



Mr. Bensen Joseph Alfonso Howard

June 8, 1994 - December 26, 2025

***NOTE: Per request of the family a cremation has taken place. The family is planning a Celebration of Life to be held Saturday, June 6, 2026. Please see service information below

***IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, the family is requesting sending donations on behalf of Bensen's children to any of the three options below:

Venmo@Rebecca-Pineau-1 (2944)

Cashapp: \$wishbig70

Zelle: 269-993-2944

NOTE: The DVD Memorial Tribute will be available soon

OBITUARY

Bensen Joseph Alfonso Howard, 31, of Kalamazoo Michigan Peacefully passed away surrounded by family on Friday, December 26th, 2025. He was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan on June 8th, 1994, the son of the late, Bensen Alfonso Howard (1972-2010) and, Rebecca Louise Pineau (Taylor).

Bensen enjoyed playing sports like baseball and basketball. He loved spending time with his mother, father, grandparents, sisters, cousins and

friends. As a teenager, during the summer, he would sign up for corn shucking to make some extra money for the movies or to buy himself a new flat bill hat.

At 16 he found out that he and his partner Cristy Buys were expecting a child, a daughter that they named Isabella Howard. He prided himself being a father to a beautiful baby girl. At 20 years old, Bensen was then expecting a baby boy, that he and his partner Ali Kohler gave the name of Bensen Howard Jr., passing on his legacy. He loved being a father to these two beautiful children. They were his lifeline. Bensen grew up to be a provider for his children, working in many different occupations his favorite was being a father. He was a dedicated, loving and supportive person.

Bensen is survived by his mother Rebecca Pineau; Step-mother; Michelle Howard (Davis); Grandmothers; Louise Taylor and Chris Riegle; Sisters; Leandra (Ben) Hofmeister, Nivia Howard, Tilia (Austin) Campbell, Lidia Howard, Miria Howard, and Saryna (Kayla) Harper; his daughter Isabella Louise Alfonso Howard, and son Bensen Joseph Alfonso Howard Jr.; loving Fiancée; Brandi Morr and bonus daughter Braylynn Morr; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Bensen was preceded in death by his father, Bensen Alfonso Howard. Grandfather, Clare Anderson, and grandmother, Eleanor Howard.

Upcoming Events

A Celebration of Life Gathering

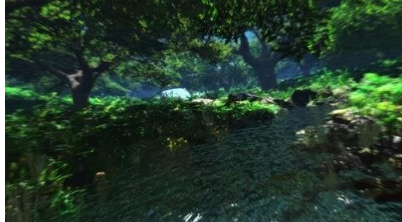
JUN 6. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Comstock Community Center
6330 King Highway
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Bensan Joseph Alfonso Howard



Harper Funeral Home - January 22 at 07:20 PM

RP

Absolutely beautiful 💔

Rebecca Pineau - January 24 at 09:22 PM

RL

Loved it, brought tears to my eyes.

Rob Linihan - January 25 at 07:40 AM

NV

This is a beautiful tribute to Benson ❤️❤️❤️

Nancy Vizena - January 25 at 10:17 AM

RD

You'll be missed dearly bj.. but you'll live on within the hearts of those who knew you. ❤️ you nephew!

Ryan Davis - January 25 at 11:07 AM

SM

I remember him as a young child. He looks so much like his father. They both had the blonde patches in their hair. Sending love and prayers to all. 🙏

Sheila Maze-Gordon - January 25 at 02:23 PM

LF

💜💜🙏 *he will always be in our hearts, minds and prayers! Love you B. My brother forever and always.*

Leo Fernandez - January 26 at 10:33 PM

DE

I remember when Benson was younger he used to be best friends with my two grandsons Ezell and Trey Boothe. He would be over at our house a lot and he was always a very nice and respectful young man. I'm so sorry for your loss ❤️

Debbie - January 27 at 04:03 PM

SA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Saryna - March 11 at 07:33 PM

GC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Grandma Chris - January 28 at 01:01 PM

RD

“ I remember swimming in out pool hanging out and thinking my nephews hair is so cool. And how much I wished my hair was half blonde. Lol I will miss him dearly but I know his father will be with him now up in heaven. Love you all and my condolences and sympathy. God bless.



Ryan davis - January 06 at 05:02 PM

RP

I can't even count the number of times I was asked why I dyed his hair when he was just a toddler, like who does that??? He was just super cool 😎 and I think it was about 4th grade before I realized they were touching up that spot in his school pictures thinking it was a lighting issue... I was like stop it please!

Rebecca Pineau - January 08 at 09:17 PM

RD

“ Ryan D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Bensan Joseph Alfonso Howard.

Ryan D. - January 06 at 04:55 PM

MV

“ Ms. Varnesdeel lit a candle in memory of Bensan Howard



Ms. Varnesdeel - January 05 at 09:52 AM