



## Benjamin "Ben" Daniel DeFabbio

October 25, 1977 - November 24, 2017

Benjamin "Ben" Daniel DeFabbio, 40, of Muscoda, WI died on November 24, 2017 at his home after tragically taking his own life and leaving all those that loved him deeply to bear the loss of a beautiful soul.

Ben was born on October 25, 1977 in Fort Worth, Texas to Nicholas and Robin DeFabbio. At the age of 18 Ben joined the United States Navy and proudly served his country, taking great pride in following in his father's footsteps. Ben was an avid outdoorsman who was passionate about hunting and fishing, although his greatest pleasure was found in the kitchen where he loved to prepare the most decadent meals for all those he cared for. Ben worked as a nurse where he found fulfillment in helping and caring for others. Ben was easily brought to tears sharing about his experiences as a nurse where he found solace in being present and empathetic with those who were suffering, needing a hand to hold and someone to show love. It is true that the broken are often those best equipped at healing the wounded.

Ben was no stranger to pain and suffering. He shared that he never felt like he fit in or belonged, from childhood on. He waged war with himself, struggling in darkness, fighting, believing, hoping but in the end, he grew tired of fighting forces that he was unable to conquer. Ben knew Christ as Lord and Savior of his life and we look forward to the day we are reunited in Heaven, where there is no more pain and suffering.

Ben is remembered by his sensitive kind spirit, his silliness, his infectious laugh, his love of family and his passionate desire and ability to make others

laugh. He will forever live on in all those who knew and loved him.

Special thanks to his uncle Jim Langkamp for his love, support, and efforts to reach Ben in the last weeks of his life.

Ben is survived by his wife, Renee DeFabbio, children Garrett Gendron and Destiny DeFabbio, mother, Robin (Vinnie) DeFabbio, brother Christopher (Megan) Veurink, sister Cherith (Shane) Dilley, grandparents, Daniel and Mary Veurink, numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Nicholas DeFabbio, grandparents, Robert and Jeanne Langkamp, aunt and uncle, Gary and Sue Langkamp.

There will be a private family memorial service per Ben's wishes. Memorials can be directed to the family. On line condolences can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Robin, My deepest sympathy at the loss of your son. Although I didn't know him, it seems that he touched many people in spite of the personal struggles that he faced. My thoughts are with you.  
*Maureen Smith*

Maureen Smith - December 01, 2017 at 05:14 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Daniel DeFabbio.



November 29, 2017 at 11:37 PM



“ Blessings of sympathy Robin and family. Cherish the wonderful memories you have of Ben. I did not know him, but it sounds like he was a loveable and fun guy to be around.. HUGS

Helen Sheafor - November 29, 2017 at 12:03 AM

KW

“ Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to you Renee and your Children. Sending our prayers ❤️



Kristie Wentland - November 26, 2017 at 10:09 PM

Renee Defabbio

“ Renee Defabbio lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Daniel DeFabbio



Renee Defabbio - November 26, 2017 at 08:50 PM



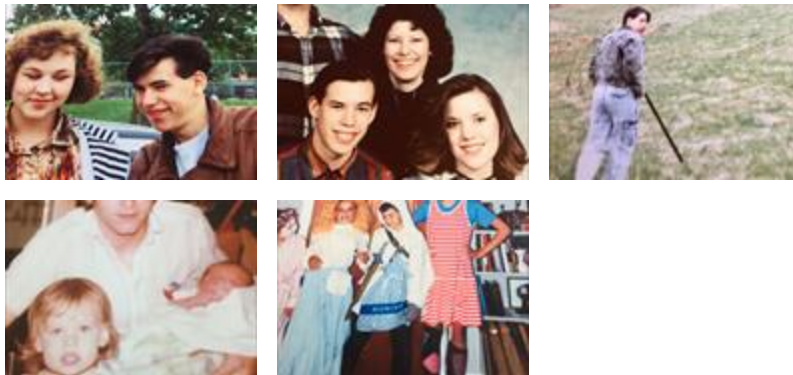
“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Daniel DeFabbio.



November 26, 2017 at 04:25 PM



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Jen Thomas - November 25, 2017 at 01:47 PM

JT

“ *Jen Thomas lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Daniel DeFabbio*



Jen Thomas - November 25, 2017 at 11:53 AM

JT

*His light, his laughter, his smile will forever light up my life. Thank you Ben for all the good times and for sharing your life with me. I'll miss you more than you will ever know. Rest easy. Fair winds and following seas shipmate/husband/friend!*

Jen Thomas - November 25, 2017 at 11:55 AM

JT

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Jen Thomas - November 25, 2017 at 11:52 AM

CD

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Cherith dilley - November 25, 2017 at 11:36 AM

KB

“ *Kathy Bendt lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Daniel DeFabbio*



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**Kathy Bendt** - November 25, 2017 at 11:27 AM

KB

“ *Robyn, I am truly sorry to hear of this news. Although I didn't really know him as an adult, I remember him as a kid. Always happy and full of energy/life. May God watch over you during this time and as you said, the pain of his demons are gone. I am here for you if you need anything. I think of you often even though I live here in Indiana.*

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**Kathy Bendt** - November 25, 2017 at 11:19 AM

 David  
Crew

“ *Ben was always full of life with a great smile. It is truly heart breaking to hear of his passing. He always had his hair on point, I mean we could hit a hurricane and his hair some how managed to fall back into position. He was a caring person and would stop to listen to anyone's issues. He would truly give you the shirt off his back if you needed it, its just how he was. We talked about video games, movies, comics, what it would be like to be back at home instead of in the Navy. Ben was just one of those guys that it was impossible not to like. We have a saying with my brothers and sisters of the squad, Once A Blue Diamond, Always A Blue Diamond. Ben will live on in our hearts, may he be at peace in the next life. Salute*

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**David Crew** - November 25, 2017 at 04:39 AM



*That hair, though. Ben always looked perfect, even after six hours in a gas mask during GQ drills. He was so funny, warm, and such a good friend. I'm glad we reconnected on Facebook, but wish we had talked more and posted less.*

**Molly Agundez** - November 25, 2017 at 07:36 AM



*Thank you David and VFA -146. Love your sharing, wonderful memories*

**Robin Ferguson** - November 25, 2017 at 08:05 AM



*It was so much fun to work with him summers in Chicago. Always lighthearted. Always kept me smiling. Many fond memories of just hanging out and talking... even if it was just about nothing.*

**Michael Start** - November 25, 2017 at 10:31 AM



*“ What a beautiful tribute, Robin. My deepest sympathies to you during this time. He certainly had a zest for life and will be remembered for those beautiful memories.*

*Hallie Wiertzema*

**Hallie Wiertzema** - November 25, 2017 at 12:55 AM



*“ Darcy Bassett lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Ben" Daniel DeFabbio*



**Darcy Bassett** - November 24, 2017 at 11:44 PM

CB

“ I met Ben while working at Care and rehab of Boscobel. He was filling in as RN. Ben did care about the residents and those he worked with.. He was in my opinion a great guy. Rest in peace Ben



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**Connie Bender** - November 24, 2017 at 10:45 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Ben" Daniel DeFabbio.



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November 24, 2017 at 09:31 PM



“ To Robin and all of the family. You have my heartfelt sympathy for the loss of Ben. You are in my prayers.



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**Jane Gainor** - November 24, 2017 at 08:35 PM



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**Robin Ferguson** - November 24, 2017 at 07:27 PM

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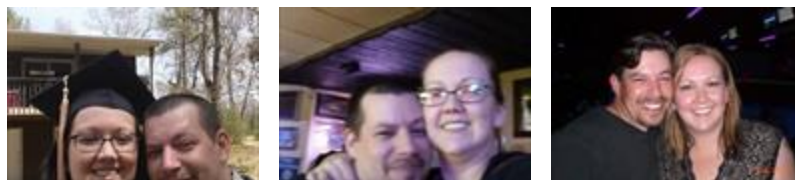
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Cherith dilley - November 24, 2017 at 07:22 PM

Renee Defabbio

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Cherith dilley - November 24, 2017 at 07:03 PM

 Darcy Bassett

“ *Ben.... When I met him had a love for life . He loved being a nurse. Yes he was fighting his demons. He always made us all laugh. Had to be the smartass. One of the many things all of us loved him for. He always cared no matter what he had going on he was there for his friends  
He would say it will be ok. Or it will get figured out.  
Even though at the same time he was fighting his own fight.  
He is finally at peace. May he finally have the eternal life that he deserves.  
Ben~ Have a party for all of us.  
We will see you again on the other side of the gate.*

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**Darcy Bassett** - November 24, 2017 at 06:05 PM

GR

“ *Benjie was such a caring young man , had a heart of gold. I was visiting many years ago when Benjie was young and I was going to sleep on a futon and Benjie offered me his bed,he wanted me to be comfortable and because I didn't have my glasses he sat next to my bed and read the Bible to me. He holds a special place in my heart love you dear Benjie and will see you in heaven. Glory*

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**gloria reilley** - November 24, 2017 at 05:47 PM

 Renee Defabbio

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**Renee Defabbio** - November 24, 2017 at 05:32 PM