:54 AM

JW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you guys Kim, Bo, and Brandon. Rick was a great guy. He was fun to be around and I loved talking sports with him. I'll never forget the youth baseball days when Josh had the opportunity to play for Rick and Andy. Fun times for all of us not just the kids! Rick made a difference in many young men's lives. He will be greatly missed but more importantly greatly remembered.

Jeff Weaver - February 02, 2012 at 11:53 AM

TZ

“ My deepest condolences Kim and boys for your loss. May you feel God's loving arms around you during this difficult time.

Tracy Zelczak - February 02, 2012 at 11:44 AM

JD

“ My prayers and condolences go out to the Behenna family. I will always remember my days with Rick, together growing up at Cutler Ridge Jr High and Southridge. Rick was such a competitive and gifted athlete playing baseball at the Khoury League and for the Spartans. It always seemed that he took greater pleasure when striking out a friend than he did someone he barely knew. We also shared great times playing Palmetto Raider football for Mr. Riley and traveling to Columbus, GA during Thanksgiving one year for a game. You could always count on Rick's sense of humor and wit to be able to bring you back down to earth no matter what the situation. I smile now remembering the many situations that we got ourselves into with our group of friends during those days. Let it be comforting to know that he was a great friend to many, his pain and suffering is gone and that he lives in eternal glory with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jeffrey Diego - February 02, 2012 at 10:49 AM

MP

“ Kim....I am deeply saddened by you and your family's loss. Rick was a little younger as I graduated in 1973 from Palmetto and my brother in. 76, but to us he was one of the Behenna boys. I remember him fondly and just over the last 2-months I got a chance to reconnect with him on Facebook. We shared pictures and stories from the old days and I am happy I got the chance to before today's news. Take care and again I am sorry for your loss.....Mike Patterson

Mike Patterson - February 02, 2012 at 10:28 AM

AR

“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of Rick!! He was a trooper! He never failed to be anything but a gentleman! May God give you all strength during this sad time ! His memory will be in our hearts forever! He touch our lives by the way he lived his! You are in our hearts but most of all our prayers each day !! "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble." ~~Psalm 46:1~~~~ With loving sympathy~~ Alice and Chris Ramsey

Alice and Chris Ramsey - February 02, 2012 at 09:09 AM

SA

“ I did not know Rick very well, but I did get to know him some through our connection in Cutler Ridge. He went to school with my older sister at Southridge also. I am sorry for your loss and I will be praying for your family. Sam Moore

Sam - February 02, 2012 at 08:38 AM

TK

“ Kim, I want you to know my heart and prayers are going out to you and your family today. Toni

Toni Kincaid - February 02, 2012 at 08:02 AM

BK

“ Our deepest sympathy to Kimberly, Bowen and Brandon, as well as his mother, Marylane and family. Our family loved Rick for 36 years. I will always remember Rick as an unassuming, kind man. I will never forget his grace and dignity in his times of tribulation for as long as I live. May God bless Rick and his family, Rick is in Gods bullpen now. We loved you Rick.

Bill Kissane - February 02, 2012 at 07:55 AM

KS

“ Kim, Our thought and prayers are with you and the boys. I know that it is really hard for you. Just trust in the Lord and he will guide you all. Seems like the goof Lord is calling home a lot of fine people this year. We love you, Ray,Kay,Patrick,Ricky,and Tina

Kay Staples Stewart - February 02, 2012 at 07:41 AM

KB

“ Kim - No words can ease the loss of your love but please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Karen Boudreau - February 02, 2012 at 07:30 AM

EP

“ To the Behenna Family, Rick was a great friend to me growing up through our years playing baseball as young men and later in our high school years. Rick was a trusted friend and one of those unique people in life who are universally respected by all who were fortunate enough to have known him. It has been over 30 years but I still remember Rick's easy smile, humility, and ability to make all around him better; whether it be on the baseball field or in life. I, and all of Rick's friends over the decades, are honored by his friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Elisha "Eli" Powell

Elisha Powell - February 02, 2012 at 02:39 AM

DJ

“ To Kim, Bowen, Brandon and the entire Behenna family, our hearts go out to you in this hour. May God continue to bless you all with his precious love and grace. The James Family, David, Elaine, Christopher (EC), and Brittany

David James - February 02, 2012 at 01:08 AM

AB

“ Dear Kim, Bo, Brandon, We are so sorry for your loss!!! Our prayers have been & will continue to be with you guys... May you feel Gods Watchcare & Love surround you in the days, weeks, & months to come...in Christ's Love, Anita & Don

Anita & Don Bown - February 01, 2012 at 11:44 PM

PR

“ The Reilly and Behenna relationship, dates back to 1964. Marlayne and Pat were roommates at Dr,s Hospital when Greg and Steven were born.’ Although there were many interruptions between then and now, us moving a couple of times and the kids going to different schools etc. we always were in touch, and new pretty much what all the kids were doing. Growing up, there were so many happy memories with both families. Marlayne and I would take her 5 and my 6 kids, and go to Matheson Hammock or down to Homestead park. One day we realized, neither of us swam well enough to rescue one if need be. We enjoyed many many cook-outs together.Rick, and his sister and brothers were always a pleasure to be around. I use to wish Rick and our daughter would some how see eye to eye. We followed Ricky while he was playing ball and knew when he and Kim were married and had the 2 boys. We were blessed to see Rick Nov., 2009, when his youngest son and our grandson, (daughter Kathy,s oldest, Kyle) played football against each other at Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs North Carolina. Rick, Kim and brother Scott, spent the week-end at Kathy,s home in N.C. and were able to catch up with old times. Shortly after, Rick was diagnosed. The last we ,Jim and I, talked to him, was the day before his surgery in Dec. We spoke to Kim right after, and felt positive about the surgery. We did,talk to him after and he and Mike text each other back and forth for a short while. Our heart goes out to all of you. Marlayne, I am so,so sorry you have to go through the loss of a child. Ricky is at peace now he is a shining star sent to watch over all of you. Every-one will miss Rick dearly but happy for he is no longer hurting. God called him home at such a young age, we will never know why, we only know God has better plans for him. God Bless all of you and give you the strengh you need to go forward. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Love from Pat and Jim and Family

Pat Reilly - February 01, 2012 at 09:48 PM

MR

“ To all of the Behennas, I am sorry to hear the news of Ricks passing. I feel like I have lost a brother. Even though it has been 30 years or so since we have seen each other, it seems like yesterday that our families were spending everyday together. I was fortunate to have been able to talk with Rick just before Christmas. He was getting ready to go in for his last surgery. I can't tell you how impressed I was with the way Rick had come to terms with his situation and the way he was prepared for the end of his lifes journey. I have never had the opportunity to meet Ricks boy's, but you should be very proud of your dad. RIP my friend.

Mke Reilly - February 01, 2012 at 09:37 PM

RS

“ We think the world of Coach Rick. Our hearts go out to you and the entire family. He was a wonderful Coach and friend to Ryan. We are grateful to have known Coach Rick and he will surely be missed. Ryan will think of him often as he plays the sport they both loved. The Smith Family, Rufus, Torrice, Ryan, Morgan and Laurant

Rufus, Torrice & Ryan Smith - February 01, 2012 at 08:29 PM

DM

“ so many of us in Cutler Ridge, remember Rick and the entire Behenna family fondly. I am so sorry for your loss.

debbie meerbott - February 01, 2012 at 06:53 PM

BB

“ I was privileged to have been one of Rick's teachers in elementary school. I remember Rick as being an exceptional, hard working student, but also an even better person. He was loved and respected by all who knew him then and, judging by the other tributes, those traits continued throughout his life. My sincere condolences to his family.

Bill Burger - February 01, 2012 at 06:45 PM

RL

“ May you find peace and comfort during this difficult time. Although many years have passed Rick will always be remembered by his fellow spartans from Southridge. Our memories of Rick are full of laughter. May god shine his everlasting light on your families path and I hope you find comfort in knowing that Rick is only a thought away...

ruth haugh lasley - February 01, 2012 at 06:43 PM

CC

“ My heart goes out to Rick's family. I played on Rick's Khoury League team one season when we were in about the 7th or 8th grade and of course he was the MVP of the team. I will keep the family in my prayers. Best Regards, Colonel Mark Cuttle United States Army

COL Mark Cuttle - February 01, 2012 at 06:42 PM

BD

“ My heart and condolences go out to the Behenna family. I was a good friend of Rick's in his youth and teen years in Cutler Ridge, Florida and have missed seeing him for many years now. We had just recently reconnected via Facebook. I am glad that he continued to do well what he loved to do, after his playing career in baseball and that he was a God-fearing, loving, husband and father. As a pastor in South Florida, with a personal relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ, I am encouraged and comforted that he is in peace with His Creator. May God's grace bring great comfort to the family and his many friends at this time. Ricky Ticky, I'll miss you and look forward to seeing you again and talking baseball for an eternity.

Bernie Diaz - February 01, 2012 at 05:51 PM

KA

“ May the Behenna Family continue to find strenght and endurance during this difficult time. May your memories, love and laughter with Rick remain in your hearts forever. Thank you Rick for being an awesome person who took the time to share your gifts with so many kids who wanted to learn to play the game of baseball. You will be missed. ~ Rest in Peace ~

Kim, Juanita and Keion Adams - February 01, 2012 at 04:58 PM

GV

“ Kim, Brandon and Bowen, We are so saddened by your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers now and through the coming weeks and months. I work at Edward Jones and my husband, Terry and I are members of The Alter Church. We have gotten to know Rick through Don Helms there, many prayers have been prayed for the family that you will know you are not alone. God Bless You. Glenda & Terry Viverette

Glenda Viverette - February 01, 2012 at 04:04 PM

MY

“ To the Behenna Family, may God wrap his loving arms around you in the days, weeks and months ahead. Rick was a Champion in life and touched many. Sheriff Mike Yeager and Staff, Coweta County Sheriff's Office

Mike Yeager - February 01, 2012 at 04:04 PM

KB

“ Dear Kim and Family, We are saddened for your loss of Rick. Rick was more than just a friend; he was a good man and a good person. He was always kind and considerate to Valerie and I, and our son Zack. His passing will not only leave a void in our lives, but in the hearts of everyone who knew him. Rick's memory will always remain within our heart. If there is anything that we can do to help you in anyway, please do not hesitate to call us. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire Behenna family. With deepest sympathy, Kevin and Valerie Burrell

Kevin and Valerie Burrell - February 01, 2012 at 03:31 PM

LS

“ Kim our thoughts and prayers are with you, Bowen and Brandon for your loss. Rick will be missed, but he will never be forgotten as he left us all with a lot of wonderful memories.

Larry & Patsy Swinney - February 01, 2012 at 02:44 PM