

## **'REMEMBER HIM' - David Benoit talks his father's double murder, wrestling as Chris Benoit Jr and**

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David Benoit has revealed his plans to wrestle using his murdering father Chris Benoit's name as he explained how he believed his late dad will one day be inducted into WWE's Hall of Fame.

Chris was widely-regarded as the best technical wrestler in the business during the early 2000s and held the world title twice.

***Chris Benoit's son David, pictured with WWE star Natalya, has revealed his intention to follow in his father's footsteps in the ring***

***Former WWE champ Chris Benoit hung himself in 2007 after killing his wife Nancy Benoit and suffocating his seven-year-old boy Daniel***

However, over a three-day period between June 22 and 24, 2007, the 40-year-old Canadian killed his wife Nancy Benoit and suffocated their seven-year-old son, Daniel, before hanging himself at their family home in Fayetteville, Georgia, in a tragedy that shocked the world.

Benoit's other son David is now aged 27 and has this week opened up about the horrendous ordeal before explaining how he wants to pay tribute to his dad inside the ring.

Speaking to Chris Van Vliet about how the media handled the reporting of the murder, he said: "The news was f\*\*\*ing non-stop.

"It was either about steroids, steroids, steroids, or that Nancy Grace joke, it was terrible man. I couldn't even walk around.

"I didn't go/finish school. I was 14 or 15. I didn't finish my finals. I finished high school, but just not that year."

He also explained how he felt the man who committed the heinous acts was not his real father, and that the Chronic traumatic encephalopathy had effected his brain and way of thinking.

David said: "That wasn't him, man. He would never do that. I know he wouldn't.

"I think something went terribly wrong. The doctor said he had CTE. At the beginning, that somewhat gave me closure. He had CTE, so I don't think that was him."

WWE have since attempted to wipe Chris Benoit's name from their history "but David believes they will one day induct his dad into the Hall of Fame.

He added: "I would like the WWE to remember him.

“At least for the good times. I want him in the Hall of Fame.”

David says he did not watch pro wrestling again until the formation of All Elite Wrestling last year.

Now watching that has lit a fire inside him and he wants to follow in his father’s footsteps by becoming a wrestler himself and perform as Chris Benoit Jr while wearing similar ring attire and using the same theme music.

He said: “I don’t own [the rights to] his name yet. I have his middle name, I can legally use it and they can’t come after me.

“Yeah [I would wrestle as Chris Benoit Jr] I think it would be cool. I’ve got the tights with the claw.”

David added: “It looks like my dad’s. I got one in white, one in blue. Gear’s ready to go.”

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