



Benedict "Ben" Marchlewicz

December 13, 1955 - February 2, 2022

Benedict A. "Ben" Marchlewicz, 66, passed away on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 surrounded by his loving family at his home in Libertyville, IL. He was born December 13, 1955 in Chicago, where he remained a resident until moving to Libertyville in 1988. Ben received a Bachelor's degree from Illinois Benedictine College in Lisle, IL and his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in Evanston. He was a microbiologist at Abbott Laboratories, retiring in 2019, an adjunct professor at Lake Forest graduate school of management for 25 years and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Libertyville. Ben enjoyed coaching soccer, tennis, running, exercising at the forest preserves, pickleball and most of all spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Surviving is his wife of 40 years, Katherine "Kit" Marchlewicz; 2 daughters, Elizabeth "Lisa" Marchlewicz and Krista (Nick) Demma and 2 grandchildren, Tommy and Elizabeth.

A visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. followed by a celebration of life at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville, IL. Memorial gifts may be made to support pancreatic research at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, 420 E. Superior Street, 9th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611 or www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/giving/. For more information, please contact Ashley Coussens at Northwestern University at 312.503.0759. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Celebration of Life

FEB 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BK

“ I also just heard the news of Ben's passing from an Abbott colleague. My belated condolences to Kit and the rest of the family. Ben was a great person and always a true professional. He will be missed by many and he left us all with many fond memories.

Bill Killian
ABT retiree

Bill Killian - July 14, 2022 at 02:00 PM

VS

“ I just heard the sad news of Ben's passing from an Abbott colleague. I met Ben in the PRISM R & D group. And later, met his daughter Lisa, as a summer intern in our group. A few years later, he hired me into his research group. He convinced me to join the PRISM team for the Hustle up the Hancock (now Hustle Chicago). Under his captaincy, we were easily the top fundraising team.

We do a lot of hiking and compared notes. He more than once mentioned how much he enjoyed hiking the Swiss Alps. Those of us lucky enough to work for him, thought of him, as "very classy". He was always so professional, dignified and gracious.

My heartfelt condolences to his family. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Vasudha Sullins
(Abbott R & D)

Vasudha Sullins - May 17, 2022 at 08:10 PM

LS

“ I am both shocked and saddened to hear of Ben's passing. Ben was both a good friend and respected and loved colleague over the many years we worked together at Abbott. He was a brilliant scientist who was loved by everyone. We worked closely on so many difficult issues and I could always depend on his help and trust his decisions during many difficult technical times. My deepest sympathies go to his wife, children and family.

Lawrence Schaefer - March 30, 2022 at 01:31 PM

EA

“ We were blessed to be able to call Ben a friend. No words can adequately describe the many gifts that Ben shared with others. He was intelligent and humble, an interested listener and an interesting conversationalist, he was strong and kind.

We will miss him and will always carry so many fond memories in our hearts. We appreciate how he generously shared his love and knowledge of the Swiss Alps in helping us plan our hiking trip. We were the beneficiaries of his creativity when he wrote and directed a murder mystery for our dinner group. There are so many unforgettable moments we were lucky to spend together. We cherish the time we had with Ben.

Love and hugs to your entire family.

Bill & Ellen

Ellen Arnold - February 13, 2022 at 10:40 PM

RZ

“ *My deepest condolences to the family . I am deeply saddened to hear this .I worked with him when i moved to the Abbott Transfusion team in 2014 , he was so supportive and even visited Kuwait to help our team when the Abbott new solutions were launched . I remember him pounding away on the treadmill full of energy giving me a hard time to keep up ,He spoke so proudly of his family , his daughters and their accomplishments . He was always so calm , gracious polite and most generous when it came to sharing knowledge .*

Our team in the middle east is proud to have met Ben and we are extremely proud to have known him. I am personally proud to have known him and benefited from his knowledge .

God bless you Ben .

Reena Zachariah , Abbott Transfusion Medicine , Dubai , United Arab Emirates

Reena Zachariah - February 07, 2022 at 02:01 AM

MB

“ Ben became a wonderful addition to the Libertyville Running Club shortly after I started it in 2014. In that time I got to know Ben, Kit, and their grandchildren (who attended school with my children) as a caring and helpful family, always taking time to chat whenever I ran into them at school, the grocery store, or once from Ben leaning out his car window in the middle of an intersection to catch up while I walked the dog! That might have been the last time I saw him and it makes me smile.

Ben was one of the older runners in the club but was always right there socializing with and giving others a run for their money as the talented athlete he was. I appreciated Ben as someone who enjoyed himself and the people around him. We would be hard at work at the Libertyville High School track and he would be smiling, chatting with someone and encouraging another, in between the workouts.

Ben was a hard-working, great part of our community that I, along with those of us who knew him in LRC, will miss greatly.

I'm sorry for your loss,

Mike Brunette



Mike Brunette - February 06, 2022 at 12:45 PM

GS

“ My sincere condolences to Kit and Ben’s entire family. As an Abbott scientist, Ben played a key role in keeping the nation’s blood and plasma supply safe by bringing new technology concepts to our customers. He was wonderful and engaging with our customer’s own scientists and executives, earning their respect with his expertise and humility. Ben was a close advisor, friend, and colleague to our commercial blood and plasma team for over 20 years, and the world will just not be the same without him.

Greg Sunset
Retired, Abbott Diagnostics Divison

Greg Sunset - February 05, 2022 at 04:35 PM

AP

“ Sending all of you my deepest sympathy at the loss of such a wonderful man, husband, grandfather, friend and co-worker at Abbott. I was lucky enough to benefit from his knowledge, confidence, and ability to work under high pressure with calm stability! He was great to bounce ideas off of, and was a great dinner partner with his gift of gab and easy laugh. Rest in peace Ben! Thought and Prayers to the family, Annette Pollock retired Abbott Transfusion Medicine.

Annette Pollock - February 05, 2022 at 04:06 PM

DT

“ Deepest sympathy, IBC Men's Tennis Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Benedict "Ben" Marchlewicz.



Deepest sympathy, IBC Men's Tennis Team - February 05, 2022 at 10:02 AM

MO

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Michael O'Laughlin - February 05, 2022 at 09:26 AM

FC

“ In the short time we knew Ben, he amazed us with his grace and courage in how he handled his illness. Joining our Sunrise Pickleballers he became one we all sought as a partner because of his kindness, wit and friendship. Our sympathies go out to Kit, Lisa, Krista and all his family. In our thoughts and prayers always...Frank and Norma Cittadino

Frank Cittadino - February 05, 2022 at 08:10 AM

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Michael O'Laughlin - February 04, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benedict "Ben" Marchlewicz.



February 04, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Benedict "Ben" Marchlewicz.*



February 04, 2022 at 02:29 PM

JK

“ I knew Ben as a teenager growing up in the Chicagoland area playing Tennis tournaments. I never in my wildest dreams thought that we would meet up at the same College playing tennis together and being one of my doubles partners.

Ben touched everyone's heart amongst the I.B.C. tennis team. He was our team captain for 3 years, a well-rounded single player, one of my doubles partners and a mentor to all of us because he was always calm and cool under any situation. Ben always would help a person in need - he helped me in several different ways to make me a better person and a much better tennis player.

The enclosed photo is the "Dream Tennis Team of 1976' when we defeated every tennis team we played that year, won all 7 positions in our NIIC Conference (no college team ever accomplished this feat), we won our Division NAIA II Districts and went on to play in the Nationals Tennis tournament in Kansas City, KS. and placed a spot in history. We are the Founders that put I.B.C.(on the map) in every Magazine, Newspaper, etc... associated with Tennis in the State Of Illinois.

Kit, Lisa & Krista - your husband, your father, will be missed greatly. I know that he is at peace as the last time I spoke to him was during this past Christmas. God Bless Him !



John S. Korabik - February 04, 2022 at 12:56 PM

DC

“ A Great Nephew who did very, very well in the short time he was with us.

Dolores Coari - February 04, 2022 at 11:45 AM

CB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Ben's family and friends. Ben was a kind and remarkable person.*

I had was fortunate to have Ben as my professor for Project Management at Lake Forest Graduate School. His dedication to his students and willingness to go above and beyond to share his knowledge was much appreciated by everyone in his class.

Carolyn Brune

Carolyn Brune - February 04, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benedict "Ben" Marchlewicz.*



February 03, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benedict "Ben" Marchlewicz.*



February 03, 2022 at 04:37 PM