



Benjamin (Ben) G Bocian

October 6, 1956 - June 28, 2022

Benjamin (Ben) G. Bocian (65) passed away unexpectedly June 28, 2022.

Ben grew up in Dunellen, NJ and was the son of the late Stephen & Catherine Rose (Orlando) Bocian. Dunellen was where Ben started his career as a volunteer fire fighter. After graduating Dunellen High School (1975) he attended Jersey City State University studying Fire Science before applying and being recruited by the Washington D.C. Fire Department. He worked for 27 years, retiring in 2004. Ben's last call of duty with his Fire House Engine 13 driving the Crash/Foam Truck at the White House for Marine One and Marine Two, serving The President & Vice President of the United States.

Ben briefly lived in Maryland, where he met the love of his life Linda Osborne. They happily married in 1981, and then settled in Alexandria, Virginia. Ben and Linda raised their son Benjamin (Benji) Bocian, who was Ben's best friend and buddy. He was the most beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Brother-In-Law, Uncle, who was devoted to his family first & foremost. Known as "PaPa", Ben traveled every week from his home in South Carolina to stay in Baltimore, MD (Monday - Friday) to help with his cherished, granddaughter, Mary Bocian, and then back home to South Carolina on the weekends.

As an avid runner, Ben was up at the break of dawn, running 4-6 miles since he began running Cross Country and Track in high school. Ben loved sports,

was a history buff sharing and teaching history with his son and family members. When he had the time, he enjoyed playing golf and meeting up with friends. For the past 30 years, Ben loved umpiring baseball for Little League, Dixie League, Junior and High School levels in both Virginia and South Carolina.

Along with his loving & devoted wife of 40 years Linda Bocian – Pawleys Island, SC, Ben leaves behind his son Ben Bocian-Baltimore, MD, sisters Catherine Hartje (Robert), Rosemary Bocian-Schneider (Michael), Stephen Bocian (Debra), Mother In-Law Imogene Osborne, Sister In-Laws & husbands, Jeannie Osborne-Smith, Tina Osborne- Phelps, Aline Osborne-Reavis, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews whom all have beautiful memories and thoughts of our Ben.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at Frist Baptist Church of Georgetown. Burial will follow at Penny Royal Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda, I just heard of Bens passing today... He was a fiend to work with at Litchfield..... my thought are with you*

Louise Fitzpatrick - June 24, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ Exchanging phone calls, texts and pictures of our grandchildren were the norm.

February of this year, Ben called "Hey my flight's been canceled, Mary is with her mother, Benji has plans and I'm kinda stuck here. If I take the train can someone pick me up, drop me off and give me a place to spend the night?" "Sure come on up we'll figure it out. You can stay at my house. Just remember I have 2 dogs." And Ben came (FYI my husband picked him up and I dropped him off).

Ben wanted to drive by the Dunellen Fire House, which had recently experienced a fire, and stop at the Dunellen Firemen's Memorial. Well, we spent the afternoon touring our old stomping grounds reminiscing, laughing and some serious talking as you would with your old high school best friend while visiting your old home town. Ben had dinner with our sister Cathy's family. The next afternoon I dropped him off at the train station. That was the last time we physically saw Ben.

The day Ben passed, he was suppose to be driving to Balitimore inorder to pick up his granddaughter Mary, the crown jewel in his life.

The next day Ben and Mary were going to join my family down the Jersey Shore for a short time. Cathy and her family were coming to spend the day-a mini family vacation of sorts. The grandkids were excited, looking forward to spending time together as were we. Our childhood summers were spent at Nanny's house in Ortlely Beach NJ. So many fond, loving memories.

Ben loved life and we loved Ben. We will forever miss him.

A quote from Morgan Matson:

A thousand moments that I had just taken for granted-Mostly because I had assumed that there would be a thousand more





Rosemary Bocian-Schneider - July 07, 2022 at 12:10 PM

MV

“ Linda, I was so saddened to learn of Ben’s passing. We went way back, having first met Ben during our son’s rec ball days, then continuing through his high school baseball days. Then I was lucky enough to reconnect with Ben through my days working for Dr. Smith. He was always do kind, and never failed to ask about both my son and husband. I send prayers of peace and comfort to you and your family in the coming days. Mardy

Mardy Vick - July 06, 2022 at 11:58 AM

CE

“ I feel so lucky to have had Ben as a friend, and our family is sending our love to his family. My nephew Julien and I spent many happy days in Baltimore with Mary and Grandpa Ben, taking long walks around the neighborhood, hanging out on playgrounds, visiting the Maryland Science Center. It was wonderful to watch him with Mary-- kind, gentle, always patient, and so delighted to celebrate her accomplishments. He brought that same generosity of spirit and easy friendliness to the adults around him. I'm going to miss him very much.



Cecily - July 06, 2022 at 10:31 AM

PR

“ I am sorry to have heard of Ben's passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with his family at this trying time. Our shared Dunellen roots gave us the importance of service.

Paul Runyon - July 04, 2022 at 09:27 PM

ML

“ Many memories of growing up and going to school with my cousin Ben. Collecting baseball cards, running on the cross-country team in high school and playing golf at Tara Greens. Rest in Peace.

Mike

Michael J Lenart - July 04, 2022 at 04:17 PM

MM

“ Mike Lenart and Martha Moyer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Benjamin (Ben) G Bocian.



Mike Lenart and Martha Moyer - July 04, 2022 at 04:05 PM

GK

“ Our family moved next to the Bocian family in 1975. We were so blessed to have them as our neighbors and friends. The girls and Mrs. B. baby sat or kids very often. Ben, also came to the rescue many times when no one else was available. He was such a kind young man. RIP dear Ben. There may be a shot of Tequila up there with JRK.

Georgi Kerr - July 04, 2022 at 10:12 AM

TS

“ Ben was a kind person. The one year that I ran high school track(on the boy's team, because there wasn't a girl's team) he went out of his way to befriend me and encourage me even though I had no talent for running, but he did. Ben is my best memory from a hard season. Tara Deneka Sira

Tara sira - July 03, 2022 at 07:57 PM

ML

“ *Very sad to hear the news of the passing of my cousin Ben. My deepest sympathy to his wife Linda, son Benji and to the rest of his family. It doesn't seem that long ago that I was playing golf with him in New Jersey and marching along with him in the Dunellen High School band. So many wonderful memories of birthdays and holidays with Ben, his brother Steve, his sisters Rosemary and Cathy, and my brother Mike.*

Rest in peace Ben. I'm sure there are some great golf courses waiting for you in heaven.

Love, Mark

Mark Lenart - July 03, 2022 at 04:30 PM

KA

“ *Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May fond memories, dear friends and earnest prayer bring comfort for the Bocian family at this time. Isaiah 41:10*

Kathryn - July 03, 2022 at 02:58 PM

LW

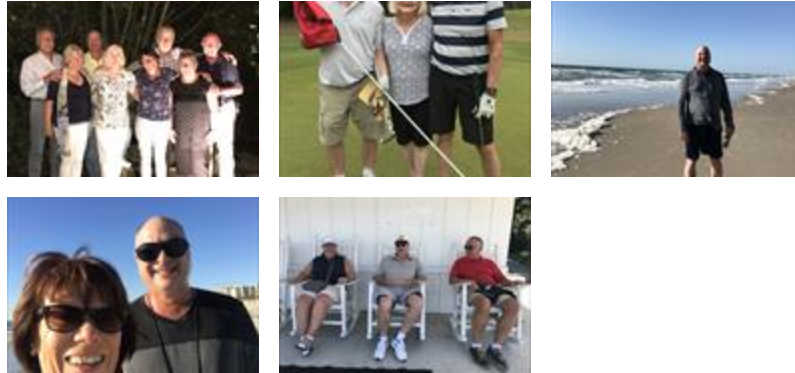
“ *Love, Mark Lenart and Jane White purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Benjamin (Ben) G Bocian.*



Love, Mark Lenart and Jane White - July 03, 2022 at 02:19 PM

PH

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Petra Hein - July 02, 2022 at 05:06 PM

PH

“ We have countless great memories of the last 20 years with our good friend Ben. He was the kindest, most reliable person. His great sense of humor, his world class laughter, his positive attitude made everybody in his presence feel good!

We remember countless golf games and runs on the beach where the most important thing was never the performance but having a good time together, talking about family affairs as well as world affairs! There was never enough time!

To us, his German friends, Pawleys Island and Litchfield Plantation are deeply connected with Ben. Coming back will never be the same without him. We will miss Ben.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family who meant the world to him.

Petra, Tina, Charly and Dieter

Petra Hein - July 02, 2022 at 04:22 PM

KK

“ Good man. He will be missed. E-13 guy.
Keith Ketchem DCFD Retired

Keith Ketchem - July 02, 2022 at 07:37 AM

PE

“ *Petra, Charly, Tina & Dieter purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Benjamin (Ben) G Bocian.*



Petra, Charly, Tina & Dieter - July 02, 2022 at 04:50 AM

BR

“ *We were DCFD training school classmates in 1978. Ben's work ethic and respectful demeanor to all will transverse time. RIP to a principled man.*

Beatrice Rudder - July 01, 2022 at 11:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benjamin (Ben) G Bocian.*



July 01, 2022 at 03:14 PM

DB

“ I can just hear Ben laughing and saying ...hey! If I knew I could just go to sleep ...and not wake up...I'd take that option any day of the week ! And he would laugh his signature laugh.

What a fantastic guy! Ben's jovial laughter was well known to the summer guests at our neighborhood pool and they are all saddened by the news, but I remind them of his laughter and what he would tell us if he were here.

Ben is sharing his gift of laughter in heaven, of that I am sure. He shared with us his great love for his wife Linda and his son Benji and his precious little Mary. He adored that grandchild so very much. Prayers for peace in this sweet family.

Debbie

Debbie Brazee - July 01, 2022 at 12:48 PM

BT

“ RIP MY TRAINING SCHOOL BUDDY 45 YRS AGO WE MET BOTH JERSEY GUYS UNFORTUNATELY I NEVER RAN INTO IN 45 YRS W EXCEPTION OF MY DETAILS TO 10 ENG 1978 GOD BLESS

BILL TAYLOR - July 01, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin (Ben) G Bocian.



June 30, 2022 at 07:40 PM