



Adam F. Benjamin

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MASTER SERGEANT ADAM F. BENJAMIN, USMC, age 34; passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2009 while proudly serving his country in Afghanistan; beloved son of Judy Watters (husband, Robert) and Frank Benjamin; loving brother of Aaron, Amanda, Asa, Abram, Abigail, Amos, Amaryah, Aric, Anyah, Alexis and Allen; cherished grandson of Yolanda Polizzi, Chuck and Naomi Wright (both deceased) and Frank (deceased) and Mary Benjamin; dear nephew, uncle and friend of many.

Friends may call at GOLUBSKI DELIBERATO FUNERAL HOME 4747 TURNEY ROAD, CORNER GARFIELD BLVD. where services will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 1:00pm. VISITATION FRIDAY 3:30-8PM.

Online condolences may be submitted at GDFH.net. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made in the memory of MSgt. Adam F. Benjamin to the Wounded EOD Warrior Foundation, 11905 Bowman Drive, Suite 510, Fredericksburg, VA 22408



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DR

Donald Richardson posted:

I would like to thank all who had a part in producing this person who gave the last full measure for his country. When our young say "no way Hosea" to military service, then our representative Republic will be more. America is a "gift from God", and frankly, so was Master Sergeant Benjamin.

September 9 at 8:00 PM

CK

Cindy & Brian Kiel posted:

Our sincere sympathy from Garfield Hts. neighbors.

September 4 at 8:00 PM

AD

A. W. Dortch posted:

Please know that I am with you in prayer, and trusting that you, in God's mercy, will know His strength, peace, and love at this difficult time. May God's blessings abide with all the family and friends of Adam Benjamin.

August 28 at 8:00 PM

GE

Gloria Eischen posted:

Bob, Judy and Family, My heart goes out to you at this time. Jim called and told me about your loss. I am so very sorry. You must be so proud to have had such a fine son, May God Bless him and help you through this sorrowful time. My prayers and love go out to you and your family. Love, Gloria, Larry Eischen and Family

August 28 at 8:00 PM

RG

Rick&Jan Germann posted:

Our prayers are with your family. Adam gave the ultimate gift for our freedom. May God be with you. And may Adam rest in peace.

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Rachael Macauley posted:

I first met Adam when he came to Delaware for my sisters wedding. He was looking for a big freezer so he could store all this good food from Ohio. Adam spent the whole weekend with us. He told us about your whole family. Adam was my escort at the wedding. He made me practice walking up the aisle two times because I couldn't walk in unison. I guess that Marine mentality comes through in all walks of life. He was a wonderful person & a great friend to my sister & brother in law. My thoughts & prayers go out to the family during this difficult time. I am forever grateful for his service to our country. He will remain in our hearts.

August 27 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

"+", sup? I know, that some day we'll be together and we'll fish that great spot that you have now. Save some fish for me!! love you son! your dad, Bobby

August 27 at 8:00 PM



Jackie Chumley posted:

My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Adam was a great guy with a great sense of humor. He will always hold a special place in my heart and family. May god bless you and your family.

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DW

Debbie Williams posted:

Adam and I went to school together for years. He and I had many mutual friends and always saw one another when we were in the same place at the same time. We mostly kept touch through phone calls and emails. Although we did not get to talk often, he always brought a smile to my face when we did! He happened to be in town the weekend of my wedding and had some time, so my husband and I invited him sort of unexpectedly, but happily. We also were able to visit with him at a mutual friend over Christmases. In that short time of knowing him, even my husband could sense what a good man Adam is and I was so proud to see him over the years. Nothing really touched us, though, so much as his loss! We had heard many reports of others lost to the war, but having the actual connection made of both so very proud to have been able to know one of the men that has given the ultimate price for all of our freedom and so very ashamed that we often took the others for granted. Adam will always be remembered for the fun loving person and great friend that he remained through long distances and major tribulations as well as the American hero that he is! We will miss him very much! We are very sorry for your loss!

August 27 at 8:00 PM

KP

Kathy Patton posted:

To Judy, My forever Friend, To Aaron and Bob and Frank, My friend from grade school days and beyond. To all Adam's family and friends and Brothers and Sisters. May the God of love and peace comfort us all as our hearts are broken over the passing of Adam, a special special man. May the words of Jesus bring comfort for he has said to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Sad for us, glorious for Adam. Judy, My Mother's heart breaks for you. I pray each day for strength for you to carry on as I have experienced your heartache as you know. I've prayed my brave Husband and soldier Jack will greet Adam with his wonderful Irish laugh and introduce him to his new home. I believe God answers prayer and someday Judy we will see them there. I love you and I am here for you day and night. All my love to your Mom and all Adam's family and friends, to Adam's wonderful stepdad Bob, and his father Frank. God Bless and keep you under his wing of protection and comfort. Love always, Kathy Nolan Patton

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PS

Petty Officer 3Rd Class Lee Sienicki posted:

I never had the opportunity to meet MSG Benjamin. I am deeply saddened by the news of his death. I have been in both the Army and the Navy and have been deployed twice, and am currently gearing up for my third. It is hard to lose a loved one and even harder to lose one in combat. I want you to know that the military is mourning also. I wanted to leave you with a poem titled "A Soldier's Prayer". I hope it brings some comfort in your time of need. A Soldier's Prayer (author unknown) Do not stand at my grave and weep I am not there; I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sun on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there; I did not die.

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CP

Colleen Pawlak posted:

Aaron and Family, My heartfelt sympathies to all of you during this sorrowful time! My appreciation and gratitude to Adam for making this country what it is today, "Free" Thank you to a true Hometown HERO! Love and Prayers!

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MG

Marcie Roslan&George posted:

Our Prayers go out to your family!! May God be with you all at this time!!!! just wonder how many more of our family members we have to lose before they end this thing called war, We are so thankful for your son!

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DG

Debbie & Greg Lee posted:

We did not know Adam or his family, but want to express our condolences his family at this painful time. We are very grateful for his service and sacrifice. May he rest in peace and may time & precious memories soothe your anguish. You are in our prayers ~

August 27 at 8:00 PM

KM

Kay Martin posted:

Although I didn't know Adam, I am grateful for his service to our country. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, and all the brave men and women who serve in the military. We are so proud of Adam.

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JH

Janet Horvath posted:

My prayers are with you at this most difficult time. I do not know Adam but am an alumni of Garfield HTs High (class of 1978) and my father is an ex-Marine. We are proud that your son protected our freedom being in the Marines. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts Adam! Rest in Peace! Semper Fi!

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ML

Mark Longrich posted:

Hi Bob, we are all very surprised about what happened to your son. Thank you for raising a son that has the belief to protect our country, as required. We thank your son for his service and protection. God bless, Mark Longrich

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DJ

Daniel Jeffers posted:

TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF ADAM F. BENJAMIN YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES. ADAM I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR GREAT NATION AND TO THE FAMILY I KNOW THIS IS A BIG SACRIFICE FOR YOU. I AM A VIETNAM VET AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU AND SEND YOU MY CONDOLENCES.

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CP

Colleen Pawlak posted:

Aaron and Family, My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family during this very sorrowful time! I can't even express my appreciation and gratitude for Adam giving us and our country the ultimate gift for freedom! For that he will forever be remembered and honored as "Our Hometown Hero" Thoughts and prayers to all of you!

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DV

Donna Vekas posted:

My heart goes out to you as the family & friends of Adam. I am fortunate to have gotten a chance to know him, and I am so very proud of him. He will be sorely missed. My friend, my hero.

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BS

Bill, Nicole, Sarah, Emily Stokar posted:

We were so sorry to hear of your loss. May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

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SZ

Sharry Zeman posted:

Although I never met Adam I felt as if I knew him through Aaron. Aaron spoke so highly of his brother and was very proud of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all through this difficult time. Adam's memory and the sacrifice that he made will live on. There are really are no words of comfort to describe a loss like this, but Michael and I will forever hold a special place in our hearts for Adam. We pray that God will give you the strength to get through this. We are always here for you. God Bless you Adam you're a real American Hero.

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Anonymous posted:

To Judy, I don't know where to begin. Aaron and Adam have been my friends from my earliest childhood days. You have been a friend and like a second mother to me in so many ways. My heart is so sad and broken I cry alot. I already miss Adam and feel so bad for you and Bob and Aaron. What can I do? You have always been here for me, please know that I am only a phone call away for you and Aaron. I love you and Bob and cherish the memories I have of birthday parties and other visits together with Aaron and Adam, who became like my brothers. I think you are a wonderful Mom and my friend. Please call me I am here for you. All of my love, Shannon Cherosky Lappert

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Penny & Tony Dellorso posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. My grandson is a third generation Marine and I can't begin to imagine the pain you are in right now. May God bless and keep you and help you through this most difficult time. Penny & Tony Dellorso Garfield Hts.

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Toolman-Leathernecks Nation Mc posted:

My sincere condolences to you and your family. I am grateful for people like your son who defend our country and keep our freedom free.

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Tom And Kim Cochran posted:

God Bless you and your family. We wish we could be there to give our support in this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers and lots of love are sent to the family.

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The Laurence Family, Andy, Stacie And Carrigan posted:

Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you all. May god fill your hearts as angel wings wrap around Adam.

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Janice Lascko posted:

Brother Marine - your sacrifice to God, service and country will not go unremembered. As a Marine's Marine, you stand for all we strive for. Your physical journey here has ended but your eternal post will just begin. Thank you for all you have been and all you will be. Sgt Janice Lascko USMC

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John Shipman posted:

My prayers, love and condolences to Adam's family. A Navy vet myself, I have the greatest respect for our Marines. This country and our world is a much better place because of their sacrifices. May the words of Psalms 16, 17 and 18 have comfort and meaning to you all. John Shipman

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Don, Chris, Sean & Nick Whitticar posted:

Not ever knowing or having met Adam he is still one of our countries' "Sons". You need to know there are countless families like ours that can never directly express our appreciation for his service and ultimate sacrifice. My sons are reminded by me almost daily how selfless these men and women are to protect us from all that would compromise our way of life, all in the name of Honor.

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JS

John & Barb Shedlock posted:

Our hearts go out to you the family of Adam and we pray for his soul. He gave his life so we can have the freedoms we take for granted. May God Bless all the family and give you strength to endure without him, but he will always be there watching over you, you have your "own special angel". Please know that the community of GH is sharing in your sorrow in this difficult time. He was after all one of our "home town boys".

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SZ

Suzanne Esteves - Zeitz posted:

My Son Jeremy went to school with Adam and also they were in boot camp together in South Carolina. My heart goes out to you and I am so sorry for your loss. May God give you all the strength to carry on in the days ahead. Adam was our hero.

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DM

Diane And Don Moore posted:

We had the honor and privilege to meet Adam last October when he came to Delaware to be the Best Man in my daughter and son-in-law's (Becca and Brian Brooks) wedding. He came here from a visit home and needed to put some food that his Mom had sent back with him in our freezer. The minute he came into the house he was like part of the family. We spent a lot of time with him over that weekend and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. We are sorry that he won't be here to be the Godfather of our first grandchild but I'm sure Becca and Brian will have lots of stories to tell him about Uncle Adam and lots of pictures to show him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Adam's family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

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JR

Jerome Riehl posted:

I first met Adam back in 2000 when we both were stationed with MSSG 22, he was a Sgt then and I just a young Lance. Adam had a way of encouraging the young Marines that had a profound affect on me at the time and has stuck with me since. The last time I saw Adam was about year ago and he still had that wonderful sense of humor that made him such a great friend and Marine. He will be greatly missed by the Marine Corps and my family. Our prayers will be with your family during these trying times. Semper Fi , Jerome Riehl

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JM

Judy Mcconnell posted:

My sincere condolences to your family on the death of your son. Remember that "because of what he did, we are able to do what we do." The Marines are warriors, and they are the "Best of the Best". May your wonderful memories bring you comfort today and in the future.

August 27 at 8:00 PM

PB

Pbarch posted:

God Bless Adam, Thank you for your service. The soldier stood and faced his God Which must always come to pass... He hoped his shoes were shining Just as brightly as his brass. "Step forward now, you soldier, How shall I deal with you? Have you always turned the other cheek? To My Church have you been true?" The soldier squared his shoulders and Said,"No, Lord, I guess I ain't... Because those of us who carry guns Can't always be a saint. I've had to work most Sundays And at times my talk was tough, And sometimes I've been violent, Because the streets are awfully tough. But, I never took a penny That wasn't mine to keep... Though I worked a lot of overtime When the bills got just too steep, And I never passed a cry for help, Though at times I shook with fear, And sometimes, God forgive me, I've wept unmanly tears. I know I don't deserve a place Among the people here... They never wanted me around Except to calm their fears. If you've a place for me here, Lord, It needn't be so grand, never expected or had too much, But if you don't, I'll understand." There was a silence all around the throne Where the saints had often trod... As the soldier waited quietly, For the judgment of his God, "Step forward now you soldier, Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,... You've done your time in Hell."

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RM

Rebecca Randolph / Jeremy Lee (Astro Mfg) posted:

We wanted to say thank you for allowing your son to serve our wonderful country. Our thoughts and our prayers go out to you and your family in this time of grief. But Don't forget everything that he has done and how brave he was to give his life so that we may continue to have our "freedom". God bless all of you

August 27 at 8:00 PM

EW

Eric,Mitzi And Laci Wright posted:

Our prayers are with the entire family. We take comfort in being able to see Adam at the BBQ and will always cherish those memories. To all those left behind we hope the good Lord will grant us all the strength, love and courage to see everyone through.

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AU

Allen Powell Usn Vet posted:

My prayers are with you at this difficult time. Adam gave the ultimate sacrifice. I am grateful to all the veterans who are protecting our freedom. Rest in Peace and God Bless. Respectfully a fellow veteran.

August 27 at 8:00 PM

BR

Brenda posted:

Although I didn't know Adam, I just wanted to express my gratitude to Adam for his service to our country. We as Americans owe so much to the soldiers fighting for our freedom. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Thank you for raising a son that was not afraid to lay down his own life for the freedom of this country.

August 27 at 8:00 PM

ST

Sara Brinkman Toma posted:

Frank (Benji)& Benjamin kids, my heart goes out to your family as you grieve this loss. I'm praying that God would comfort you, as only He can. God's grace is sufficient to help you through this time. I will continue to lift you up. Much love, Sara Toma

August 27 at 8:00 PM

DM

Debbie Miller posted:

My heart and my prayers go out to you through this difficult time. I'm proud for have knowing such a fine young man and for having served our country through one of the best branches of our service. My prayers will always be with you. Having a son, that started along with Adam's adventure in the USMC, Adam servered as best man at my son's wedding and along with their fun times, my son is at a deep loss. So my prayers are for you and everyone that knew Adam. God Bless You All. Debbie Miller (Dustin's Mom)

August 27 at 8:00 PM

BH

Brian And Diane Huffman posted:

Our prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Your son Adam, was a wonderful and caring person. We loved him with all of our hearts and he will be greatly missed. He will forever be a part of our family. May God bless you and your family.

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MG

Marci Penz-Gajewski posted:

I graduated with Adam in 1993 from Garfield Heights High School. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this very difficult time. He gave the ultimate for our country. God Bless and I pray that you are all given the strength that you will all need.

August 24 at 8:00 PM

CP

Christi Payson posted:

Although I have never personally met Adam or his family. His brother Amos's unit in Iraq was on our soldier care package list at work along with our TShirts for Troops collection we did last Christmas. Amos is in a picture with one of our local Marines, Josh Twigg, holding our company flag in Iraq. This pictures sits in my office located in Indiana, PA, our corporate office in Charleston, WV, our district office in Glenville, WV, and our headquarters in Denver, CO. We here at Energy Corporation of America fully support these soldiers and their fight to keep our country free. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Adam and may God bless them all and provide them with the strength to get through this difficult time. Christi Payson, Administratvie Assistant Energy Corporation of America

August 24 at 8:00 PM

KW

Kay Wright posted:

Our last visit with Adam at the family Bar-B-Que was a special memory for us. His smile, sense of humor and his wonderful stories will always stay with us. He will remain forever in our hearts.

August 24 at 8:00 PM

JP

James And Letitia Park posted:

We met Adam through a family friend! Adam was a great guy with a great sense of humor! I am blessed and honored that we got to know Adam. Our thoughts and prayers got out to all of Adams family and friends during the very difficult time!!! He will never be forgotten. He is our American hero!

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Cheryl (Reeves) Thompson posted:

Benji- You may not remember me, but I remember you and Adam from long ago days at Gospel House. I am so sorry for your loss of Adam from this life. I am grateful that there are still young men and women willing to risk their lives to keep freedom alive in this world. You will be in our prayers this week especially and from now on as live goes on with out him. Praying that you all will feel the everlasting arms of Jesus holding you up at this difficult time. God bless you all in a special way.

August 24 at 8:00 PM



George & Dreama Cusic posted:

So fortunate to have met such a great young man, handsome, intelligent, respectful, funny... We first met Adam in 1996, at least thats where my photos start. Cannot view my videos, so heartbroken. I tried to talk him out of doing another stint over there but you don't ask a Marine to not do what he is trained for and believes in so my intire family has been behind him and praying for him. He told me on his last visit that he will be okay cause my guardian angel was with him that I gave him a symbol of a long time ago. I have shed alot of tears and I am sure more to come but I will send the strength I have to his dear Mother and family to endure this terrible loss. God had a place for our Adam, Rest in Peace and God Bless all his family and friends. George & Dreama Cusic

August 23 at 8:00 PM



Sandy Mansell posted:

My prayers are with you during this difficult time. You don't know me, but I wanted you to know how grateful I am for your son's service to our country. It is men and women like him who have kept American free. And it is at times like these when we realize the true meaning of the phrase "freedom isn't free." May the Lord give you His peace and strength to carry on. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. (John 15:13)

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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