



Benjamin Allyn Bradley

August 6, 1986 - April 23, 2010

Benjamin Allyn Bradley, 23, of Charlotte, MI died Friday, April 23, 2010. Mr. Bradley was born August 6, 1986 in Charlotte, MI the son of Ivan & Beverly (Stall) Bradley. He is survived by his parents, along with his siblings: Heather and Cameron. He is also survived by his sweetheart, Audrey Baughman; grandparents, Evelyn & Douglas Stall; great grandmother, Doratheia Stall; and several aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Russell & Dorothy Bradley and great grandfather, Verle Stall. Ben served his country in the Marine Corps from August of 2005 to August 2009 serving two deployments to Iraq. He loved the Lord and enjoyed playing the guitar, doing so on the worship team while on the Marine Base, and currently with the Nashville Assembly of God Church. While in high school, he played the Tuba and sousaphone in the Charlotte bands, ran on the track team, and was active in Boy Scouts and the New Country 4-H Club. While he had a very gentle nature, he was adventurous and loved life. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at Nashville Assembly of God Church with Pastor Glenn Branham officiating. Interment will be at Gresham Cemetery. The family will welcome visitors Tuesday, April 27, 2010 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m at the Pray Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Benjamin Allyn Bradley*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *I am a friend of Grace's from high school. My heart aches for your loss. Please know that I will keep you all uplifted in prayer. I know Ben shines in God's glory.*

April Fuzi - May 03, 2010 at 11:57 AM

RF

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Ben. My son Ben and he were classmates from kindergarten on up. Words cannot always heal your sorrows, but knowing that others care and are praying for your family, certainly is healing in itself. May you always remember the memories that made him so special to all of you. With sympathy, John and Robin Swanson, Brooke and Ben Sherman*

Robin Sherman Swanson and family - May 02, 2010 at 09:40 PM

KJ

“ Well let me start off saying that Ben was an unforgettable friend of mine, and I promise to all to pray to him every night. Okay so me and Ben were co-workers at Wal-Mart and at first I didn't know him because he was security and he didn't have on the usual work clothes. So I started noticing this guy that I would always look really suspicious like he was gonna steal something. And he would always wear his black metallic hoodie, lol. But anyway I watched him to see if he was gonna steal and I found out that he was security and I went and apologized to him. It turned out that he was the most kind person I'd ever met. And so we began to talk and share the same interests and so we started lifting weights together at Snap Fitness. Well one night it was late after work and I was going to meet up with him there. So when I arrived I sat staring through the big glass window to see if he was there, I saw him stretching in the corner by himself. So then he went to stretch his legs and when he did he stumbled back falling right on his butt. And popping right back up like nothing happened. I musta laughed for 5 mins. So I went back in like nothing happened. Then I said to Ben karma sucks huh Ben? (from all the times he would sneak up on me and give me a Charlie horse on the leg) he just sat all red in the face. lol I will never forget that. Something I will always remember is how I had his back at work when he would catch thieves. I loved that part especially when they would resist, it got the blood going. Even though Ben did suffer a knee to the groin one time lol. I love ya buddy, and you will always be in my heart and mind everyday. I see you in heaven.

Kyle Jackson - April 29, 2010 at 10:28 PM

PL

“ On behalf of all the Marine Corps League members of Michigan, I would like to express our sorrow for your loss of our fellow Marine, if there is anything that the Marine Corps League can do for you, please feel free to call me in Charlotte. Semper Fi Phil Zamora
Commandant Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League

Phil Zamora - Commandant, Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League -
April 29, 2010 at 02:03 PM

AS

“ Cam and Grace - I was so saddened to hear of your loss. You and everyone who knew and loved Ben are in my thoughts and prayers. May you always cherish all the wonderful memories. - Anna

Anna Smith - April 28, 2010 at 07:06 PM

PM

“ Bev and Ivan Our hearts are breaking for you. Hold on to each other and the people around you that love you. May you feel God's loving arms surround you and hold you up when you can't stand on your own. Be patient with yourselves and each other. We will be in touch soon. Mary and Paul

Paul and Mary - April 28, 2010 at 02:09 PM

KE

“ I did not know you or your son, but as a Marine myself, the granddaughter of a Marine and the future Mom of a Marine, my heart goes out to you more than you know. I can not imagine ever loosing my son, the pain you feel can in no way be elevated by my simple words, thoughts or prayers, but they are there. Please know that your son was part of a family that can be matched by no other. It is hard to describe, as I have brothers in the Army and they still do not feel what us Marines do (not at all knocking any other service) we are just a strange bunch as I am sure you found with your son. I want to thank you for raising such an incredible young man, one that would lay down his life my our country, for my family and for my own children. His death is a loss to us all, I promise you that. Please know that he is a part of our family as are you now. God Bless you and your family at this time. I will be unable to attend the services for your son, but my thoughts and prayers go out to you as do all of ours with the Bath American Legion Post 412. Semper Fi USMC 87-92

Kelley - April 28, 2010 at 01:45 PM

LW

“ Dear Ivan and Beverly, We are deeply saddened to receive news your son Benjamin Bradley passed away from an auto accident. We are both veterans of the United States Air Force and share the extremely common bond of all branches of the military with your son. We are so proud of his service to our country and his unselfish loyalty to protect not only the American people, but even those around the world who never knew Benjamin. What a true hero Benjamin was to the world. We are overwhelmingly joyful to know he now sits at the right hand of God with our savior Jesus Christ. We would like to share a scripture which is Isaiah 57: 1-2 (NKJV) 1 The righteous perishes, And no man takes it to heart; Merciful men are taken away, While no one considers That the righteous is taken away from evil. 2 He shall enter into peace; They shall rest in their beds, Each one walking in his uprightness. We grieve with you both as we have children also and have lifted the Bradley family in daily prayer. We love you all as we are followers of Christ. May the peace of the Lord be with you. Yours in Christ, Lonny and Betsy Walker

Lonny & Betsy Walker - April 28, 2010 at 01:28 PM

DK

“ It always hurts when we lose one of our own. My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Ben USMC. Semper Fi

Derek Kalush - April 28, 2010 at 12:15 PM

BP

“ Very sorry for your loss Audrey, prayers and thoughts with you and his family. Never will understand why the good people are taken so young. i know you will be hearing it alot but he is in a better place, god must have felt he had done enough good for the world. you were blessed to have the time you did with him hunny. always remember the good times!!!

Brittney Price - April 27, 2010 at 11:57 PM

CF

“ I didn't know Ben but my husband worked with him at Walmart. My husband Bob spoke very highly of Ben. I know that Ben was a proud Marine, and loved his guitar, and I know now he will be serving in God's personal army and will be praising God all the time with his music. I pray for your family and friends Ben as they mourn a loss of a loved one may God wrap his arms around each and everyone of them and give them comfort. I hope that they take comfort in knowing that you have now been reborn into your new life in the kingdom Jesus. God Bless you Ben, God Bless your family, and God Bless this country you so proudly served!

Crystal Farr - April 27, 2010 at 05:33 PM

MW

“ Grace and Cameron- Lisa and I were so sad to hear the news about Ben. I know this must be a very tough time for you and your family and I wanted to tell you that you are all in Lisa and my thoughts.

Matt and Lisa Warren - April 27, 2010 at 05:06 PM

MW

“ I am co-worker of Grace's and heard about Ben through her. No family should have to go through something like this and my thoughts are with each of you as you deal with this terrible loss.



Matthew Warren - April 27, 2010 at 04:01 PM

BA

“ Ivan & Beverly... Our family was shocked to hear the news of your loss. Ben was in our prayers as he defended our country and he will continue to be in our prayers. Ben always made a great impression. We first met Ben as a teenager, at the cabin in Bitely. We then looked forward to shooting pistols with him during summers at the Rockford Sportsman's Club. Be assured he left an impression on our entire family...God Bless...

Billin Family: Todd, Amanda, Sam & Alice - April 27, 2010 at 12:08 AM

CV

“ I am very sorry about your loss. I didn't know Ben very well. I enjoyed talking with him at work even though I did not get to know him personally I wish I had taken the time to get to know him better, he seemed like a really nice guy.

Chris Voight - April 26, 2010 at 11:15 PM

PB

“ Doug and Evelyn, Beverly and Ivan, I was so sorry to hear. Please be assured that my prayers and thoughts are with you.

Pastor Dave Burnett - April 26, 2010 at 10:17 PM

CS

“ I am the Picture Me Manager (inside Wal-Mart), and although I did not know Ben very well, we still worked in the same building and often said Hi. Ben was a very nice person, and it is truly sad that he is gone. I wish his family, girlfriend and friends my best in this grieving time, may God grant him a much better life in Heaven than he could have ever had here on Earth. My heart goes out to all who loved him.

Christine Servis - April 26, 2010 at 09:20 PM

LJ

“ My condolences to your Family. My Son Kyle Jackson had the pleasure working with him at Walmart. They became close friends and my Son is taking this very hard. I had the pleasure of meeting Audrey while in the Hospital she's a sweet young Lady. My heart goes out to your Family and everyone who knew him.

Lucy Jackson - April 26, 2010 at 09:19 PM

ML

“ Ill never forget the time my freshman year at band camp when Ben and all of us tuba's were getting our sousaphones out for practice. We went and lifted the trailer top and it fell down onto my knee. Ben and Josh Thornton carried me up to the nurses station. You will be greatly missed Ben. Play those lovely melodies of that tuba up there in heaven man.

Michael Lovaas - April 26, 2010 at 09:08 PM

LH

“ I am so sorry for your loss of Ben. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lachelle Haigh-Plue - April 26, 2010 at 06:27 PM

RL

“ Grace and Cameron, I was so sorry to hear about Cameron's brothers passing away. I read the information about him on this web site and it is clear that even though he was only on this earth for a short time he made some huge and selfless contributions towards making this world a better place. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.

Ruth Lowenthal - April 26, 2010 at 04:43 PM

LF

“ Though it has been maybe a year since I last talked to Ben, I was deeply affected when I heard the news Saturday. I knew Ben from highschool, he and his good friend Levon Haigh were my favorite underclassmen of all times. Ben was such a good hearted person, and I am deeply sorry for this loss. My thoughts and prayers and sincerity goes out to his friends and family as they are dealing with the loss of Ben. He was an amazing young man and will be truly missed. My prayers are with you. Rest in Peace always Benjamin. I know the Lord welcomed you with open arms this weekend. We will miss you.

Laura Fosket - April 26, 2010 at 04:10 PM

KC

“ Grace and Cameron, I am so sorry for your family's tragic loss. May God help you find strength during this time of sorrow.

Krista Caldwell - April 26, 2010 at 02:59 PM

SR

“ Grace and Cameron, Salila and I are saddened to hear about Cameron's brother passing away. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find the inner strength to help you through these tough times.

Sunil Rege - April 26, 2010 at 02:22 PM

PB

“ Grace and Cameron, I am so sorry to hear the terrible news. My condolences to you, your family and all who knew Ben.

Paul Balthazor - April 26, 2010 at 01:02 PM

RR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at the very difficult time. May your wonderful memories give you comfort. Sincerely, Rachel Reichenbach (friend of Grace Lynch)

Rachel Reichenbach - April 26, 2010 at 12:45 PM

LC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I never met Ben but I can only imagine how much it hurts to have him leave this earth at such a young age. Take comfort in knowing that others care and that his memories will live forever in your hearts.

Laura Cooper - April 26, 2010 at 12:00 PM

LB

“ Dear Ivan & Bev, We want you to know that you are in our prayers and hearts at this time of heartbreaking loss. Just so very sorry for your loss. Rex & Lori Baum and family

Lori Baum - April 26, 2010 at 11:09 AM

SB

“ Heather and I are friends of Cameron and Grace, and would like to offer our sympathy for your loss.

Steve and Heather Bivans - April 26, 2010 at 08:33 AM

CH

“ I am so sorry for your loss, words cannot express how I feel. I did not know Ben but I worked with his dad and he spoke highly of him, and the good times that they shared. This is so sad, just hold on to those memories! You are in my prayers.

Cheryl Harris - April 25, 2010 at 11:43 PM

JS

“ *Im sorry for your loss. Ben was a great person, and im glad i had the chance to meet him at work.I will keep you guys in my prayers.*

Jessica Stark - April 25, 2010 at 11:32 PM

CH

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss.. its so hard to think that just a few hours before that we were laughing and making fun of him for hiding behind a pop display to watch people work will never be the same.. just kno that your son was an amazing person he will be greatly missed*

Chelsi - April 25, 2010 at 09:20 PM

BC

“ *SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.I WORKED WITH BEN.HE WAS A VERY NICE YOUNG MAN.YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUND OF HIM.YOU WILL BE IN MY PRAYERS*

barb case - April 25, 2010 at 06:31 PM

SE

“ *Our hearts are aching for you. May the love of God, your family and friends bring you some comfort as you face this difficult time. Our love and prayers go out to you.*

Sheldon & Diane Enterline - April 25, 2010 at 05:38 PM

DL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss of a good person. Very respectful in so many ways. I know God has big plans for him his purpose is over but the memories will be in our hearts and lives forever. Peace be with you in your time of sorrow.*

Dawn Ledford - April 25, 2010 at 05:35 PM

SM

“ At a time like this , No amount of words can ease the pain . Hang onto the memories that is what will get you through this . I am sure that I dont have to tell you this , But Ben was a very unique guy. Always had a smile. Very respectful . He will be missed that is for sure. Hang onto the the memories ...take care and we will be keeping you all in our prayers. If you need anything , Ben's Wal mart family is waiting for you all to just tell us what to do.

Sheila and Mike - April 25, 2010 at 04:13 PM

RG

“ We are extremely sorry to hear about Ben, words in inadequate to express our sympathy. We pray God will comfort and give you peace through this time of sorrow. Rick and Jill Garn

Rick Garn - April 25, 2010 at 03:36 PM

DS

“ Ben you will be missed so much by so many people. Wish we could have all hung out together more. Thank you for being a great friend and for serving our country. Work won't be the same without you.

Dustin and Catie Slaght - April 24, 2010 at 10:34 PM