



Brenton Keith Illsley

June 9, 1960 - August 12, 2023

Brenton Keith Illsley entered into the presence of his Savior on August 12, 2023, surrounded by his loving family after his long, hard-fought battle with cancer.

Brent was born June 9th, 1960, in Lowell, Massachusetts to Austin Rockwell and Lillian Olive Gillett Illsley. The middle of five children, his love for music started early, and it's said he could carry a tune before he could speak. He joined the Collinsville Bible Church choir in Dracut, Massachusetts at age 13 and continued singing throughout his high school and college years at Bob Jones University. BJU is where he met and fell in love at first sight with Beth Louise Farley. They married in June of 1984 at First Baptist Sterling Heights, Michigan where her father pastored.

Brent is survived by his devoted wife, Beth, and their four children, Jennifer Illsley Selby (Peter), Taylor Illsley (Rebecca), Kerrington Illsley Newcomer (Blake), and Spenser Illsley. He is beloved "Grampie" to four grandchildren, Amelia and Austin (Jennifer and Peter), and Sallie and Metz (Taylor and Rebecca).

Brent and Beth attended Morningside Baptist Church, Greenville, SC where they met and served alongside loving Christian friends called "The Gang." Brent worked at North Hills Automotive and Parks Buick GMC Greenville

where he forged life-long friendships and support. He was pre-deceased by his parents, Austin and Lillian, his in-laws, Rev. R. Blaine and Doris Farley, and his brother-in-law, Rev. Alvin Dickerson (Barbara Karen).

The family will receive friends and guests at Morningside Baptist Church in Greenville, SC on Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm, immediately followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 4:00 pm in the Chapel.

***In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be made in his honor to the Bob Jones University Together Scholarship: <https://give.bju.edu/donate/>

Cemetery Details

Private (Family Only)

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

AUG 19. 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Morningside Baptist Church
1115 Pelham Road
Greenville, SC 29615

Memorial Service

AUG 19. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Brenton Keith Illsley.* ”



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