



## Brent Leroy Farley Jr.

July 20, 1972 - March 21, 2019

Brent Leroy Farley Jr. was born on July 20th, 1972 to Brent Farley Sr. and Judi Cornwell in Phoenix, Arizona. He attended Independence High School and graduated from Westwood High School in 1992 before he went through several odd jobs, picking up the wide range of skills and hobbies he came to be known for. He was active in Biltmore Church of the Nazarene, especially the youth group. His participation in youth group activities and vacations led to the meeting of BJ and Kathy when their churches joined a trip to California.

On January 15th, 1994, BJ married Kathy Pikulik at Mesa First Church of the Nazarene surrounded by their friends and family as they united as The Farley's. Two years later in 1996, they welcomed their first daughter and a second daughter followed in 2004. BJ and Kathy were devoted to each other, their kids, the number of rabbits, dogs, and cats they have had through the years, and their faith. They remained active in each church they attended, especially seen in the beautiful wooden cross that now hangs in the sanctuary of Apple of His Eye church.

BJ tackled every industry and every skill under the sun. He worked as a tow truck and limousine driver, even driving Kool and the Gang around. In his free time, he hung around his daughters' schools, eating an entire classroom supply of marshmallows until he became known as Marshmallow Man. He loved teasing all of his daughters' friends, loudly drawing attention to them during school lunches, telling embarrassing stories, and always bringing great food with him.

BJ passed away in the early morning on March 21st, 2019 in Gilbert, Arizona. He is survived by his loving spouse of 25 years, Kathy, his two daughters Kaitlin and Karissa, his mother, Judi Cornwell, his father, Richard Cornwell, and his biological father, Brent Farley Sr., and four siblings: Jimmy Farley and his wife, Kristan, Will Farley and his wife, Megan, CJ Gaedecke and her husband, Paul, and Missy Johnsen and her husband Robert. He is also survived by his aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins, as well as his protective cat, Cherokee, and dog, Dallas.

Funeral services and viewing will be held at Desert Springs Bible Church on Saturday, April 6th, 2019. The viewing will be from 10:00-10:30am, followed by the service from 10:30-12:00pm. It will be officiated by Pastors PD Williams and Jimmy Farley and followed by a grave-side service at Green Acres Cemetery at 1:00pm. Addresses and directions are provided below.

BJ was not a formal person. He loved his jeans, cowboy boots, and hat, as well as his long grey beard. He would not want his friends and family to be uncomfortable in his honor, but to wear something green in honor of BJ's favorite color.

The family also asks that you not send any flowers, arrangements, or balloons-BJ's dislike of balloons was very well known. Instead, they ask that you consider donating to BJ's funeral fund, or to the Arizona Burn Foundation in his honor.

GoFundMe is here ... <<https://www.gofundme.com/bj-farley-funeral-expenses?>  
and the link for the Arizona Burn Foundation is here... <https://azburn.org/donation-page/>

# Cemetery

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## Green Acres Cemetery

401 N Hayden Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ, 85257

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 10:30AM

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Desert Springs Bible Church  
16215 N Tatum Blvd, Phoenix, AZ, US, 85032

**APR** **Funeral Ceremony** 10:30AM - 12:00PM

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**APR** **Graveside Service** 01:00PM - 01:30PM

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# Comments

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“ BJ lived his life with passion and gusto. I was inspired by his sincerity and earnest desire to seek God and love others. Although I couldn't join others to celebrate him this weekend, my heart is with Judi, Kathy, and the whole family. Peace and grace.

J. Lush - April 07 at 05:14 PM

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“ My precious little boy , you gave me memories to always hold in my heart . There was a time money was thin and life was extremely hard trying to keep all going. I wrote on paper all the things that were wrong and my little boy at the age of 11 said “mama don't write everything down that is wrong , go to Jesus “!

judi cornwell - April 07 at 04:57 PM

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“ My heart is heavy. Bro BJ was family. He always kept me laughing. He was so kind and always encouraging. Kathy & girls continue to cherish the fun loving memories. Keep the faith and know BJ is smiling with you. Praying God's continuing comfort and peace.  
Regina

L. Regina - April 06 at 10:16 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brent Leroy Farley Jr..

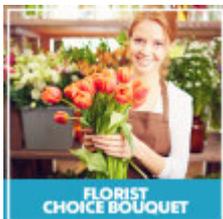


April 05 at 05:23 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brent Leroy Farley Jr..





“ Kathy & girls my heart goes out to you and the family. Brent always showed care and friendship towards me and my family he was a great photographer and I will always remember him bringing bagels to the school office ladies and sharing his crazy stories! God Bless You and your family. Love Clara L. & Family

**Clara L** - April 01 at 10:17 AM

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“ When B.J. was eight years old, I was his and Jimmy's Sunday School teacher at Biltmore. What great boys Judi raised! After a few years, I went off to college for a few years but landed back at Biltmore when B.J. was a teen and involved in the teen group. I was part of a Christian Rock band and we needed a sound guy. B.J. volunteered (I think it cost me a few McDonald's burgers from time to time) and I would pick him up and take him home from practices and concerts. Through Facebook, we have kept tabs on each other. He'd message me with questions (or answers!) about spiritual things and such. He even shared about how he was called to preach. The last few years, he has had some pretty rough spells, but he was always B.J. (even if you didn't like him that way!). I am thankful to have had him in my life. I'm going to miss his questions (probably not his answers), his sass, his concern for people (not to mention his love for his family) and desire to want to do right.

**Bill Kalfas** - March 26 at 08:57 PM

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“ BJ is my nephew. Not by blood, but by love. He was just a toddler when I came into his life. He was bigger than words. He was a tough one when he was little! Always demanding that he knew better than anyone. A lot of times, he was actually right! But a dare-devil! He used to tell people that I was the meanest aunt he had because when I was only 11 years old, and he was only 6, I gave him a good spanking for running in the street. But, he never forgot the lesson! I will always love and miss him more than words can say. He was my "B"! And nobody could ever understand the depth of our aunt-nephew connection through pure love.

Sweet Kathy, if there's anything I can do to help, please reach out to me. I love you all very much!

~ Aunt Bonnie

**Bonnie Thomas** - March 25 at 07:26 PM

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“ Brent was a fantastic fun loving man. He cared for others more than himself. When a challenge was put ahead of Brent he would hold his head up high and go forward. If I was to learn anything from Brent it was to smile even though times were bumpy. Heaven received an awesome soul. Rest now, you're in the best care! HEAVEN!

**Nancy McAnulty** - March 25 at 06:58 PM

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“ When I first met BJ I thought he was someone completely different.....although I believed he was a twin with the gentleman I confused him to be ....and since then we've been like brother and sister I could not ask for a better friend in BJ or his wife Kathy, who I consider a sister and amazing friend ....we loved the Farley's and considered them family and still will even with the passing of such a humble man who loved the Lord as well as his family.....he will be missed by our family greatly. God has blessed me with having great times with the Farley's for close to 4 yrs and although I wish it was so much longer it was God's plan to have BJ by his side .....bless the Farley's....love you guys. Aaron and Jenn Lagasse

**Jennifer LaGasse** - March 25 at 06:45 PM