



Benjamin Martin

July 25, 1981 - May 9, 2020

Benjamin Boyd Martin, 38, of San Pedro, CA passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2020. Benjamin was born on July 25, 1981 in Mt. Kisco, NY to his parents, James and Diana Martin. He is survived by his beloved wife Katherine Martin and two children; Jackson (3) and Madeline (1) as well as his four siblings; Katie Stewart (husband Jeff), Mary Clarin (husband Dan), Allison Vining (husband Drew), and Matthew Martin. He is also survived by his grandparents Eldon and Bertha Bucy, many cousins who were like brothers and sisters to him as well as many doting aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Benjamin was preceded in death by his cousin and best friend, Steilyn Martin who passed away in June of 2016.

Benjamin graduated from Colorado State University in 2004 with a degree in wildlife biology. During his time at CSU, he was actively engaged in Phi Kappa Tau and maintained life-long, close ties with his fraternity brothers. In January of 2008, Benjamin joined the United States Coast Guard where he attended his basic training in Cape May, NJ. Following basic training, Benjamin was stationed in Virginia Beach, VA and worked aboard the US Coast Guard Cutter Cohito. Benjamin went on to attend Marine Science Technician (MST) "A" school in Yorktown, VA in 2009 before being stationed in Willowbrook, IL at MSU Chicago from 2009-2013.

Benjamin met his wife, Kate, in the Fall of 2011 and they were married in June 2014 in Chicago, IL. Following his tour in Chicago, Benjamin was stationed in St. Louis, MO at Sector Upper Mississippi from 2013-2017. Benjamin and his wife had their first child, Jackson in November of 2016. After his tour in St. Louis, Benjamin was stationed at Sector LA/LB in San Pedro, CA in June of 2017. Benjamin and his wife had their second child, Madeline, in May of 2019. He was very passionate about his career in the Coast Guard and advanced to Petty Officer First Class, Marine Science Technician in June of 2019.

Outside of Benjamin's work in the Coast Guard and spending time with his wife and children, he loved sports. He was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs, Blackhawks, Bears and Notre Dame football and had infinite knowledge about the players, teams, and rules of the games he loved.

Benjamin will forever be remembered for his infectious smile and laugh, his genuineness, and his great big bear hugs. He was an incredible father, loving husband, and dedicated friend.

A private service will be held for immediate family on Tuesday, May 26th at Green Hills Memorial Park in Ranchos Palos Verdes, CA. The family would kindly request that no flowers be delivered for the service. A future memorial and internment of his cremated remains will be scheduled at a later date.

Family and friends of Benjamin are invited to share their favorite photos, video memories and heart felt messages on his Tribute page on the Green Hills Mortuary Website.

Comments



“ Stephanie Eugea lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Stephanie Eugea - February 10 at 01:58 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.

Steve Bucy & Family. - May 27, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ Christian Mais lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Christian Mais - May 27, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ Alisha Mireles lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Alisha Mireles - May 26, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ Thinking of all of Ben's loved ones on this day of his memorial service. I knew him to be a loving family man, good friend to my Christopher and Abby and an all around nice guy. May the brightness of his spirit shine on in all.
Love, Donna Ogdon Chen



Donna Chen - May 26, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ Joshua Wilson lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Joshua Wilson - May 26, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ Ben will be deeply missed by all who knew him. W

Joshua Wilson - May 26, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ Dear Kate, Jack, Maddie, and parents and siblings of Ben,

We wish you strength, peace and healing from the ultimate hardship of losing your loved one. May you keep alive in your memory Ben's smile and love he had for each and every one of you. May you stay strong knowing Ben is looking after you from above.

With Love and Respect,
Karapetyan Family

Karapetyan Family - May 26, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ Ben was a true friend and shipmate. He was always willing to share a thought, and train and help when necessary. I appreciate the many conversations we had on duty together. I will miss out talks his his insight.

Conrad Carruthers - May 26, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ To the Sturges family,
Thank you for loving Ben like one of your own and accepting him as family. He loved you all very much. We're sorry for your loss.
Love,
Charlotte, John, Julianne, Rachel, & Charlie Martin

Julianne Helen - May 26, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ Kate and loving family,

My family and I are praying for you during this most difficult time. I am proud to have served with him in LA. His dedication and care for his craft inspired all around him. He took his work seriously, and his knowledge and understanding surpassed his experience.

I enjoyed our casual conversations about baseball and the kids the most. I have no doubt he will be enjoying baseball alongside all of us once play resumes.

Dan Brahan

Dan Brahan - May 26, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ I've always looked up to Ben as both a mentor and friend, he will remain in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest condolences to Bens family.

Brian Wyatt - May 26, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ Martin Family,

My prayers and condolences go out to you all. I worked with Ben and each morning he would stop by, and spread kindness and laughter. He spoke so lovingly and fondly of you, and most especially of Kate, Jack and Maddie. I feel blessed to have known Ben, laughed with him, and gotten to know you through his stories. He will be forever missed.

Warmest Regards,
Kyra Dykeman

Kyra Dykeman - May 26, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ My prayers are with all of you & we are all so lucky to have known Ben. Kate, Matt & Allie did a wonderful eulogy. We will all remember his laugh & feel his hugs. Love you, Aunt MH

Mary Anderson - May 26, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ Words can't even begin to describe how much Ben will be missed. It was such an honor to work with Ben and call him my friend. From the moment I meet him, his compassionate nature became infectious. He always knew how to brighten anyone's day and make you smile. I know he continues to look after all of us.

Rachel Grena - May 26, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ Martin Family and Friends-

I grieve with you with the passing of Ben Martin. He was a good man who served honorably in the Coast Guard. I saw him every day and was privileged to have him as part of the team. He worked hard and well, and cared passionately about doing his best for the people he served. He was also generous and kind. He will be missed greatly.

Isaac Mahar

Isaac Mahar - May 26, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ I remember the first time I met Ben and Kate. I was coming into the picture (dating Allie) and they found time to meet us for lunch as they also tried to prepare to go on a much anticipated honeymoon. The four of us met at a restaurant in downtown St. Louis. In what I would come to learn is true "Ben style", I was welcomed to the table with open arms. He (and Kate) made the time together most enjoyable - engaging me, expressing a clear interest wanting to know who I was while sharing about who they were too. I have always been grateful for that initial "getting to know (some of) the Martins." I know I will continue to feel his absence in my life, most notably when we go to gather again at the table - missing his welcoming embrace and intentionality. Thank you, Ben.

Love,
Drew

Drew Vining - May 26, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ Kaprem Kotecki lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Kaprem kotecki - May 26, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ Our condolences go out to Ben's family and loved ones. We would see Ben every morning when he came into work and would share our funny stories and happenings with him. He always had a smile on his face for us and always asked how we were doing. We are heartbroken at the loss of this kind and down to earth man. May God keep Ben in His loving arms. God Bless, Ben.

Mike Verrengia & Vanessa De La Cruz

Michael Verrengia - May 26, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ We cried along with you. We're holding all of you tightly with our love.

Jim and Judy - May 26, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ Kate,

I just want you to know we are here supporting in spirit and virtually, until we can all celebrate Ben together. We miss Ben's smile and physical presence at the unit, but are comforted by the presence of his spirit in all the beautiful reminders mentioned in the lovely poem you shared with us. Our thoughts, prayers, and support are with you.
-Audrey E.



Audrey E. - May 26, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ Heather Bucy & Conor Griffin lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Heather Bucy & Conor Griffin - May 26, 2020 at 12:58 PM



“ Ben, we will always miss you, but know that you from afar will always be the shining light smiling down on your family and friends, watching and keeping them safe and that will forever serve as a constant reminder of what's beautiful in life. Fair winds and following seas my friend.

Josh Brown - May 26, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to kate and and the Martin family. May you take comfort in the lives that Ben has touched for the good. May you Rest In Peace Ben. Uncle Jim

Jim Bucy - May 26, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ Honor to serve with you Ben. RIP Shipmate.



DC1 Albert Serrano - May 26, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ To the Martin family, Ben's parents and siblings, to Kate, Jack, and Maddie:

It was an honor to serve with a man like Ben, whose diligence, integrity, and devotion to his shipmates and his country serve as a testament to his character, his family, and the support he received from all of you. Thank you for your love for him, thank you for your patience, your devotion, and the sacrifices you have made in your own life - made on his behalf. As a Service, and, as shipmates, we were the beneficiaries of the service you provided to him that enabled him to be the professional, passionate, and incredible Coast Guardsman that we all admired. I am humbled to have had the opportunity to serve with Ben, and we will not forget him.

Please let us know how we can continue to support going forward. My deepest condolences and prayers for all of you, and I believe that faith, hope, and love will carry us through.

Stephen Bor

Stephen Bor - May 26, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ Our love and prayers go out to today and everyday in the future. We will keep your family close to our hearts. Sending special prayers to your children also.



Daniel and Rachael Reed - May 26, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ Jim Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Jim Gustafson - May 26, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ Craig Bucy And Kary Morales lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Craig Bucy and Kary Morales - May 26, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ May you rest in peace, Ben. It was an absolute honor to serve with you and get to know you. I wish all those who knew and loved Ben especially his family can find peace in knowing they will meet you again.



Luciano Reinoso - May 26, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ Mike Arellano lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Mike Arellano - May 26, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ Kayla Diaz lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Kayla Diaz - May 26, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ Claire Pham lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Claire Pham - May 26, 2020 at 12:51 PM



“ Dearest Family,
May you feel the loving arms of God wrapped around you and be comforted to know that Ben is in God's loving care. May the Grace of God be with each and every one of you. Ben will always be with us and we have so many wonderful memories that we will have in our hearts forever. Prayers for all of you and just know we are here for you all.
Lovingly,
Barb and Mike

Barb Bucy - May 26, 2020 at 12:51 PM



“ We love you Ben. I can't wait to see your smile, hear your laugh, and give you a hug again.

Love,

Larry, Lianne, Riley & Brecken

Larry Martin - May 26, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ Diana, Jim, and Family. So very sorry for your loss
You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you all.

Kathy Flynn - May 26, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ Kate, Jack, Maddie, Diana, Jim, Katie, Mary Frances, Allie and Matt:
Words seem so little right now. We watched the memorial service and cried along with you. We wish we could be there to share this pain with you all. We will all be together soon and tell Ben stories and laugh and cry again. We can practice hugging one another as tight as we can in tribute to Ben.

love you all

Uncle John, Aunt Char, Julianne, Rachel and Charlie Martin

Charlotte A Martin - May 26, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ Tim Marriott lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Tim Marriott - May 26, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Blake Tilton lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Blake Tilton - May 26, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Mike Olivas lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Mike Olivas - May 26, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ You are all in our prayers and hearts may God wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace. God Bless!!



Uncle Mike - May 26, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ Erica Honda lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Erica Honda - May 26, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ Monica Speece lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Monica Speece - May 26, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ Mitch Laughlin lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Mitch Laughlin - May 26, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ He was a great friend with a kind and encouraging word for anyone who needed it.



julia - May 26, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ James Campo lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



James Campo - May 26, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ Kassie Delaney lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Kassie Delaney - May 26, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ Deepest condolences to the family, miss you Ben.



Bryan Reed - May 26, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Julianne Helen - May 26, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ Julianne Helen lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Martin



Julianne Helen - May 26, 2020 at 12:42 PM



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Dear Kate,

How does one express condolences that seem to share the love and support we want to give to you and your kids? I am still baffled in conveying words that to me seem so inadequate. In my 38 years of knowing my nephew, I cannot express enough the joys Ben brought to everyone's lives that knew him. Many have said words about his infectious smile, his incredible bear hugs, his outstretched hands to anyone needing assistance, & the list could go on and on. I will truly miss EVERYTHING about this incredible young man who brought love and laughter into so many lives, mine included!

This is tough and there will be many tougher days ahead. My way of dealing with this is through my faith. I have to seek scriptures that share Hope and signs about Life going on even when this feels impossible. "Even when we don't necessarily want it to or don't even know how to put one step in front of the other without you." I've read somewhere in my devotions lately that we have the "promise of eternal life and that's the Hope of the resurrection. It's the foundation of faith. Life comes from death."

As you grieve, dearest Kate, reach out and hold tight to the belief that Ben is in the loving arms of God and God is carrying you and your children through this as well as days, weeks, months, and years ahead. You are not alone nor will you ever be. We love you so very much as well as Jack and Maddie. We are here for you in whatever ways you would like for us to be.

Lovingly,
Aunt Barb and Uncle Mike

Barb Bucy - May 22, 2020 at 04:25 PM



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My dear Kate,

It will be the little things that you will remember ... the quiet moments, the smiles, the laughter. And although it may seem hard right now, it will be the memories of these little things that help to push away the pain and bring the smiles to your beautiful face.

Words, however kind, cannot mend your heartache; but those who care for you and share your grief wish you comfort and peace of mind.

With love,
Uncle Steve and Aunt Judi

judith jackson - May 21, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ Love you Ben.



Julianne Martin - May 21, 2020 at 07:50 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Reed - May 21, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ Had the pleasure of meeting Ben and Kate in Fall 2011 at Community Christian Church. Over the years I witnessed how their love grew and how their family prospered. Ben was a man of great charisma and sense of humor. He will be missed. His light will always shine upon his legacy: Jack and Maddie.

My heartfelt sympathies to Kate and their children, as well as their extended family.

Wilmer Alvarez - May 21, 2020 at 05:28 PM