



## Benjamin Cottingham

April 10, 1978 - March 11, 2012

Died quietly in his bed on March 11, 2012 at his home in Fremont at the age of 33. Beloved son of Tom and Yolanda Cottingham of Fremont. Cherished brother of Kelly Cottingham of San Francisco. Precious grandson of Josephine Hernandez of Fresno. Also survived by many, many extended family members.

Born April 10, 1978 in Fremont, Ben had attended Washington High School. He was a gentle soul with an inventive mind, generous spirit, and a love of computers. He had lost his way but he has found his home.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 15, from 9-11am with a chapel service at 11am at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. Burial will follow at Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park in Hayward.

# Tribute Wall

YC

“ Thank you to everyone for your kind words. Ben was an original. He always did things his way. I'm feeling like he had the last word.

*Many thanks and hugs to you all,  
Ben's Mom*

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**yolanda cottingham** - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you during this most difficult time. We have lost a kind and loving soul - Ben will always be fondly remembered.

*Rev. Emma J. Robinson  
(Dorothy's Robinsons' sister)*

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**The Cottingham Family** - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Tom, Yolanda and Kelly,  
I am so sorry to know of this loss beyond words for all of you. Comforting words are hard to find for such sadness, please know my thoughts are with you.

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**Barb Neary (Shell)** - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Yo, Tom and family,  
There's nothing I can say to stop your grief only time will heal the pain. Hope your memories of the good times help you thur this time. My condolances out out to you and your family. May God grant you his peace. My thoughts and prayers go are with you now and always.  
Peggy

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**Peggy Rieger and family** - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Yo, Tom, and Kelly - I am so very sorry for the loss of your precious Ben. You are in my heart and prayers - Love Natalie

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**Natalie Hodgen** - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Benjamin Nathan Cottingham c/o Fremont Chapel of the Roses funeral home.

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March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Ben was a friend, a guy I knew I'd be friends with the day I met him. I lived across the street for a couple years and always enjoyed seeing him and sharing amazing conversations about our interests, for hours sometimes. We bonded right away through having shared interests in technology, especially in the recognition of the importance of certain digital age issues. I really valued our friendship while it lasted. He was always happy to share his knowledge and I remember he would often encourage my growing interest in less familiar tech topics, which was one of my favorite things about him, as well as his ability to laugh with me at the absurdity of the world. When you were friends with someone like Ben, it's hard not to feel a huge loss when they're gone. RIP Benjamin.

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**Sean Wendt** - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Tom, Yolanda & Kelly -

*We remember Ben well and are so sorry for your loss. He was always so kind and this is very sad news.*

*Nick & Matt*

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**Nick & Matt Rogers** - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *May Ben rest his head in the arms of Jesus. HE will give him eternal rest.*

*Bill & Dorothy Robinson*

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**Dorothy Robinson** - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Rest in peace my friend. I love you.*

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**Michael Ruelas** - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Dear Yo and family,*

*So sorry to hear about Ben. My thoughts and prays are with you at this sad time. Lets try to get together sometime.*

*Love,  
Maria*

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**Maria Romero** - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

YB

“ *Cottingham Family,*

*Ben was one of a kind. I have many memories of times spent with Ben and although over the years we didn't really keep in touch I will always have those memories to look back on. Thank you for giving us Ben to have in our lives and allowing us to have those memories of him.*

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**Yvonne Bowman** - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Yo, Tom & Kelly,*

*I am profoundly sorry for your loss. I pray and hope you will find peace in knowing he is no longer in pain and suffering. His soul has been set free.*

*Love,  
Barb*

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**Barb Hill Aseo** - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To Yolanda and Tom  
My heart goes out to you're family at this time of sorrow. Ben is now  
in very good hands with Our Lord. He is at peace. My prayers are  
with you.*

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**Toni Lent** - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *My heart goes out to you all for your loss. I am one of many friends  
that ben had. Ben is a amazing person who always brought a smile  
to any one. Ben sure will be missed !*

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**shane keith** - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ *Yo, Tom, Kelly and Family...I feel horrible and am very sorry for your  
loss. Yo-I remember whenever you'd speak of your children that  
you'd speak so PROUD of them, no matter where they were in life.  
You now have an angel to follow you always.*

*Lisa~from the lab*

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**Lisa Dodson Young** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ *Yo, Tom, and Kelly,  
I am so sorry for your lost even though I am far away I wanted to  
know you are in my heart and prayers. - Waive*

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**Waive Sampson** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM