



## Ben Cahn

December 25, 2011

Cahn, Ben A. Beloved son, brother, grandson, cousin and friend. Passed away accidentally after nearly recovering from a long year of medical challenges on December 18, 2011 at the age of 24. Preceded in death by grandparents, George Vaux, and Jack & Libby Cahn. Survived by parents, Jeff and Laurie Cahn and brother, David Cahn, as well as many close relatives and friends. Ben was a student at the University of North Dakota. He earned his pilot's license and a black belt in karate, was a well rounded athlete and a team player. He loved playing with children and animals, and had both an engaging sense of humor and a kind heart. Memorials preferred to the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest. Private interment will follow the service. Visitation will be 4-7 pm Monday, December 26, 2011 with Funeral Service 10 am Tuesday, December 27, 2011, all at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

# Tribute Wall



“ *Definitely gone too soon. If only we had just a little longer of Ben. However, thankfully those 23 years with him will provide more years of wonderful memories and life lessons learned from Ben. Lets all remember that God is catching the tears and binding up the broken hearted. He knows the depth of the pain and is longing to comfort.*

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*SD*

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December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Laurie and family. I am so sorry to hear about Ben's death. I am thinking of your family...such a struggle...I could not attend the funeral, but am thinking of all of you...Hugs, Dorothy Pool*

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December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Laurie, My heart goes out to you for your precious loss. I too, know the unbearable pain of losing a son. Suddenly, everything has changed! But, remembering all the wonderful times you shared together will always comfort you. And at times such as this, may you rely on the God of Love, to sustain you all with His promise of HOPE! When He will soon end all suffering. "He will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. And the One seated on the throne said; "LOOK!" I am making all things NEW...these words are faithful and true."

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JAC

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December 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Shirley, Laurie, Jeff and David. We all want to extend our most deepest sympathy. Our dad was as proud of your Ben as he was his own grandchildren. We will always remember how Ben turned around and came right back home from school to attend dads memorial and what a truly special young man he was. May our Lord give your family strength and peace. The James Fenton family

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December 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Deepest sympathy. May god comfort you at this difficult time.

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*Marc and Pamela Santos and family,*

*Huntington, Indiana*

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**Marc and Pamela Santos and family** - December 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Laurie & family, I'm so sorry to hear about Ben. our thoughts & prayers are with you always. hold on to those good memories you spent together. keep up the faith & remember he is now in a safe place.love always....Kathy Berg

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*Kathy Berg,*

*saint paul, Minnesota*

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**Kathy Berg** - December 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Aunt Shirley, Laurie, Jeff & family, Julie and Susan, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss - what a difficult time for all of you. Please know that we are sending our love and condolences - and hope the many happy memories and being together as a family bring you comfort. With Sympathy, Judi (Thompson) Fergason & family

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*Judi Fergason,*

*Elk Grove, California*

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**Judi Fergason** - December 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Dear Cahn Family, I was only blessed to know Ben for a short while but I can't even begin to tell you the impact he made on my life. I wish he was home with us tomorrow for Christmas opening up all the Adidas clothes and camouflage pants his big heart desired. I wish I never got that phone call on Monday afternoon from Washington from Mrs. Cahn. You are an amazing, strong family. And have done so much for me including sharing Ben with me. I cannot thank you enough for being the wonderful people you are and the wonderful family that shaped him so well. I know Ben is with us all and I only pray for what the future may bring us. Love, Taylor

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Taylor Haffner,

St. Paul, Minnesota

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Taylor Haffner - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow, "unknown." To Ben's family, may your family find love, light and healing in the days ahead. We got to meet Ben last Xmas at my sisters, Kris Haffner and with my niece, Taylor--he was so very kind and warm. Prayers, Shelly Olesen Heller*

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*Shelly Olesen Heller,*

*Oakdale, Minnesota*

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**Shelly Olesen Heller** - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Dear Cahn Family, I was fortunate enough to become a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity where I met Ben Cahn. I lived in Sigma Chi with him for about two years and never regretted a minute of it. Ben never failed to provide entertainment amongst the brothers and would also provide us with many laughs. Ben was the first and only person to call me "curls" which I will always cherish. Ben was a good guy with a kind heart. I'm sorry for your loss. I know Ben is in a better place now watching over all of us.

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*John "Curls" Elsagher,*

*Burnsville, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

**John "Curls" Elsagher** - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Dear Shirley and Family, We are so sorry to hear about Ben. You are in our thoughts and prayers and know that he is in his eternal home. Larry, Jane, Mike and Ceylan Carlson*

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*Jane Carlson,*

*Port Charlotte, Florida*

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**Jane Carlson** - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Laurie, Jeff and David....Aunt Shirley, Susan, JulieOur thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of unimaginable loss. As you now mourn Ben's death, may you also find comfort and strength as you remember the richness and gift of his young life. We wish you peace.

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*Sharon & Arnie Ohaks,*

*Snohomish, Washington*

*Contact Me*

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**Sharon & Arnie Ohaks** - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Laurie, Jeff, and David, We are so very sorry for the loss of your dear son and brother. May faith and the love and strength of friends and family guide you through this most difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.-Dixie and Ray DeGidio, Minneapolis, MN.

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December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Laurie, Jeff and David, Thinking of you at this difficult time May Love surround you, may Faith sustain you, may Hope encourage you. Hold onto the happy memories. You are in our prayers. Carmela Claypool and sons, Eduardo Jurado St Paul, Mn

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December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear Cahn Family, Ben was such a wonderful young man! His sweetness and thoughtfulness was felt by everyone that his life touched. We are so deeply saddened by your loss, May God wrap his loving arms around you all at this time to help ease your unbearable pain. Ben will always be in our hearts, especially Taylor who loved him so! We are all better people for having Ben in our lives. May God Bless you all with love and strength in the days ahead.

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*Kris Haffner,*

*St Paul, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

**Kris Haffner** - December 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Aunt Shirley, Laurie, Jeff, Julie, Susan and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May you find comfort in knowing that others share your loss. God Bless and Keep You in His Everlasting Arms. With Our Deepest Sympathy, Candy, Curt, Andrea, Erica Haugtvedt and Evan Thomas*

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*Candy Haugtvedt,*

*Westerville, Ohio*

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**Candy Haugtvedt** - December 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Laurie, Jeff, and David, There are not enough words for me to say how sorry i am for your loss. Ben was one of the greatest people that I have been able to meet, I feel honored and privileged to have known him for that time that I did. He meant a lot to myself and many other people. We all miss him greatly. Deepest Sympathy, Chris Burns Known to Ben often as "Bernard"

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*Christopher Burns,*

*Douglasville, Georgia*

*Contact Me*

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**Christopher Burns** - December 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Laurie, Jeff, David, Shirley and Family, We want to extend our deepest sympathy for your loss. We know that your hearts are aching and wish there was something that we could do or say to lessen your burden. Life is not fair and all we can do is offer you our support and prayers. Pam and John Wenberg

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*John wenberg,*

*International Falls, Minnesota*

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**John wenberg** - December 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *Jeff, Laurie, and David - I am truly sorry for your loss and hope that you can find peace and strength in each other during your time of sorrow. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers daily.*

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*Rebecca Neuville,*

*Woodbury, Minnesota*

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**Rebecca Neuville** - December 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Laurie and family, My thoughts are with you during this horribly difficult time. Thinking of your entire family as you grieve the loss of Ben.*

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*Jessica Wald,*

*North oaks, Minnesota*

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**Jessica Wald** - December 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *To the Cahn Family, We are so very sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and help you thru this unbearable pain. Our deepest sympathy to all. Sincerely Patricia Brooks*

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*Patricia Brooks,*

*St Paul, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Patricia Brooks** - December 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Laurie, Jeff, and David, It was been my pleasure to know your son and to get to know you all as well. Ben meant so very much to me and others. This still feels unreal. I cannot wait to see all of you and to give you hugs. Your in my thoughts and prayers. Much love. Dan

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*Dan Phelps,*

*Grand Forks, North Dakota*

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**Dan Phelps** - December 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM