



Benjamin John Ben" Craig

October 22, 1977 - December 4, 2004

Benjamin John Craig, 27, of LaFayette, New York died Saturday, December 4, 2004 at his parent's home in Tully.

Ben was born October 22, 1977 in Syracuse, New York. He was a 1996 Graduate of Tully High School. He was employed as a Laborer with Atlas Seamless Rain Gutter, Co. in East Syracuse, New York. He was a member of the Razorback Hunting Club in Old Forge and an avid outdoorsman.

Surviving are his wife of one year, the former Mariah K. Wheeler; a daughter Ashlynn; a son Wesley; his parents Rodney and Susan Craig of Tully, New York; two brothers, Jonathan and Joshua Craig both of Syracuse, New York; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services: Wednesday, December 8, 2004, 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc.

Calling Hours: Wednesday, December 8, 2004, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York.

Contributions: Hospice of CNY or American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ *LOVED AND MISSED DEARLY*

May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I never met Ben, but am very sad that someone so young had to leave their family way too soon. Bless your whole family and may everyone remember you with the fondest of memories.*

March 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *i would just like to say my thoughts and prayers are with all of Bens family. Ben meant a lot to me and he will be greatly missed.*

December 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was very shocked to hear the news of Ben passing. To Bens family i am very sorry for your loss and very sorry for you Ben. you passed before your time and left behind your family, your children and a son who never will have the chance to meet you. This candle is in the name of Kody.*

December 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with bens mom and dad and brothers and for the son Kody he never got to know.*

December 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincerest sympathy to Ben's family & friends. I graduated with Ben in 1996. Although I have not been in contact with him since that time, I am sorry to hear of his passing. I am thinking of him fondly at this time.*

December 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ben..what can i say. A good person and a friend i will always remember. When you were around a good time was always to be had. Always making me smile and laugh. I will miss that and always remeber it. you will always be remebered. My thoughts,prayers, and heart goes out to the family. Rest in peace my friend you are in a better place. jay*

December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rod, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family regarding the loss of your son. My deepest sympathy to your family.*

December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *I havent seen Ben in a few years but the last time I saw him I was pregnant with my second son and close to my due date. He had me laughing so hard I thought I was going to go into labor. His family will continue to be in my prayers! May God touch his spirit and embrace his family.*

December 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *May you and your family be at peace now.*

December 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Ben touched all of us in such a special way and will be missed deeply-I am so sorry for your loss-He is now in a better place and can rest peacefully.

December 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ "Nothing can ever take away the love a heart holds dear. Fond memories linger every day. Rememberance keeps them near."Our deepest sympathy.

December 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mariah, Ashlynn, Wesley, and all of Ben's family and friends.

December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ We have so many happy memories of times our families shared together watching the kids grow up-hang on to all the great memories I know you have! We love you guys!

December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ To one of my dearest friends in the entire world. Ben was a friend that was always there if you needed him. If you needed something he would be the one to go out of his way to help in times of need. Ben was always gentle in heart yet wild in all of his ways. I will always remember him for the way he lived his life, his way. My prayers will always be with you and your family. your friend always, Smitty

December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Sue & Rod, God has Ben in His hands now. No one could take better care of him. Remember all the happy times. With deepest sympathy, Mary & Marty Sherman

December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss.

December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Ben...he will be missed. He was always one of my ""other brothers"" since I considered all of Jason's close friends my ""brothers."" I remember Mom breaking the wooden spoon over his back when him and Jason where wrestling one time. Roaming the back roads in search of deer...there are numerous memories that I will always treasure. We love you, Ben! Missing you from TX, Sara Coon

December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ knowing ben for the last 15 or so years, I got to see him go from boy to man. being only a couple of years older than me, it breaks my heart to know someone with the heart of gold he had could go so soon. my heart goes out to his family and friends, he will live on in our hearts and our memories.

December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I didnt know Ben all to well, but I do know he was a good guy. I hread some stories of him with Jason and Timothy Coon. He will be missed by many people.

December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Ben was part of the 4 Musketeers. He was always respectful, polite, and part of the family. The boys favorite memory at the house was when they all were wrestling and I got after them with a wooden spoon. They all raced for the door, but poor Ben was the last out the door. Watching they all at football games and the tailgate parties at the car after the games. Ben had his ups and downs, but he was always a good kid. He would be the "big brother" to our son Tim while Jason has been away. Jason always may sure he checked in with Ben when he was home on leave. The parties they would have, that they didnt think the parents knew about, at Jason's graduation party when no one could have a drink, unless they could beat Mr. Coon in arm wrestling (Needless to say no one did.) Jason Smith tried! He will be greatly missed by his dear friends, family, and extended families. There are many of us. All these boys had extended moms and Dads. And I believe that Jason Coon, Jason Smith, and Tom will always help Ben's parents, brothers and Mariah: to help the children remember what a great and brave person he was. He was far braver than myself.

December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts always go back to Ben, as a young good-looking lad, full of life, full of fun and enthusiasm. All these traits became very evident in his later, but short, life when he became a devoted husband to his wife Mariah, and a loving father to his children Ashlynn and Wesley.

December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ so young-so full of life a life that ended too soon to mariah ,children & parents we didn't know ben very well but we did know him through our son jake from what we saw of ben during his illness he was positive in his way of thinking & never gave up hope & felt he would deal with what ever came his way. he lived his life to the fullest & gave the impression that what ever happens-happens you ben are an inspiration to all of us.i don't know too many people that could have handled the illness the way he did.to mariah our thoughts & prayers are with you & the children & may you always see ben through their eyes & to always hold onto his memory. to bens parents we cannot begin to imagine what you are going through may your faith help you during this difficult time & in the coming new year & that the memories of ben & the love you all shared give you comfort in knowing that he is now out of pain & at peace.god bless all of you with our deepest sympathy terry & judy bloom

December 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy for you loss.

December 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Ben was a very sweet person ! He was a really nice friend in high school. He will never be forgotten!

December 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Thoughts of Ben. I really dont know where to start. He was the best friend any guy could have. I considered him more of my own brother than a friend. The times spent with him almost always ensured that one of us was going to get in trouble. It didnt matter to either of us though. We were pretty much nothing without the other. Mariah, if you and the kids ever need anything I am here for you one way or the other.. He may be gone but you guys will be filling the space with in me. Rest in peace my friend, my brother. Jason Coon (Brothers Forever)" I am my brother's keeper"

December 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ We never met Ben, but since we met his parents, Rod and Sue, on vacation more than a year ago, we have been praying for Ben and his family and have stayed in touch via email. May you experience God's peace and comfort in this very difficult time. Bert Hendrica Schouten from Edmonton, Canada

December 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to read about Ben's passing. He was always cooperative in class and so kind to me throughout his high school years. Mary

December 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I wish Ben's Family all the best, and I am so sorry for your loss. He is now a angel in Heaven.

December 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ A PIECE OF MY HEART WENT WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEFT US.I KNOW YOU ARE NOW IN A BETTER PLACE, BUT I MISS YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.LOVE YOU FOREVERMOM

December 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ It's inconceivable how one feels at a time like this. Prayers and condolences to Sue,Rodney,Ben's wife, children,brothers and extended family. God bless

December 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ You always knew you were going to laugh with Ben in the room. He always knew what to say to make you break a smile. I know that no one could ever forget you. Mariah ,Ashlynn,and Wesley, we love you guys, and we are always here for you no matter what. Mariah, I have seen more strength and courage in you, than I ever thought that one person could possibly have. Love you honey. Amy

December 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I never personally met Ben, but I am really good friends with his best friend Jason Coon and feel I know Ben thru Jason. He is an amazing wonderful caring strong willed person and friend. He seemed to always have fun with friends and family and cared for Jason as much as Jason cared for him. I know I will remember a wonderful person whoms life was taken too soon, but will continue to pursue is dreams forever. God Bless to all the family and friends.
Always Kirstin Callies

December 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Josh; I can not tell you how saddened we were to hear of Ben's passing. He was a great person who could always make you laugh. We will miss those pool games this winter!

December 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ All Though, I never new, Benjamin John Craig. My HEART goes out to Mr.Craig's Family It's Sad. I'm Sorry He Lost His Young Life So, So, Sad. May God Bless, And Keep You All... "Sleep Well Ben" Martin In Mattydale.

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



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December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. You will be greatly missed. With Love,John and Sally*

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. In this time of loss and sadness, may your heart be filled with wonderful memories of love.*

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



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“ *Ben was one of the sweetest people I knew. We may have lost touch but I will never forget him! My heart goes out to his family, you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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“ Ben you are probably the best son-in-law in the world. I could always count on you to help me with any chore, big or small. In my eyes you will always be a big gentle giant who loved his wife, children and family. You will be missed terribly. Love ya - Mom Dorward

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“ Sorry to hear of your loss. please give my best wishes to his wife and kids, also to Rod,Sue,Josh, and John.Ron Jackson

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“ To all of Ben's family -May Ben's gentle strength and courage, the love in your hearts, and the memories we all have to share be a source of comfort to you now.

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mariah,Ashlynn, Wesley and the Craig family, Our deepest sympathy to you all in the loss of your husband, father, brother and son. Ben was a man of adventure, and in his short time with us he made sure he lived his life to its fullest. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. If there is anything we can do to help at this difficult time, please call. Love you Mariah!!

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“ I remember like it was yesterday when I baby sat for the boys. I am deeply sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you.Josie

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ There are no words to speak that seem to sound right. Ben was an amazing guy, who would never think twice of saying “Hi, how are you?”. He had the kindest of hearts and could always make you laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and closest of friends. Ben will be missed dearly.

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Ben Craig (Craigy)...you were so full of life and a joy to always be around. When I came to Tully and knew no one, you made a girl from the big “city” feel welcome in such a small little town. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers and may god be with you and your family. Love Always “Saccone”

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM