



Benjamin Albert Bragg

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Benjamin A. Bragg passed away on Friday, September 18, 2009 in New York. The beloved son of George S. and Margaret “Margo” Moschella Bragg, he is survived by his sister, Erica Bragg Gahagan; brother-in-law, Peter Gahagan and his grandmother, Rita Murphy Moschella. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Albert J. Moschella and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bragg.

An Eagle Scout and 2008 graduate of St. Paul School in Covington, Ben was a student and on the Rugby Team at SUNY Maritime College in New York, New York. His greatest loves in life were his family, friends and time outdoors spent hunting and fishing.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral mass at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 24, 2009 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 312 Lafitte St. Mandeville, LA 70448.

A wake is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2009 from 6-9:00 PM at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st. Ave., Covington, LA 70433.

Join the family in praying the Rosary at 6:00 PM Wednesday.

Visitation Thursday at the church will begin at 10:00 AM.



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JM

Jim And Marianne Mooney posted:

Our son, Kevin was in Ben's class at Maritime. He was in the same hold on the ship with Ben. Kevin spoke very kindly of Ben and has very fond memories of him and their time together on the Empire State and in class. Our thoughts and praters are with you and your family at this time. Jim and Marianne Mooney

October 10 at 6:43 AM

JS

Jerilyn Spear posted:

We were so very sorry and saddened when we heard about your beloved son. Please know that our thoughts and prayers have been with your family. And may God bless you, and comfort you, at this most sorrowful time. Peace be with you. ~ Paul, Jerilyn, and Cadet James Spear

September 29 at 7:39 AM

TF

The Spanopoulos Family posted:

Our son jamie had the pleasure of going on the sst this year with your son . We are truly sorry for your loss.We hope god gives you the strength to carry on.You are in our thoughts and prayers.The spanopoulos family

September 28 at 6:09 AM

JR

Jill Russell posted:

From those of us that never got a chance to sail with Benjamin, the sailors across the seas send their most sincere condolences.

September 27 at 6:14 PM

CM

Carol Mcmanus posted:

Dear Margo, George, and family, My heart breaks at the depth of your loss. I pray that Jesus holds you close in His Light and Love in your grief and that He somehow bring you moments of joy in the memories of your beautiful son. My son, Ian McManus, attends SUNY Maritime and would have graduated with Ben. We lived in Covington for much of Ian's life and he would have been in Ben's class at St. Paul as well had we not moved to Tampa in 2002. Ian had not met ben yet but they had many mutual friends. I'm so sorry that they hadn't known each other in NY and on their first SST. Your family will remain in our hearts and prayers always.

September 27 at 10:16 AM



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TF

The Maiello Family posted:

We would like to express our sincere sympathy and know our thoughts are with your family at this time. Our son, Anthony, attends Maritime. He and Ben were on the rugby team and also had a class together. He had nothing but nice things to say about your son. Your family is in our prayers.

September 25 at 3:51 AM

BH

Barbara Feigler Harris posted:

Our prayers are with your entire family during this time of loss. Words cannot express how sincere my thoughts are for all of you now. My son, Evan Bergeron, was a 2009 graduate of St. Pauls and spoke very highly of your son. I have one son currently attending, and two more on the wolf ladder. May Ben rest in peace!

September 24 at 11:49 AM

NP

Nancy Penton posted:

Margaret and George, My heart breaks for you and your family. No parent should ever go through the loss of a child. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

September 24 at 9:35 AM

RK

Ron & Ann Marie Knorr posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and everyday. Our son Ryan was friends and spoke highly of your son you must be very strong and proud parents. I hope God will extend peace to you and your family. Best wishes Ron & Ann Marie

September 24 at 8:18 AM

JB

John Biggio posted:

i knew been a short while ,while we went to Saint Paul's together. I am deeply saddened to hear about Ben's death.My prayers go out to the Bragg family and all that were very close to him . Ben you will be missed be not forgotten.

September 24 at 7:55 AM



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RG

Rickey Garcia posted:

Lighting and Margo, I am so saddened by the loss of your son. You will be in my prayers and please know that my heart goes out to you. I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Rick (Razor) Garcia

September 24 at 7:55 AM

AP

Al Palladino posted:

DEEPLY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS..MY THOUGHT'S AND PRAYER'S ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

September 24 at 7:01 AM

BE

Barbara And Lee Eschete posted:

Lee and I are friends with Bill and Susan. We are so sorry to hear of Benjamin's loss. What a tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Barbara and Lee Eschete

September 24 at 6:18 AM

GH

Gloria Head posted:

Dear Bragg, We would like to extend our sympathy to your family over the loss of your son Ben. As a parent of a graduate of Maritime we all feel your loss and consider all cadets as part of a large family. May God grant you peace and may wonderful memories fill your heart. Sincerely, The Family of Matthew Head, Class of 2009

September 24 at 5:44 AM

SB

Staci Bradshaw posted:

Your in my thoughts and prayers. God give you peace.

September 24 at 5:14 AM

FS

Farin Smith posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

September 24 at 4:39 AM



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LM

Larry Maples posted:

Erica, I am so sorry to here about the loss of your brother. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.May your faith in God give you peace. Larry Maples, former SSA teacher

September 24 at 4:39 AM

RA

Rachel Alley posted:

Ben was a great man. The thing that I remember most about Ben was his smile. His smile was so contagious, it was impossible not to smile when you were with him. My sympathies go out to anyone who ever had the joy of meeting Ben because they know as well as I do that he was an incredible person and he will be greatly missed.

September 23 at 7:37 PM

NC

Naomi And Jim Cook posted:

Dear George "Lightning" and Margo, David Barback emailed Jim and told us about your precious son, Benjamin. My heart aches for you during this very sad and tragic time. He was such a handsome young man I wish I would have known him. We lost our beloved son Young Jim last year and I truly struggle with it every day. Jim was an Eagle Scout as well he was 32 when he died, it is so sad. Please know that you are in my heart and in my prayers and I pray that God will see you through this and wrap His everlasting arms around you and comfort you as only He can. I wish I could be with you for the services, but know that I am praying for you constantly. We are still living in Vicksburg, Jim has retired after being in practice for 28 years. Our baby girl, Megan, who will be 29 in October was in a very serious automobile accident 4 years ago. She sustained multiple head injuries and is truly a miracle, although she has a lot of impairments she is amazing and has handled everything with such grace and determination. We will be going out of the country for 2 months, but when I get home I will call you. I am so very sorry. Love Naomi Paquette Cook (Richard and John Paquette's sister 3315 Woodlands Pl vicksburg, ms 39180 601-638-3055

September 23 at 6:10 PM

RS

Richard And Chandra Scarber posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Your friend, Ricky

September 23 at 5:36 PM



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CK

Carl And Karen Krause posted:

Dear Margo, George, Erica & Peter, Words cannot express the sadness we feel for your loss. I wish we could erase last Friday because it doesn't seem possible. Although we have never met and have only spoken once on the phone, we thought Ben was a remarkable young man. Ben was Garrett's roommate during their MUG year for which we were very grateful. He always spoke so lovingly of his family when we brought Garrett back to school and when he stayed at our house. You raised a wonderful son who affected the lives of so many people. We are terribly sorry for your loss and pray for you and your family during this sad and difficult time.

September 23 at 4:32 PM

SM

Shawn Murray Class Of 2013 And Mother F. Murray posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. There are no words to describe the loss of a child. My prayers go to you and your family. I am so sorry for this terrible tragedy. Shawn Murray Class of 2013 Francoise Murray Michael Murray

September 23 at 4:31 PM

JS

J.P. Stuart posted:

Dear George, Thinking of you in this time of sorrow, I remain sincerely yours J.P Stuart 504 432-8977

September 23 at 4:13 PM

BR

Brian posted:

To Ben's Family, While we did not have the pleasure of meeting you personally, my son is a 3/c at Maritime College and thus we have a bond. We have and will continue to pray for you with the hope the lord will provide you comfort during this most difficult time.

September 23 at 3:04 PM



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CL

Cindy Lloyd posted:

I met Ben when he came home with Graham for Easter break. He immediately became one of my own (I have 3 sons). He was a kind, warm-hearted boy that spoke lovingly of his family, his dog and his sister's upcoming wedding. The boys had had a rough mug year and were looking forward to cruise and being roommates in the fall. The banter between the two was infectious. They laughed and shared stories of their exploits their freshman year. They had an easy going relationship and I was happy Graham had made such a good friend. On Easter we had an Easter Egg hunt which was total chaos with the boys (19-22 yrs) flying around like 4 yr-olds and the dogs at their heels. Ben fit in like a glove. He was comfortable with our family because he came from such a wonderful one. My prayers are with all of you. Graham and my family are honored to have known such a wonderful young man. Love to all of you.

September 23 at 2:46 PM

VS

Vickie Guarisco For The Louisiana Youth Seminar posted:

On behalf of Louisiana Youth Seminar Board of Directors and Staff we offer our heart felt sympathies for your loss. The members of the LYS staff fondly remember Ben from his week at LYS. He was an inspirational young man and a leader among leaders.

September 23 at 1:51 PM

RB

Rick And Liz Beter posted:

Margot and George, Ever since we heard the sad news of Ben's passing, you have been in our thoughts and prayers. It is incredible to read about the people who were touched by Ben. He was a fine young man and we will miss him dearly. A Prayer for Comfort Father in heaven, Even though my heart is heavy with grief, I want to praise Your holy name. You are an awesome God. You spoke and the world was created. I give You all glory and honor for who You are. I worship You alone. I thank You that you know my pain and sorrow. Your Word says "as a mother comforts her child, You comfort us." I ask that You be my comfort today. Help me to sense Your presence and Your peace. Help me to reach out and comfort others as You Father, have comforted me. In Jesus name, amen. Love, Rick and Liz Beter

September 23 at 1:49 PM

MM

Mrs. Judy Martin posted:

My husband and I were saddened to hear of Ben's death. He was a joy to teach. My classes and I have been remembering him and your family in our prayers here at SPS.

September 23 at 12:35 PM



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DB

Denise & Rachel Brown posted:

George, Margo, Erica--our hearts are breaking for you. I pray that God will give you peace that passes all understanding and reassurance that Ben remains in the palm of His hand, as do all of you. Love, Rachel and Denise

September 23 at 11:48 AM

AF

Alley Family posted:

There are no words to describe the depth of our sympathy for your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

September 23 at 10:02 AM

GS

Gene Shannon posted:

Geoge, Margo, and Erica, my heart, my prayers, my condolences, and my deepest sympathy to your family. Gene

September 23 at 9:54 AM

GV

George, Marybeth & Austin Vance posted:

George (Lighting), Margo, and Erica, I just wanted to add that Ben will be with you where ever you go. God Bless all of you. You will never know why things like this happen and will never know, but do know that you will see him again one day. You will be in our prayers daily. From what I have read about Ben, it seems that he was a GEM! George will see you at the wake. Love, Marybeth

September 23 at 9:20 AM

TO

Toni S. Osbourn posted:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bragg, My deepest sympathy is extended to you and your family. My daughter Ashley Osbourn was a friend of Ben's. My prayers are with you. God Bless, Toni S. Osbourn

September 23 at 8:34 AM



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MK

Molly Dugger Koenig posted:

Mr. George, Margo, and Erica, I am terribly sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure meeting Ben a couple of years ago. I was so thankful for his advise about where to go in the Virgin Islands. He shared his memories of sailing island to island and helped me when deciding where to have my wedding. You will be in my heart and prayers.

September 23 at 8:31 AM

MQ

Melissa Quijano posted:

My heart goes out to your entire family for the loss of Ben. My thoughts are prayers are with you during this difficult time. Your family was amazing to work with for Erica and Peter's wedding and I had the honor to meet Ben that day. I am so sorry for your loss.

September 23 at 7:22 AM

MC

Michael & Millie Connaughton posted:

George & Margo, Our hearts were saddened to here of Ben's passing. We both are praying for you and standing in faith that Ben is content in the embraced of Jesus. Love, Mike & Millie

September 23 at 7:18 AM

KW

Kathe C. Watson posted:

Margo, George, Erika and Peter, Your family has been a part of my life through the years. Benjamin touched me deeply as a profoundly wonderful young man. I am grieving with you, praying for you, and my heart is with you. He will be nearer to you than ever. You can speak to him always in heaven. Whatever I can do, let me know. Love and blessings, Kathe Watson

September 23 at 6:14 AM

MV

Marybeth And George Vance posted:

Lighting and Margo, Words can not express the sadness in our hearts for the loss of your beautiful son Ben. We can't even imagine what you must be going through. We will pray for you and your family. We are so sorry and words can not explain the pain we feel for you. We love you both even though we haven't seen you in 13 years. Know that both of you and Erica are in our hearts. We are grieving with you. Ben is now your ANGEL in heaven. Love, Marybeth and George Vance

September 23 at 4:13 AM



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KJ

Kathy Johnson posted:

George and Margo, I cannot even begin to imagine the sadness and loss you must feel. I am so very sad and sorry for the loss of your Ben. I know he was the light of your life and you will miss him so. I hope your many happy memories and faith will help you in this difficult time. I will be thinking of you and praying that you find strength and peace.

September 23 at 3:50 AM

KF

Kim M.Toca And Family posted:

Dear George, Margo and Family; we are deeply saddened to hear of your tragic loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Please find peace in the good times and memories you shared with Ben. Continue to cherish the times you have here with your loved ones and remember Ben will always be with you in your mind and in your hearts. God Bless.

September 22 at 7:13 PM

BF

Barocco Family posted:

You and your family have our sincere thoughts of sympathy at this difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss. We hope you will find the strength to get through your grief and sadness.

September 22 at 6:56 PM

SF

Schug Family posted:

Dear Bragg Family: Our son, Kyle, is a MUG at Maritime and is a member of the rugby team. He was just getting to know your Ben. Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt wishes go out to all of you. May you find comfort in your many wonderful memories of him.

September 22 at 5:22 PM

AK

Albertine M. Kimble posted:

I will miss your smile so much. I do know what you did for me today, no decoys and still got my limit, thanks from you in heaven. I know you are there watching me, that's how I'll make it through this. Thanks for the fun time in the outdoors.

September 22 at 3:05 PM



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CC

Chase Crawford posted:

Sorry for your lose, PL-CMDR Crawford (SUNY Graduate 2008) (St. Pauls 04' graduate)

September 22 at 2:53 PM

SL

Susan And Joseph Levantino posted:

Mr. and Mrs. Bragg, Our prayers are with you. With deepest sympathy. Susan and Joseph Levantino Parent of Cadet Gregory Levantino, 2/C SUNY Maritime College

September 22 at 2:35 PM

LF

Leser Family posted:

To the Bragg family, our son Charles attends Maritime and was fortunate to have your son as a friend. We are all saddened by yourloss. Our thoughts are with you.

September 22 at 1:50 PM

CL

Carl Lloyd posted:

I can only imagine the grief that you're all going through now. Cindy and I drove to Jacoby Medical Center that night with tears streaming down our faces. I cry still. But even with all this sorrow, someday the wonders of this life and it's joys will work it's magic and begin to creep back in. One day you will laugh again - maybe not as hard or as intense as before - but it will come - and when it does, remember Ben and know that he would love to be laughing right with you. I, like I'm sure most, instantly liked Ben. He is special. I hope God gives you the strength and patience to wait for that day. Measured against all time, our time here on Earth is but a mere blink. Someday you and Ben will be reunited in heaven forever. When God calls me to his side, I hope that I'll be able to touch Ben's shoulder as I would like nothing better than to look him in the eyes and just talk. God bless you.

September 22 at 1:15 PM

EL

Earl R. Libby posted:

As members of the Maritime community, please accept our condolences on your loss. We will keep Ben in our prayers.

September 22 at 1:13 PM



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TD

Teri Langley Dupuy posted:

Margaret, my heart fell when I read about this and I am so sorry. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family as you endure your grief. Bless you all .. love, Teri

September 22 at 1:04 PM

TF

The Milano Family posted:

Our son Luke is a 4th class cadet at Maritime. Although he had not met your son Benjamin, he and our family wish to express our sincere sympathy to you and your family at this most difficult time. We pray for all of you that you can find peace in the days that lie ahead through family, friends and acquaintances and all the precious memories of him. May you find comfort in the Lord and may you feel His presence.

September 22 at 12:31 PM

AL

Al, Katy, Kelsey & Angie Longhi posted:

The entire family of 4/c Cadet Kelsey Longhi have Ben and his family in their thoughts with loving support. We truly feel for your loss in a way that words can not describe. Our son is a MUG who shared the "3rd Deck" of the Charlie Company Dormitory with Ben this year. Ben was known as a good solid man that was sought after as a friend and known to be an individual that could be trusted with one's life in the service of the U.S. Merchant Marine.

September 22 at 12:25 PM

DK

Dennis Kodel posted:

Rest in Christ Bragg, may the Lord receive and love you just as we all have. Thank you for Ben, I give my sincere condolences. He surely will be missed but never forgotten. God Bless

September 22 at 12:22 PM

TT

Tonie Talbert posted:

Sending your family our deepest sympathies for your loss. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. Love, the Giardina Family (Mary-Susan, Jake "Brother", Tonie, Melissa, Ashley and Christen)

September 22 at 12:14 PM



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TF

The Games Family posted:

No bond is as great as that between a parent and child. Our hearts and prayers go out to you at this time and in the days ahead. With the passage of time, may you find some comfort in the happy memories shared with Ben. Our deepest condolences are with you as you grieve.

September 22 at 12:01 PM

MS

Mr. & Mrs. Jose Santiago posted:

Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God's Grace Strengthen you. The Santiago Family

September 22 at 11:21 AM

LW

Lorraine Wilson posted:

We are so deeply saddened by the loss of your son Ben. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on his passing. My daughter is a Mug at Maritime and I have heard such wonderful things about Ben. It is obvious just by looking at his picture and his accomplishments, what a nice young man he was. May the peace which comes from the memories of the love you shared with Ben, comfort you now and in the days ahead. When we lose someone we love it seems as if time stands still. There is a longing for just one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why he left this earth so soon, but always remember the good times, the times you shared laughs with him and the times that you made memories with him. Remember, that no matter where you are, wherever you may go, Ben will never be far away in the knowledge that an "angel" is watching over you. I will be praying the rosary for Ben and the entire Bragg family tomorrow night at 6pm. May the comfort of God help you through the days ahead. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Peace, Prayers and Blessings, Lorraine Wilson and family

September 22 at 11:13 AM

JR

Jackie Russell posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your precious Ben. He was a wonderful young man with a kind and gentle spirit who will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Take comfort in knowing that from this great tragedy some greater good will come. God bless your family.

September 22 at 10:28 AM



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CW

Connie Wilson posted:

George, Margo, and family, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy for your loss of your son, Ben. I am so sorry to hear the tragic news and hope you find the strength to get through this with many prayers from your friends and family.

September 22 at 10:00 AM

ML

Maureen Lecorgne posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Words cannot express the sorrow we feel for your loss. Mike and Maureen LeCorgne and Family

September 22 at 9:34 AM

TF

The Hannan Family posted:

Our deepest sympathy for your unbearable loss. Please know that Benjamin will always be in our prayers. Cadet Will Hannan Bill & Diana Hannan and Family

September 22 at 8:57 AM

LC

Lorraine S Carver posted:

Margaret, George and family - I am so heartbroken to hear about your loss. My family has been thinking about you all during this incomprehensible time. Jeremy remembers George in Hawaii talking about all the great times he and Ben have had over the years, exploring the outdoors. There are no words to explain how sorry we are for the pain you all are experiencing. What a wonderful young man you all raised and how proud you should be of him. Margaret - your RegEd family is here to support you in anyway we can. You are all constantly in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy, Lorraine, Jeremy, Josie, Sadie and Duncan Carver.

September 22 at 8:33 AM



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ZH

Zhen Hai Lin posted:

Bragg, I really miss you buddy, you were a part of our whole gang and the section 6. It was just like last semester when I would sit on your dresser in your room with Krause and listen to both your weekend and crazy hunting stories. I still remember the time when you told me how you had to fix a fake duck decoy in a lake, butt naked, and how we shared our long term ambitions on a short bus ride to Westcester. I've always wanted to hunt and would have love to fish with you, my prayers are with you and your family. Enjoy your hunting up in heaven Bragg, from your friend, Lin.

September 22 at 8:22 AM

SS

Steve Scollard posted:

I am Debbie Curriers husband. Our deepest condolences for your loss. These things are always beyond our ability to comprehend. You are all in our prayers every day. Steve

September 22 at 8:18 AM

BM

Bill, Debby, And Jordan Mcdonald posted:

George and Margo, You have our deepest sympathy. Our son, Jordan, is also in marine transportation but at Texas Maritime Academy in Galveston and I know he and Ben talked about their goals. I can't imagine what you're going through but know that he was a wonderful boy and will always be in our prayers.

September 22 at 7:28 AM

CB

Cousin Rich Bragg posted:

Ben, your presence and smile always lit up the room and the people you touched. Today, your light shines from above. Every morning as I wake up to the day light, I will always remember and know that you are shining down on all of us.

September 22 at 7:25 AM



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TF

The Bucher Family posted:

Dearest Bragg Family, please accept our deepest sympathy in the tragic loss of your son Benjamin. We had a chance meeting with Ben and another cadet in K-mart the night before they embarked on the SST. Picking up a few last minute items still dressed in their boiler suits. Being that this was my son's 1st cruise I couldn't resist approaching them and asking if they were going on the cruise. When I mentioned my son's name Ben quickly announced that my son was in his hold so, I asked that he watch out for my son. With a smile of reassurance, he said he would. Turns out Ben was in the bunk just above my son's. I'm so glad that my son Robert had the privilege to get to know Ben. A beautiful handsome young man taken away too soon. He touched so many in even the briefest of moments. May he rest in peace and your faith help you through this difficult time. Ben and your family will forever be in our thoughts and prayers.

September 22 at 7:23 AM

DS

Debbie Scollard posted:

Margo, George, Erica and Peter - There are no words that I can say to make this hurt less. I wish there were. I consider myself very fortunate to have met Ben and gotten to know him during the wedding celebration. He impressed me as a very focused, intelligent individual.

September 22 at 7:18 AM

CM

Cynthia Moore posted:

My deepest sympathies go to the Bragg family. Ben was an amazing young man and an absolutely delightful student. I consider myself fortunate to have been his English professor. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

September 22 at 7:12 AM

LU

Lt A. Ubaldi posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss and if there is any request, please contact us and we will assist in any possible way. LT A. Ubaldi NY Maritime

September 22 at 6:56 AM

EP

Eileen And John Pepel posted:

Our prayers are with your family for the loss of your beloved son.

September 22 at 6:50 AM



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JR

James K. Ryan posted:

Dear George, Margaret, and Erica, The Ryan family mourns the loss of of Ben. There are no words at a time such as this. I feel honored to have even known of the accomplishments and pride you had in your son and brother. God be with you. James K. Ryan Jerri P. Ryan Ava G. Ryan

September 22 at 6:25 AM

WL

W Lee posted:

Dear Ben, I can still remember all the times we had meals together on cruise, always joking about deckies and engineers, New Orleans and NYC. We came from the most different backgrounds possible, but we always manage to sit down together and find anything to laugh about. And my heart truly breaks every time I'm reminded of how I won't be able to see your amazing smile around campus or on the ship next year. Even though your time at Maritime wasn't too long, your friendship meant so much to me and many of us. I sincerely hope that you are in a beautiful place right now, reading this and knowing how many of us love you and treasure your memories. Keep an eye out for your family at home and at Maritime, 'kay? We'll never forget you. Love always, Wanda

September 22 at 6:13 AM

PF

Patrick And Judy Fraser posted:

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your son, Benjamin. What a tragedy to have his life cut so short and so suddenly! He sounded like he had a very promising future. But 'God's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor His ways, our ways' (Isaiah 55:8). We also have dealt with tragedy in our family (our oldest son had a massive stroke and is now extremely physically disabled). It is very hard to come to grips with and very hard not to blame God, at first. May He comfort you in your sorrow with the promise of the resurrection and eternal life with Him.

September 22 at 6:11 AM

VS

Victor And Jeannette Schmitt posted:

It is with a heavy heart I write to express my symathy to you and your family. We are parishoners of OLL and have two sons at SPS. My nephew Ethan Popovich graduated with Ben. Our prayers are with you at this most difficult time... The Schmitt's

September 22 at 5:03 AM



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MD

Mignon Dittmer posted:

Margo, George and Erica, I was sorry to hear the news of Ben. I remember watching him as a kid with the Hungerman kids. Ben was always doing something funny to make the other kids laugh and he was such a happy boy. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mignon

September 22 at 4:57 AM

KB

Karen Byrnes posted:

Dear Mr. And Mrs Bragg and family, Though I did not know your precious son, my son also attends SUNY Maritime. We are one big family there and we share your loss. My prayers are with you.
Karen Byrnes

September 22 at 4:08 AM

FF

Frarey Family posted:

Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. ~Author Unknown To the Bragg family. Our deepest sympathy at the loss of your son. The family of Cadet Christopher Frarey.

September 22 at 3:26 AM

JM

Judi Edwards McBride posted:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bragg, I can't begin to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. Although I never met your angel, Ben, I can tell you that I am sure that you loved him every bit as much as we love my son Corey. Corey is a new student at Maritime and has loved it from day one. It seems as though Ben loved Maritime too. As parents, we pray for no bad news and certainly my heart goes out to you and your family for having recieved such painful and devastating news. There is one thing I know for sure. Although the stormy clouds of life are pouring down upon you now, the sun will shine in your hearts one day. God will see to that. And you will laugh, and smile and think of the beautiful gift that God gave you for this short time-your son Ben. And you will gance at all the pictues and memories of Ben and be so thankful that you had him if only for a little while. May God Bless you and keep you, and may he lighten your heavy burden and ease your boundless pain. All our love and prayers, The Edwards McBride Family Judi, Cadet Corey Edwards and Tahmohkhie

September 21 at 7:23 PM



Tribute Wall

Benjamin Albert Bragg

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DS

Daniel Salazar posted:

For two weeks last summer I was lucky enough to call Ben a shipmate. I can't remeber anything even coming close to getting his spirit down. He would always be the first to volunteer, even if we knew it probably wasn't for something good. During the year, passing Ben on campus was always uplifting, you couldn't find him without a smile. Always speaking his mind but never compromising his character, Ben was that genuine kind of guy that is all too rare these days. I don't know why things happened the way they did, but I know God works all things for His glory, and I think Ben knew that too. God Bless Ben Bragg, and the country, the family, and the friends he loved and left behind.

September 21 at 6:58 PM

TF

The Memoli Family posted:

Please accept our deepest condolences for the loss of your son, Ben. Our son, Paul is a Maritime graduate, so although we are not part of the Maritime community now, we will always be Maritime family.

September 21 at 5:56 PM

CP

Chris Palmieri posted:

I am deeply sorry for your loss of your amazing son Ben. Although I did not know him very well, the time I shared with him on SST 09 was nothing but a pleasure. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Chris Palmieri

September 21 at 5:17 PM

LA

Lance & Kerri Alter posted:

We are the parents of Cadet 1/C Shannon Alter. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Ben's parents and his entire family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

September 21 at 5:08 PM



Tribute Wall

Benjamin Albert Bragg

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DB

Dennis And Grace Balcer posted:

To the Bragg family - Our son Ethan is in his 4th yr at Maritime. We all wish to express our deepest condolences for your tragic loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and will remain so for some time to come. Nothing can replace a lost loved one, especially a child, but rest assured your son Ben and family will be in our prayers daily. God Bless.

September 21 at 5:01 PM

CV

Cadet Daniel A. Vorsky posted:

To the family of one of the best cadets I have ever known. He will be missed. His smile lit up the room and his cheerful attitude always made everyone else smile. It is a tragic event and we will never forget our fellow shipmate Bragg. Rest in Peace my brother and may the angels and saints watch over you

September 21 at 4:55 PM

SB

Susan And Jay Bush posted:

We are so deeply sorry for the loss of your son. Although we never met Ben, our son Will knew him from Maritime. No words can express adequately the profound grief a parent feels upon the loss of a child, but know that the entire Maritime community grieves with you and your family. You are all in our prayers. May you find comfort in the memory of the blessing that Ben has been in your lives and the lives of those he knew. May the Lord comfort you all.

September 21 at 4:42 PM

BK

Betsy And Peter Kelleher posted:

Your son has impacted many lives in both his life and in his passing. My son Pat, was a friend of Ben's with many cherished memories both on campus and at summer sea term. Words cannot express the sadness that is felt at such a loss. His memory and the impact Ben has had on in others will live on.

September 21 at 4:40 PM



Tribute Wall

Benjamin Albert Bragg

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MF

Mr. & Mrs. Darryl Manning & Family posted:

When you lose someone so senselessly and unexpectedly. We Share your Sorrow. OUR prayers are with your entire family. May the memories of your love one pour through and shines down to let you know he is with you. God Bless, THe Manning Family Darryl Manning II, 4/c

September 21 at 4:34 PM

LM

Lois & Wayne Miller posted:

We cannot imagine the the pain of the loss of a child. Our son is a 1C at Maritime and a member of the Rugby Team. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

September 21 at 3:52 PM

MF

Mcbride Family posted:

To the Bragg Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time of your loss. Our son Tom 3c was in D company with Ben and roomed 2 doors down. He was very saddened by this loss and told us that he was a great guy. He is now an angel in heaven and will be watching over his family and fellow classmates at Maritime. Love THe McBride Family

September 21 at 3:29 PM

EM

Eileen And Ken McGurk posted:

Dear Margo, George, and Family, Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your wonderful, handsome son Ben. In the short time we met him, it was evident that Ben valued his friendships with great loyalty and pride. He will always be remembered as a very close and generous friend to Will and many others on the Maritime Rugby Team. The shared moments with him will live on as reminders of his love and kindness. Ben will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. God Bless You. Eileen and Ken McGurk

September 21 at 3:25 PM



Tribute Wall

Benjamin Albert Bragg

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CB

Catherine Brady posted:

I would like to send my condolences to the Bragg family although there is little to comfort you. Ben was in my division on cruise. He was a hard worker and very smart, he was always willing to help me with class work when I didn't understand things. He had a wonderful personality and was full of life I don't think there was a day when I didn't see a smile on his face. The joke on cruise was that he belonged to the SGC, Southern Gentleman's Club. This was true, he was true gentleman there was never a time when he didn't ask me how my day was or offer to hold a door. He was a true gentleman something hard to come by this day in age. You raised a wonderful son and his legacy will never be forgotten here at Maritime or by any of the lives he touched. God Bless.

September 21 at 3:21 PM

MT

Mary-Jo Turner posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of the tragic loss of your son. He was a friend of my sons and they were in the same hold together this year on Sea Cruise. No words can express my sincere sympathy. May fond memories get you through this very difficult time. God Bless.

September 21 at 2:57 PM

TF

The Meade Family posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

September 21 at 2:56 PM

MT

Mike Tavaloro posted:

I am extremely sorry for your loss. My daughter Elizabeth knew your son. She said he was a very good kid and fun to be around. She is a hard one to impress so I know Ben was special. Your family will be in our prayers. Mike Tavaloro

September 21 at 2:40 PM



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RK

Roxanne And Glenn Keith posted:

Mr. and Mrs. Bragg Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. Our son, Charles Keith was a friend of Ben's at Maritime. He always spoke so highly of your son, and I know that they enjoyed some wonderful times on summer sea term together. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Roxanne Glenn and Charles (3/c) Keith

September 21 at 2:30 PM

BR

Brad Ruppel posted:

Dear Bragg Family My deepest condolences on the loss of your son Ben. I lived next to Ben on cruise and was a member of the SUNY Maritime Pipe and Drum Corps with him. He was a great person and will be missed, I will have Ben and rest of the Bragg family in my Prayers.

September 21 at 2:10 PM

TF

The Levet Family posted:

My heart goes out to you on the loss of your beloved son. Words cannot express the sadness we all feel. The world was a better place with Ben in it.

September 21 at 1:43 PM

AL

Adrienne Liander posted:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bragg, This message comes with deepest sympathy from one Maritime parent to another for your unimagineable, sudden loss of your handsome son. We will stop what we are doing at 6pm on Wednesday, to join you and your family in spirit in the rosary. Thinking of you in your grief and sorrow. Sincerely.

September 21 at 1:35 PM

RM

Robert Mallon posted:

very sorry for your loss im a dad of a Maritime graduate

September 21 at 1:15 PM



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KF

Kobus Family posted:

Suny Maritime College-Steve Kobus We are very sorry for your loss. God Bless.

September 21 at 1:13 PM

JH

Julie Henriksen posted:

My heart and prayers go out to you at this sad time. My son is a student at Maritime and I can only imagine how sad you all must be to lose your son. Please accept my condolences and know my prayers are with your family.

September 21 at 12:34 PM

KK

Kathryn Kenyon posted:

We are so sorry to hear about your son. We have a son in SUNY Maritime, but we also lost a son 2yrs ago. Are hearts go out to you, and we certainly feel your pain. Take care and God Bless

September 21 at 12:11 PM

RT

Raven Traina posted:

Ben was a friend of mine. He was such an amazing person, all he ever wanted to do was make people smile. There was never a time I didn't see Ben smiling. I loved Ben and he truly touched my heart. I will never forget him.

September 21 at 11:44 AM

KB

Kevin Brosnan posted:

I am deeply sorry for your loss. I knew Ben as of last year, and he was a great kid and could always get a laugh out of me. My sincerest wishes go out to you and your family for the passing of your son.

September 21 at 11:34 AM

SS

Savitri Seenarine posted:

my condolences and sympathy goes out to the parents and family of Benjamin Albert Bragg.

September 21 at 11:04 AM



Tribute Wall

Benjamin Albert Bragg

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RK

Ryan Knorr posted:

Hey bud, still hard to believe your gone. Its hard not being able to knock on your door and hang out with you. Going to be coming to NO tomorrow, first time for me I just wish it was with you. But i know you will be watching over me and all your other friends that are coming to pay our last respects. I love you bud have fun hunting up there.

September 21 at 10:44 AM

MB

Mike And Jeri Bellan posted:

Dear Bragg Family, We are so sorry for your tremendous loss. Mike remembers Ben from football at Pelican and Tony, of course, from their years together at St. Paul's. Our hearts go out to you all at this very difficult time. May God Bless you and keep you with His healing hands. Sincerely, Mike, Jeri and Tony Bellan

September 21 at 9:39 AM

JK

Joan Kretzmer posted:

As a member of the Maritime community, please accept my condolences on your loss. We will keep Ben in our prayers.

September 21 at 9:37 AM

NC

Nathaniel P. And Christina M. Campbell posted:

My wife and I are in morning for you and your family. Please accept our deepest condolences. Benjamin will be remembered in our prayers.

September 21 at 9:35 AM

JB

John And Suzette Bryan posted:

My son Ben and your Ben graduated from SPS together. Ben and all the guys spent a lot of time at our home. He was one of the best. My Ben upon hearing of the accident said " the world has lost a great guy and I have lost a good friend" . Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

September 21 at 9:30 AM



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BC

Baldwin-Calloways posted:

Dearest Bragg Family, Please know you are in our hearts and prayers. May God grant you peace and comfort at this time, and may you feel Ben's presence, spirit, and love throughout your days. - Jan Calloway and son Cadet Mac Baldwin, 3rd class.

September 21 at 9:05 AM

JC

Jan Calloway posted:

Dearest Bragg Family, Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this painful time. May Ben rest in God's loving arms, and may God hold you gently in the palm of His hand. All love and prayers, Jan Calloway, mom of cadet Mac Baldwin 3rd class

September 21 at 9:00 AM

AG

Alice Gagliano posted:

We are the parents of twin boys who go to Maritime and knew your son. My one son, Anthony, recently had the pleasure of getting to know your boy on the sea cruise. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless Ben and hold him in his arms. The Gagliano Family

September 21 at 8:49 AM

MH

Michael Hyland posted:

Ben, I'm sorry you had to go that way man. I wish we could have got to know each other better. You would be a good kid to have as a friend. That day you passed I wish I could have done more to help. My prayers will forever be with you and your family, Mike

September 21 at 8:48 AM

SM

Susan Sherman And Matthew posted:

My son is a 4th year cadet at SUNY. Although he did not know Ben. As a parent I know there can be nothing so devastating as losing a child. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May your wonderful memories of Ben help to ease your sorrow.

September 21 at 8:34 AM



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MH

Maryann Halvey posted:

My heart goes out to your family at this sorrowful time. I will pray for you and for Ben.

September 21 at 8:32 AM

SB

Suzette Berger posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My heart cries for you and your family as well as all of your Maritime friends. I am so sorry.

September 21 at 8:26 AM

MR

Maureen Richter posted:

Although our son Robert Stratigos graduated from Maritime last May and did not know Ben, he was deeply saddened to learn of Ben's passing. Please accept our love and prayers and know that the Maritime family mourns with you during this difficult time. Maureen and Gary Richter

September 21 at 7:49 AM

KM

Karen E. Markoe, Chair, Humanities, Suny Maritime posted:

All of us at the college are deeply saddened by your loss. I have heard only good things about Ben. Do know how very sorry we are. Sincerely, Karen Markoe, Chair, Humanities, SUNY Maritime College.

September 21 at 7:40 AM

MM

Michael Marone posted:

I am sorry for your loss. He will be in our prayers

September 21 at 7:38 AM

DL

Dustin Magner & Ben Longworth posted:

Bragg Family- We have lived on the same deck as Ben since his MUG year. He was truly a stand-up guy and a genuine class act. He was a hard worker and was always upbeat, which made him a pleasure to be around. More importantly, however, he was a friend to both of us. We are honored to have known him. Love, Cadets Dustin Magner 2/c & Ben Longworth 2/c

September 21 at 7:34 AM



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TF

The Marron Family posted:

MR&MRS BRAGG, IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART AND TEARS THAT I SEND YOU ALL THE LOVE POSSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF BEN, THE STORIES I HEARD OF HIM FROM MY SON ONLY MADE ME SMILE.I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING HIM, AND JUST MEETING YOU YESTERDAY I SEE WHERE HE GOT HIS GRACE AND PRESENCE FROM. WE WILL ALWAYS KEEP HIM IN OUR HEARTS, HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN, AND BRENDAN WILL GREATLY MISS HIM. I KEEP YOUR FAMILY IN MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS LOVE AND PRAYERS THE MARRON FAMILY

September 21 at 7:30 AM

RP

Robert, Jennifer And Alex Pavelka posted:

Never should a parent have to suffer the loss of a child. My wife and I were heartbroken when we saw the look on our sons face and heard the terrible news as to what had happened at the school. Our hearts go out to you and your family.

September 21 at 6:46 AM

RC

Ronnie Hynes & Family(Aunt Of A Maritime Cadet) posted:

Words can never express the true sadness when hearing news like this. Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear son, Ben, and may you find some comfort in knowing that so many are keeping you close in thought & prayer as you go through your grief. May God give you all the strength to get through and may you be blessed with peace in your hearts.

September 21 at 6:43 AM

DV

Donna & Steve Vallette posted:

Ben was a friend of our daughter, Alli, during their high school years. We have such fond memories of her friends coming over for the bonfires & get togethers at our home in Lacombe. We especially remember Ben, who always made it a point to visit with us parents for awhile and he truly seemed to enjoy talking with us. Ben had such a love of the outdoors, he and my husband would talk about fishing and hunting in the Bayou Lacombe area. What an incredible young man he was. For such a young person to have touched so many lives is truly remarkable. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family, and to all who loved him and called him their friend.

September 21 at 6:33 AM



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ES

Edward Steedle posted:

To the Bragg family, I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Ben for a while seeing as I'm just a MUG, but in the one short time we talked, he made the worst day I've ever had at Maritime okay. Your son was a great kid and he'll be sorely missed. Even by a MUG who met him in passing. With love and a heavy heart, -EJ

September 21 at 6:33 AM

DA

Denise Albertelli posted:

As a member of the Maritime Family, I extend my deepest condolences. May your faith in Jesus comfort you.

September 21 at 6:33 AM

BT

Bruce J Toner posted:

My heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Cadet 3/C Ben Bragg. Although I did not personally know Cadet Bragg, I can see that he was loved by many, as indicated by the beautiful memorial set up on campus. The entire Maritime College campus (staff as well as students) is in shock and sorrow of Ben's sudden departure. God love you, Ben. Rest in peace!

September 21 at 6:31 AM

CW

Cheryl Walsh posted:

For the Bragg family, I am truly sorry for your loss and will keep you in our prayers. My son is also a Maritime cadet. I hope for you someday you will find comfort in your memories and your faith. My God Bless you and everyone that is struggling now.

September 21 at 6:18 AM

DS

Daniel Suarez posted:

Our condolences to the Bragg family, may your heart find peace in knowing he was loved by his classmates, friends and all the loved ones he came in contact with. With all our heart, Daniel Suarez and Family Senior, Maritime College

September 21 at 5:48 AM



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LD

Liz Dougherty posted:

Dear Mr and Mrs Bragg and Family, We are truly saddened by the loss of your son, Benjamin. Sending you light, love and peace during this heartbreaking time. We are so sorry. Liz and Alan Dougherty (parents of a maritime student)

September 21 at 5:45 AM

CR

Christine Rose posted:

My son is a Maritime Cadet and although he didn't know Ben personally, many of his friends did and told him what a great guy he was. As a mother, hearing of your son's death hit me like a ton of bricks. There is no way of even imagining what it must be like for you, although I sit here and try, as tears fall down my cheeks. My heart goes out to you so very deeply. I'm so sorry this terrible thing has happened to Ben. It could have been any one of our children and we all know that and feel for you as if it was. Please except my condolences from my heart. Ben will ALWAYS be a part of the Maritime family. We will never forget...

September 21 at 5:13 AM

JA

Jr And Joy Anthis posted:

Our son, Cadet David Branca is a mug this year and did not know Ben and yet felt profoundly sad at his passing. Our family sends their love, prayers and strength to you at this time. These cadets are a special breed of child. God Bless.

September 21 at 5:13 AM

MF

Mangum Family posted:

Our son Patrick is one of Bens' best friends at Martime. I was on campus on Saturday and I witnessed the love the boys had for your son and your family. On Saturday the boys sat around and shared stories about their time with Ben. Ben was the only one that would catch fish at the bridge, because Ben would tell them that he knew had to cast! Ben was with my husband and I before the boys sailed off on Sea Term, Ben talked about his sister getting married the week after he returns from Sea Term. Ben was so excited for his sister. Ben loved his family. Ben touched many hearts at Maritime, and we were blessed with knowing Ben. Ben had such a big heart, he invited all the boys down for Mardi Gras! We are so sorry for your loss and when you don't think you have the strength to carry on, the Maritime family will carry you. May God Bless you and your family. Love, Patrick, Sue and Patrick 3/c Mangum

September 21 at 5:12 AM



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RG

Rita Graves posted:

To The Bragg Family: It is hard to come by words to say how sorry we are. The Maritime College is a family and as such we mourn your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sincerely. Rita Graves

September 21 at 5:09 AM

SG

Susan Gallagher posted:

As a Maritime parent my heart aches for you . Our prayers are with your family. May god give you strenght.

September 21 at 4:36 AM

DC

Donald Cassone posted:

My son Eric (classmate) and I want to express our condolences at your time of sorrow. The Bragg family will be in our prayers.

September 21 at 4:35 AM

DF

Debona Family posted:

We would like to express our sincere condolences at this very difficult time. Our son Anthony who is also a third class cadet at Maritime called us with the heart wrenching news about Ben on Friday. Your family has been in our thoughts and prayers since that call. We will continue to pray that God holds you all closely in the palm of his hand.

September 21 at 4:26 AM

JK

Janine Kieran posted:

Dear Family and Friends, We were deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Please know that we are praying for you and your departed son. Janine,Brian and Connor Kieran SUNY Maritime Family

September 21 at 4:19 AM



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LG

Lee Anne Greene posted:

to the Bragg family, and specially brad's mom, please, please, celebrate the years you were blessed to have brad. keep close to your heart all of the fond memories you have, keep his dreams in your heart and mind, do good deeds in his honor, make his short life here worth it all. my son is a mug, so i did not get to meet brad, but i will never forget about him. i already know he is special, as he choose to go to maritime. with his family's support, he came a long way, in miles and accomplishments. i ache for you, bless you all, love , theo greene's mom, lee anne

September 21 at 4:08 AM

MP

Mr & Mrs Benjamin Pearce posted:

Dear Mr and Mrs Bragg, Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. Our son, Ben is a 4C and already knew your son as a shipmate. All of the boys are heartfelt affected by his sudden passing. We cannot begin to know how hurt you are. Know that tears are being shed and prayers offered for your family here in New York.

September 21 at 3:39 AM

SC

Sally E. Clark posted:

Dearest Bragg Family, We hold you in our thoughts and prayers and send you love and deep peace. Please know that the whole Maritime family is grieving with you.

September 21 at 3:00 AM



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TF

The Mawhinney Family posted:

To the Bragg family - no words can express what we feel for you. Losing a child is unthinkable. We were coming to the campus to pick Roy up when he called. Something terrible had happened to his friend and he was rushing to the hospital see what he could do. When we arrived, there were many students gathered around each other in shock. We went in and found Capt Smith and Commander McCarthy - they both looked as helpless as their cadets outside. They confirmed the worst and after a quick handshake and a hug we were again among Ben's shipmates. Roy pointed to his rugby teammates sitting on the curb. Everywhere you looked you saw kids that loved Ben. They all would have done anything they could for him, if only given the chance. Ben touched many hearts in his short time in the Maritime Family, including my son. Roy's room was next to Ben's during their MUG year. Ben kept his MUG mates sane during some of their most trying times. Ben even converted Roy into an LSU fan. Ben's optimism and love of the simple pleasures in life rubbed off on a lot of those kids. I know that Ben will always be with each and every one of them and they will carry him in their hearts forever. May God bless you and may you find peace through his Grace. Tha Mawhinney Family - Garry, Ri, Roy and Iain.

September 20 at 6:40 PM

MM

Megan Maron posted:

You will always be missed. Your memory will live in our hearts forever. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

September 20 at 6:24 PM

MF

Mike & Pat Flannery posted:

As parents of a Maritime Cadet, we would like to send to your our sympathy in the loss of your son.

September 20 at 6:23 PM

TF

The Aranda Family posted:

You are not alone in your suffering, many of us are right there with you, with our thoughts and prayers. May you draw strength from the wonderful memories of your precious son, Benjamin; and may you feel the arms of the Lord around you as He comforts you and surrounds you with His peace.

September 20 at 6:18 PM



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ML

Marty Lilly posted:

To the Family of Ben Bragg: My son Michael was on Ben's deck last year and this. I had the pleasure of meeting Ben last year. I remember him as a pleasant and courteous young man. As you know, the Maritime Community is a family-we shall miss Ben, immeasurably. Please accept my condolence and take care.

September 20 at 6:03 PM

CF

Ciarlo Family posted:

Your Family is in our hearts & on our minds. Our prayers are for you now & always.

September 20 at 5:47 PM

MB

Meg Baird posted:

I am very sorry for your loss. My son is also a cadet at Maritime and told me about Ben. Please know that I will keep your family in my prayers.

September 20 at 5:32 PM

AC

Anthony J.Cavaliere posted:

My daughter Stephanie is also a Second Class Cadet at Maritime and was a friend of Ben. She served with him on two summer sea terms. The entire Cavaliere Family are deeply sorry for your loss. Word can express our sadness. We will have a mass said for Ben at St Mary RC Church in Long Island City, Queens NY upon the altar once used by Pope John Paul II. If I or the Maritime Parent Association can do anything for you at his time, you only need to ask. Anthony Cavaliere

September 20 at 5:08 PM



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AM

April Maron posted:

My daughter, Megan Maron, was in Ben's Indoc section last year. She was very close to him and was stunned by his passing. As VP of Communications for the Maritime Parents Association, it has been my job to inform the maritime community of the events as they have unfolded. I have received so many emails of condolence from parents of cadets at Maritime.. their hearts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Our family is grieving with you.. there is nothing we can say to console you. Please know we are all thinking of you and your family. We are Jewish, and Megan said a special prayer at our high holy day services yesterday, as well as today for Ben and his family.

September 20 at 4:35 PM

LF

Lynette Coe-Freeman posted:

You will always be a part of the Maritime family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and always.

September 20 at 4:02 PM

KH

Kk Hebert posted:

Mrs. Margo, Mr. George, and Erica, My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I remember all those times playing at your house with Erica and Ben. Those memories I will never forget. Ben is a special person and I will keep him in my prayers. Love, KK

September 20 at 3:07 PM

PH

Peggy And Ron Hebert posted:

Margo and George, Erica and Peter, Our love and prayers are with you and all your family. We will always love and keep Ben in our hearts. He was such a special one to us. With our deepest sympathy, Ron and Peggy Hebert

September 20 at 12:36 PM

SO

Sabrina Owens posted:

I am so sorry for the loss of your son. I know Marta and his two girls.

September 20 at 11:40 AM



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CK

Carol Koster posted:

My son Michael is in Boy Scout Troop 611 chartered by Our Lady of the Lake. Though we've never met, I know that Scouting and Troop 611 was near and dear to your son and family. We share in the whole Troop's sadness in the passing of your son. He will always be an Eagle Scout and an inspiration for the young Scouts who hope to follow in his footsteps of achievement and character. God bless, our prayers are with you.

September 20 at 11:37 AM

SR

Stephanie Remson posted:

Dear Margo, George and Erica, Please know how much you are so loved and thought of through this very difficult time. Ben was very special to everyone he touched and his beautiful smile. He is now an angel and God has very big plans for him in Heaven. Never lose your faith, always remember he is there with you forever. God Bless you. Always. Stephanie, Mike, Andrew, Garrett and Tommy Remson

September 20 at 8:32 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Benjamin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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