



Briley Lucas Benner

January 22, 1993 - February 8, 2021

Briley Lucas Benner, age 28, passed away on Feb. 8, 2021, in Venice, California.

Briley was born on Jan. 22, 1993, in Bellingham to Jeff and Laurie Benner. He grew up in Lynden. Early in life he developed a passion to play soccer. He participated in WDL and Rangers soccer programs. His senior year, the high school soccer team won the state title. He also enjoyed playing high school tennis and continued to play recreationally. Briley was the ASB president and valedictorian of his class.

After high school he attended the University of Washington and received a BA degree in business administration and accounting. He then attended Foster School of Business and received his master's in accounting and taxation. While attending UW, he enjoyed playing intramural sports. After college Briley worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Seattle. In 2019 he took a job with EY in Los Angeles as a Senior, Tax Technology & Transformation.

Briley enjoyed so many things in life. He loved spending time at the beach and watching the sunsets. He also enjoyed sailing, hiking, camping, traveling, riding bikes and surfing. When he was not working, he was busy making memories with his friends and family, which was so important to him.

He had a big heart for kids. His three nephews were such a light in his life. While in Seattle Briley and his roommate volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House. Every week they would take the time to bring a little extra joy to some kids' lives by taking them to get ice cream and to play at the park.

Briley is survived by his parents, Jeff and Laurie; sister Brandi (Cody) Visser and their children Paxton, Porter and Payce; brother Brock Benner; grandfather Roger Anderson; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A public memorial service for Briley will be held on Saturday, February 27th, at 10AM at Christ the King Church, located at 4173 Meridian St. Bellingham, WA 98226.

Memorial donations may be made to the Briley Benner Scholarship through the Lynden Scholarship Foundation – 400 5th St. Lynden, WA 98264.

Tribute Wall

LC

“ I think of Briley each and everyday! I pray for him and for you! I think of that million dollar smile and that beautiful kind heart! I look back on first meeting him and telling him to take care of Eli. I will never forget going to the boys house during at graduation for grad school and the front yard looking beautiful and I said to Eli, Wow, this looks beautiful....he said, Briley wanted it to look nice for our guests! I thought wow.....what an amazing and caring young man. He had a heart of Gold. I always asked Eli how he was doing from time to time. His love of life, love for people, love of children is a testimony that God lived in his heart! I will miss him dearly at Eli's wedding, and through the happiness there will also be a since of sadness. When we lose someone we love we must learn not to live without them, but to to live with the Loe they left behind.....I know he loved you so very very much! May God hold you in his arms and love you!

Linda Stroud Chin - February 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Our hearts are filled with sorrow with the passing of Briley. We hug Jeff, Laurie, and their family with our heartfelt condolence and prayers. May God be with you always.

Joe and Helen Jovanovich - February 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *To the Benner Family,
I heard about Briley’s passing and I wanted to express my deepest sympathies. I have so many great memories of playing soccer with Briley growing up on Rangers and playing in different leagues and tournaments. I remember him being the most reliable and talented right back you could ask for, always with a smile on his face, and he had the best, sometimes wry sense of humor when Amber would make us run 120s in the pouring rain. Another memory — back when Myspace was a thing, you could pick a song to play when someone visited your profile. For a while, he had “Song in My Head” by an indie band called Sherwood...I doubt he ever knew this, but I liked it and added it to my library, and even today, sometimes it comes up on shuffle and I think of him. He will definitely be missed, and I know I speak for everyone on our team when I say he made a big impact in our lives. Rest in peace, Briley.*
– Matt Sloane

Matt Sloane - February 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Praying God holds you close and gives you his unending peace and strength as he carries you through this heartbreak.*

Derrick and Shari De Boom - February 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *We are holding you in our hearts
Beamer Family... it was an honor to have known Briley.*

Stephan Family - February 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM