



## Benjamin H. Russell

March 18, 1985 - April 15, 2012

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Benjamin Hurst Ben Russell, 27, of Liverpool, New York, passed away Sunday, April 15, 2012.

Born March 18, 1985 in Syracuse, New York, he was the son of Jack and Kristine (Hurst) Russell and attended Liverpool High School. Ben was a carpenter with P & R Renovations in Liverpool. Ben will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and his extreme passion all or nothing philosophy on life.

Surviving besides his parents of Liverpool, New York are three brothers, Philip (Danielle Franey) Russell of Liverpool, New York, Jack Russell, Jr. and Bryan Russell, both of Oil City, Pennsylvania; two sisters, Wendi (John) Hauck of Kennesaw, Georgia and Kimberly (Jason) Mast of Oil City, Pennsylvania; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, April 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 425 Beechwood Avenue, Liverpool, New York 13088.

Entombment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery Mausoleum, 800 Grant Boulevard, Syracuse, New York 13203.

Calling hours are Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Benjamin H. Russell*



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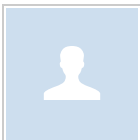
**Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home** - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Phil, Im so sorry for the loss of your brother. I know this is going to be a very difficult time in your life but keep your head up and always keep his memory alive. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family always. R.I.P Ben*

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April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

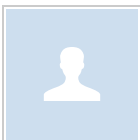


“ *Phil*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family...*

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April 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *dear jay and wendy, brothers and sisters mom and dad, were very sorry for your loss.life is very short sometimes thats why we just have to love each other every day we have. again so sorry . we love you. lance and jan*

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April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ MY SYMPATHY IS WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME

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April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Keeping Ben's family and friends in thought and prayer. "They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."(St. John Chrysostom) Know Ben will live in the hearts of those he met and those he loved, forever.

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April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Kris, Jack, Phil, & Family,

*I dont even know what to say right now. Ben will always be remembered with a smile on his face from the day the Thomas family met him when he was 4, throughout the years watching him grow from a little boy to a teenager to a young man. The last time I saw him at my parents house during the holidays a couple years ago... always smiling. Through the good times and bad, he was loved by our family, as one of our own. Ben will forever be loved, in my heart and memories.*

*Toni*

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April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Ben and his family at this time. We were very sorry to hear this news. Too young too soon. I remember Ben playing baseball on my husband's Salt City Little League team as a little boy. Although I haven't seen Ben in a long time, I will forever remember his smile and how he made my husband laugh at the practices and the games.

*The Stimson Family  
(Coach) Tony Stimson*

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April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Benny! I still can't believe you are gone. you always had a way of making people laugh. And I will always remember the many laughs we had together. my thoughts and prayers are with Ben's family. You will be missed Benny! Love you!

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April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear the news. My thoughts are with your family.

*tom*

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April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Russell Family,  
We are so sorry for the loss of your son. There are no words that I can say that will ease your pain. Know that Ben will always be with you in everything you do, he will always be there watching over you all. I know your pain, I lost my son, Josh, last September, he and Ben were good friends. There will not be a day that something doesn't remind you of Ben, both so young. Rest in Peace Ben.  
The Lally's - Baldwinsville

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ i didnt know ben but i do know people who did. my condolences to the friends and family of ben. may god be with you. its hard to hear about your peers passing away. my best wishes to everyone....ben watch down upon us!

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ we both r very sorry for the lost of Ben our prayers and thoughts r with u

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Words can't express how you all must feel right now! We are so sorry for your loss! You all will be in our thoughts and prayers as you face the days ahead. Wendi and Jay, I know its been awhile since we've seen each other please know we are only a phone call away. Please give our sympathy to your Mom and rest of family! We are so sorry for your loss! We love you!

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ There are not enough words to say how devastated we are. I can only image what your family is going to face I can only pray for strength for all of you. He was loved by many and my kids looked at hin as an Uncle and he truly enjoyed blessing them with little treats when he could. So many more wonderful memories...

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Wendy & Phil and family,

*I'm so very sorry for your loss. I've lost my sister, much in the same way, and I know how much it hurts. Please know that y'all and your family are in my prayers.*

*Johnnie Holland*

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. I know the pain you're going through, having lost Greg almost 5 years ago. This is one of the hardest things parents go through, its not the right order. My deepest Sympathy.

*Gregory Pistillo's Mom.*

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Ben & his family.

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Its unfotunate that bens gone... and im very sorry for his family... if there was anyway anyone could have prevented this from happenin im sure they would have fought tooth and nail... its crazy how things can happen in an instant but whats done is done and now you will earn to greive together and be there for everyother person in the family and help eachother... families need to stick together and at a time like this is when they need to be together the most... RIP ben sorry for your family...

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ben,  
I don't know where to begin you were like family growing up I practically lived with you through our chestnut days I remember my mother yelling at me are you ever coming home:)We formed a bond that will live in my heart until I see you again,we went through a lot together and I cherish every memory!! I pray you found peace!! Watch over me from up there! I love you dog!!!

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Phil,  
I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your brother, I know how much you love him. You & your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THIS YOUNG MAN. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU ALL AT THIS TERRIBLE TIME. MY DEAREST SYMPATHYS.*

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I cannot begin to comprehend a life cut so short. Jack, Chris, Phil and the entire Russell family, my sincerest condolences to you all!*

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Phil, Ben's family and friends,  
I am sorry for your loss. No words can express your sorrow or heal your grieving hearts. Just know that so many people are thinking about you at this time. May Ben Rest In Peace.*

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *R.I.P. ben.. you were a great kid..gone but never forgotten..*

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jewish people believe that memory is the link between the living and the departed. Your memory will always be in my heart. Always.....

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ MY HEART FELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF "BEN".  
ITS SO SAD TO HEAR OF A YOUNG LIFE BEING LOST, EVEN MORE SO, IF ONE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF HIS SOUL WHILE HE WAS WITH US.

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To Bens Parents and family,Ben was one of my son James best friends,and as a parent this is our biggest fear.I cannot express how saddened i feel for you all.It might be sum confort to know he is at peace.And for you all my your hurt turn to peace. God bless you.

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ben, I cant believe this has happend.Ben i love you and will always miss you,your smile your jokes your laugh.We had lots of laughs and thats how im gonna remember you.R.I.P Bro.

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Ben's family and friends. Ben was a friend of my son's. I remember Ben's smile and laugh and the close friendship they shared. Ben will be deeply missed. While death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. May your memories of Ben bring you some comfort and peace in the days ahead. Rest with the angels Ben.

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April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to Ben's family!!!!!! He is now your guys guardian angel!!!!!!!!!!!! Keep his memories alive!!!!!!!!!!!!

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April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ben I dont know what to say you have been my brother for 25 years. I dont know how our familys are going to get through this. We are all hurting inside and some of us are not able to deal with the pain of losing you. I miss you yet I am mad at the fact you arent here so I just dont know how to deal with this. I will be strong for my family and kids cause I know if I dont I will have to hear you when we meet again on the other side of the gates of heaven. I know you are peaceful and protected up there. I just wish you were hear . Jenna will always be reminded about you for as long as I am alive and I have Big L to hold me down. I guess I will have to be the one who pays keith to punch Tim in the face now just so you can laugh up there. You are gone but will never be forgotten. Love your sister Lynn

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April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We are both so sorry for your loss!! All of you will be in our thoughts and prayers

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April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ God looked around his Garden and found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon his earth and saw your loving face.  
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.  
His Garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best.  
As the days come and go and the world moves on,  
I know you're still here, you'll never be gone.  
On the night the Angel came and  
took your hand,  
We cried as you left for an unknown land.  
But Heaven rejoiced as you came into  
sight,  
For your soul was a diamond, shining so bright!

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April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss of Ben. He was very funny, outgoing, and adventurous. I went to school with him in Liverpool. He was too young to pass but God needs strong angels to help him. I will pray that your hearts heal from this tragedy, someday. Please remember that now he is looking down on you and protecting you from above.

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April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ben, Ben, Ben, Where do I begin? Its been a long road and unfortunatley now our road has ended but I know youre with me mind,body, & soul You are my guardian angel now watching over me and all of us... I will never forget the times we have shared good and bad I will never forget how much of a good friend you always were to me all the laughs weve shared and all the memories we have .... I cant belive your gone this has got to be one of the hardest things ever in life that I will have to get through and normally your here to help me get through it now its just me and my thoughts of you you have so many people that love you and will miss you so much I cant say I love you more then anyone else does but I do somehow feel more connected to you then anyone else in my life. I am so sorry I couldnt save you this time I will forever regret that and carry you with me forever and always and through me I will always let your memory live on Ben I cant belive this is real I keep waiting to wake up from a bad nightmare...and for you to be calling me at 4 a.m. to tell me to come get you and that you were just joking with me :( Please take care of me from up above I know you will. Also to Phil, Kris & Jack and the rest of your family I cant imagine your pain and if any of you need anything at all I will ALWAYS be here Much love to you all at this time of tradgedy and sorrow R.I.P. Ben 3/18/1985-4/15/2012 A wonderful life ended much too soon Love you so so much always xoxooo  
Love your Best Friend,  
Ambler

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April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry for your lost ... he is in a better place now. Watching over his family an friends. My hart longs for the family .. R.I.P ben

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