



# **Benjamin Marquette Blanchard**

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**B**enjamin Marquette Blanchard, age 33, of New Orleans, LA., was received into his Father's arms on Monday, January 4, 2016, at his parents' home in Covington, LA. Ben's passion for life and his love of his family and many, many friends allowed him to persevere through his long and courageous battle with cancer. Ben lived his life to the fullest and "Never Retreated and Never Surrendered" from any of the many obstacles that his illness presented him.

Ben is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Edward Blanchard (Susan Heintz) and his brother Christopher G. Blanchard of New Orleans. He is survived by his maternal grandmother, Elizabeth L. Blanchard, of Houma, the family's pet, Buddy, maternal aunt Cindy Heintz, uncles Fred and Ted Heintz (Judy), paternal uncle William (Ellen) Blanchard as well as numerous adoring cousins.

His maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Heintz, Jr. of Covington and paternal grandfather, John M. Blanchard of Houma, preceded him in death.

Ben is a graduate of Saint Paul's High School and Louisiana State University. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, having served as President in 2002/2003 and was a member of the Alumni Board until the time of his death. Ben received the Greek Excellence Award from LSU in 2015. He served on the Board of Directors of Success Preparatory Academy, Charter School of New Orleans since its inception in 2008. Ben was a Vice President of Van Weelde Chartering, having opened their New Orleans office in 2006 after beginning his career in Rotterdam, Holland. An avid duck hunter and saltwater fisherman, Ben was passionate about LSU sports, Mardi Gras and loved spending time at his family's home in Grand Isle, La. He was a member of several Mardi Gras organizations.

Ben mentored and inspired many young businessmen and was a constant cheerleader and inspiration to those, who like him, battled cancer. Ben leaves a legacy of love of family, friends and his God.



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Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass at 12:00 PM on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at Saint Paul's School Briggs Assembly Center, 920 South Jahncke Avenue, Covington, LA 70433.

Visitation is Wednesday, January 6, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Saint Paul's School Briggs Assembly Center and on Thursday, January 7, 2016 from 9:00 AM to service time.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, Ben has requested donations to Success Preparatory Academy, 2011 Bienville St, New Orleans, LA 70112 or Saint Paul's School, 917 S Jahncke Ave, Covington, LA 70433 or LSU Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, P.O. Box 25365, Baton Rouge, LA 70894.

The pallbearers will be Robert Frederiks, John Alford, Charles Harvey, John Rills, Jeremy Vasquez, Patrick Maher, Craig Bernick and Scott Levy. Honorary pallbearers are Major Person and Christopher Rodrigue.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. Share a memory on the tribute wall at [ejfieldingfh.com](http://ejfieldingfh.com).



# Events

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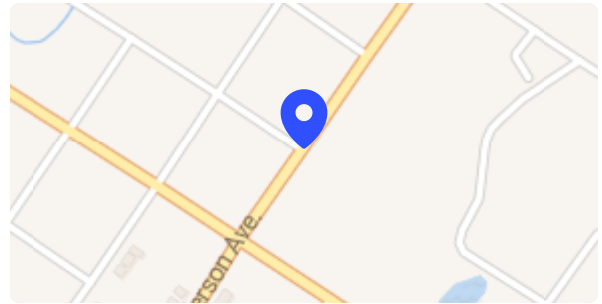
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## Visitation

**Wednesday**, January 6, 2016

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM CT

**St. Paul's School Briggs Assembly Center**  
920 S. Jefferson Ave., Covington LA 70433

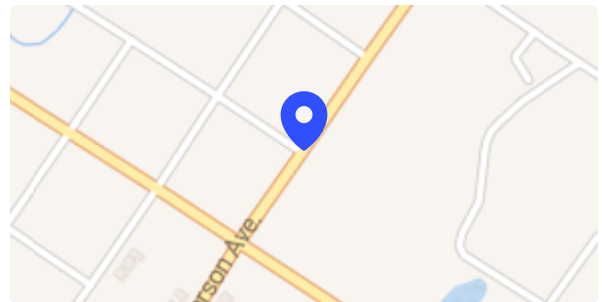


## Visitation

**Thursday**, January 7, 2016

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

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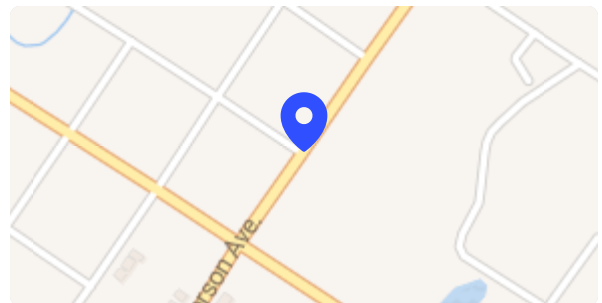


## Funeral Mass

**Thursday**, January 7, 2016

12:00 PM CT

**St. Paul's School Briggs Assembly Center**  
920 S. Jefferson Ave., Covington LA 70433



## Cemetery Details

**St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery**  
75376 River Rd., Saint Benedict LA





## Tribute Wall

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BS

**Bonnie Sullivan** posted:

Dear Susan, Mark and Chris, Allow me to share this poem given to me by a lovely Lady in a flower shop. To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say.....but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived Okay. I'm writing this from Heaven, Here I dwell with God above. Here there are no more tears of sadness, here is just Eternal Love. Please do not be unhappy, just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I am with you every morning, noon, and night. That day I had to leave you, when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me, and He said "I welcome you". It's good to have you back again, you were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on. I need you here badly, you are part of my plan. There is so much that we have to do, to help out mortal man. God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do, and foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you. And when you lie in bed at night, the days chores put to flight, God and I are closest to you.....in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years, because you're only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry, it does relieve the pain. Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain. I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned, but if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er, I am closer to you now than I ever was before. There are so many rocky roads ahead of you, and many hills to climb; but together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too..... that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you. If you can help somebody who is in sorrow and in pain, then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain" And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile, knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low, just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind, I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to go...from that body to be free, remember you're not going....you're coming here to me. Ruth Ann Mahaffey, (author) Deepest Sympathy, Bonnie & Lenny Sullivan Houston, Texas

January 8 at 4:37 PM

SH

**Sheryl** posted:

Dear Susan, Mark and Chris, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of deep loss and sorry. Sheryl Doernbrack

January 8 at 11:24 AM

DM

**Desiree Maestri** posted:

Dear Susan, Mark and Chris: Please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of your son and brother, Ben. May it comfort you to know that he is in the arms of your parents in Heaven and His Heavenly Father. Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you in your grief. With deepest sympathy and love from, Desiree and Eddie Maestri

January 7 at 6:30 PM



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**Lisa Dugger** posted:

Dear Mark, Susan, and Chris, Words cannot express the sorrow I feel for your loss. I have been praying for Ben since I learned of his illness and will continue to pray for your family. Please take comfort in knowing that Ben is wearing his crown of glory with his Heavenly Father and also with your sweet parents, Susan! Love, The Dugger Family

January 7 at 3:06 AM



**Bobby Smith And The Ssa Marine Family** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Blanchard family.



January 6 at 7:39 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Blanchard family.



January 5 at 3:46 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Love's Journey to the Blanchard family.



January 5 at 4:01 AM



**The Jemison Family** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mark, Susan & Chris. Words can not express our heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Ben was a fine young man. He always had a kind word and acted as a gentleman. He will be missed by many. Godspeed Ben. We know He has big plans for you.

January 4 at 1:40 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Blanchard family.



January 4 at 9:44 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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