



## Benjamin Pollard

December 28, 1989 - May 14, 2011

Benjamin John Pollard, 21, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died May 14, 2011. Born December 28, 1989, in Oxford, England, he was son of Chip and Carey Pollard. Ben lived in River Forest, Illinois, in Charlottesville, Virginia, and then in Grand Rapids, Michigan before his family moved to Siloam Springs seven years ago. He played soccer and graduated with honors from Siloam Springs High School. He studied English Literature at John Brown University and loved to write. He had a passionate concern for young people, and served as camp counselor at Lake Geneva Youth Camp in Wisconsin and as a youth soccer coach in Siloam Springs. He cared deeply and lovingly for his friends, especially his girlfriend, Megan McCloud, and his friends in Suite 26 at J. Alvin residence hall. Survivors include his parents Chip and Carey Pollard of Siloam Springs; siblings Chad Pollard of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Emma and James Pollard of Siloam Springs; grandparents Bill and Judy Pollard of Wheaton, Illinois; grandmother Carolyn Stockman of Estero, Florida; uncles and aunts, Chris and Julie Grant of Wheaton, Illinois; Brian and Becky Pollard of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; Amy and Mark Burdett of Wheaton, Illinois; Carla Stockman of Glen Ellyn, Illinois; and thirteen cousins; he was preceded in death by his grandfather, Gordon Stockman of Estero, Florida, and his uncle, Tim Stockman of Estero, Florida. Pallbearers will be Chad and James Pollard, Andrew Stockman, Brian Pollard, Mark, Jonathan and Will Burdett, and Chris Grant. Visitation will be at the Wasson Funeral Home from 3-5 pm and 6-8 pm on Wednesday, May 18. A memorial service will be held at the

Cathedral of the Ozarks at JBU on Thursday, May 19 at 10:00 am, with Rev. Breck Castleman officiating. Private family burial service will occur in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to John Brown University, and will be used to fund student scholarships and JBU SIFE work with children and orphans in Guatemala.

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ Chip, I was poking around on the internet when I saw this sad news about your son. I remember your family with the four little children at U.Va. They were a light in a world that seemed to regard a big family as a "mistake." Even though I never knew Ben very well, I was touched by his life. My deepest sympathies to you at this time of sorrow. Andrea Nagy Smith

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**Andrea Nagy Smith** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

RN

“ Words cannot express our sorrow for your loss of your beloved Ben. Although we did not know him, I feel we almost did through his touching tribute. What a wonderful young man of God. I know your family takes solace knowing that he is in the presence of his Lord. The pain, however, remains great and our prayers are with you, his family, and his friends.

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**Rob and Suzy Neumayer** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

JD

“ "To be absent from the body is indeed to be present with the Lord....." Until you are in heaven at his side... May God give you the Grace and Mercy to endure life here on earth apart from him. May God heal your family .

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**JOHN and danette** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

BW

“ Dear Chip and Carey,  
I am so saddened to hear of the passing of your beloved Ben. The entire Pollard family is in my thoughts and prayers.  
"God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others." - II Cor. 1:3,4

*With sympathy,*

*Brian Wildman*

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**Brian Wildman** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

DH

“ As friends of Bill and Judy, and as parents who have lost children as well, we share your sorrow and hope. "For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ." 2 Cor 1:5  
*With heartfelt prayers,*  
*David and Janice Haskell*  
*Dreams InDeed International*

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**David and Janice Haskell** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

JM

“ Chip, Carey, and family,

*I just finished talking with Jennifer Soderquist and she informed me of the news about Ben. Although I am sure there are wonderful memories to cling to during this time of sadness, I know that the loss of a family member creates a void that can only be filled by our loving Creator, Comforter, and Heavenly Father.*

*Please know that I am lifting you up and asking God to wrap His loving arms around you and comfort you in a mighty way. The sadness being felt on earth due to Ben's home going pales in comparison to the joyous celebration going on in Heaven with Ben's arrival!*

*As parents, we know God entrusts into our care, for a short time, children (special blessings) who forever change our lives. I can't begin to imagine the joy God experiences when one of His children comes home to be with Him forever. We can all look forward to that special day when we will be reunited with our loved ones who have gone to their eternal home to live with our Heavenly Father.*

*May God provide all you need and bless you at this time,*

*Jay Martin*

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**Jay Martin** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

LC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know and am assured that our heavenly Comforter will care for you and will cover you with His banner of love and peace.*

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**Lucy Kennedy Cundiff** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you all.*

*John and Kathryn Martin  
Roberts Wesleyan College*

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September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM



“ *I write these few words from my heart to comfort the parents of Benjamin.*

*Though I don't know how he passed away, reading his passing away which was brought to my attention by Bro. Ken Daughters, really moved my heart. As my daily profession is to deal with so many young people coming to Wayne State University. Though his death is a great loss, God fulfilled His mission through the short life of Benjamin. It is hard to understand from this side of heaven, we will truly understand when we are all with him one day. I always thank God for the Blessed Hope that we have, one day we will meet at His feet with all our near and dear ones. It is my humble prayer that God comfort your hearts and give you strength and grace to bear this loss. With much prayers,  
P. Joseph Raju*

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**P. Joseph Raju** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM



“ *Ben was a great guy, and I am shocked and sad to see that he has passed away. He was a good friend, but a better person, and always gave a helping hand. I will miss Ben, we may have had our differences in High School but we mature once in college and our friendship grew. I only wish we had more time for our friendship to grow. My thoughts are with the family.*

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**Jose Harber** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

PW

“ I never got to know Ben personally, but I feel having known the rest of you and your family, I am certain that he is in the hands of the Lord. My family and I send our deepest sympathy to your family and will keep you in our prayers.

Love,  
The Wyckoff's

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**Pam Wyckoff** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

DG

“ James,  
You are in my prayers. We are all thinking about you.  
Devin

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**Devin Guilliams** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

JA

“ We are friends of the McLoud's from Perry, GA. Megan and our daughter Jennifer attended Perry United Methodist Church/participated in church activities together until Megan moved to Arkansas. We are praying for all involved - as are all from Perry who know Megan. God is the great healer; may he help you during this difficult time. Eunice Andrews

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**John, Eunice and Jennifer Andrews** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

TF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Ben's passing. We have 3 son's attending John Brown University and we are all heartbroken with you. We pray for God's peace and comfort for your family.

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**The Daily Family** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

DN

“ Just a simple message from the church family at New Heights Chapel in Murfreesboro, TN. We are well-connected with your Emmaus friends and to JBU through graduate Austin Benedict.

*We love and care about you in these hard days. Our church family is praying for you and we lift you up to the Savior for grace and peace.*

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**David Naylor** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

MJ

“ We are deeply saddened by your loss. We pray for comfort and healing for your family.

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**Mike and Naomi Gregornik, Lisa, David, Jani and Julie** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

SW

“ Our hearts ache for you in the loss of your son. The Lord promises His peace that passes all understanding in times like this. Praying His peace and comfort surround you and hold you close now and in the days and weeks to come.

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**Steven and Ann Woodruff** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

DD

“ I am sorry for you loss. I will be praying for the family. God will be with your family.

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**Darlene Duncan** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

KF

“ I only knew Ben from all the pictures and stories Lane McLoud shared with me. I always looked forward to seeing pictures of Ben & Megan. They always looked so happy together. I cannot even begin to express my sincerest sympathies in the loss of such a beautiful human being from the lives of those that loved him so much.

*May your memories sustain you throughout your life and I pray that he is in the loving arms of our Lord & Savior.*

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**Kathleen Futch** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

JN

“ Dear Pollard Family,

*I am praying for you all as you navigate this incredibly hard time. Words seem shallow, but I know that the Lord will sustain you, and I will pray that you will be strengthened and comforted in every moment of need.*

*Love in Christ,*

*Jessica Naramore*

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**Jessica Naramore** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

BC

“ My Heart and my Prayers go out to your family. What a wonderful young man that will be missed so dearly. May your memories and the love of God comfort you all.

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**Brad Crosson** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

PB

“ *Chip, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your son Ben on FaceBook. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!*

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**PETER A. BUCHIKAS** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

GB

“ *May God sustain and comfort you in your loss.*

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**Greg and Martha Bunch** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

SW

“ *Dear Carey and Chip - we are so extremely saddened by the news of the passing of your son. Please know that all of us in Chicago are praying for you and will continue to pray as you walk through this grievous time. May the prayers of God's people carry you through.*

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**Susan Woodyatt** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

MH

“ *We are struck by the loss of your son and our son's friend. Our prayers and deepest thoughts are with you; petitioning the Peace of Christ to go with you in each and every moment.*

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**Mark and Gwen Hersha** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

KM

“ Dear Chip and Carey;

*Please know my entire family is praying for you and your family during this difficult time. May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and always.*

*Our sincere love and prayers,*

*Jack, Page Cary and Kit Ciesemier*

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**Kit Ciesemier McKeon** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

LC

“ *Having lost a daughter two years ago suddenly at the age of 38, we understand the pain you are suffering. However we also know the Grace of God that fills us all in the time of need.*

*While I thought a baseball bat had hit me in the chest, I also knew that God would never forsake me. It does not get easier but it does get less painful as God fills in all the blanks. If my loss can help bring comfort to you in any way than it helps me understand even more God's plan. Our sympathies and our love to the entire Pollard family. Ken and Sethea*

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**lynn campbell** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

JH

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy goes to you all. Our sons, Cal and Greigham, worked with Ben the last few summers and are heartbroken as well. Our prayers will be with you.*

*The Hopkins Family*

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**John and Jacqueline Hopkins** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

DE

“ So sorry for your lose. May God bless you in your days of sorrow.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Dwayne & Jeanetta Evans** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

SK

“ Precious ones,  
Some of His jewels Father collects early. We join you in your sorrow  
and rejoicing. " to him who overcomes I will give the crown of life."

Know you are in our hearts and prayers.  
Love, Sue and Herman

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**Sue and Herman Kanis** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

BH

“ Dear Chip,

*I was deeply saddened to learn of Ben's passing. It is so hard to  
imagine why you must suffer the loss of such a wonderful son in the  
prime of his youth. Be assured that you, Carey and your family will  
be in our prayers.*

*Thank you for your leadership in Christian higher education. I can  
only imagine that this mantle of responsibility will be heavier as you  
must also bear the burden of grief. I pray that our Lord will supply  
you with strength and grace to continue the good work he has given  
you. I pray that you will find a measure of comfort and joy to balance  
the grief as you experience the good memories of Ben.*

*With our sympathy,  
Bruce Howard*

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**Bruce Howard** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

DJ

“ *Your family will always be in our hearts.*

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**Dr. John E. & Louise Brown, Jr** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

NM

“ *Chip and Carey,*

*Our hearts are heavy with this news of your son, Ben. We have been deeply affected by your loss and have found ourselves praying for you all evening. Please know we will continue to remember your family and loved ones as we know the weight of this loss is far and deep. Although we did not know him, we know you have a very special family and can see that Ben was an extraordinary young man who made a lasting impact on many.*

*Praying,*

*Kristi and Nate Mouttet*

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**Nate and Kristi Mouttet** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

PG

“ *Dear Family,*

*We are so saddened to hear of the loss of your beloved son Ben. We knew your family for only a short time at Ada Christian School, but even in that short time, you left an imprint on our hearts. We lift you and your entire family up in prayer at this time. It is hard to fathom such a loss, but it is comforting to know Gods grace and peace.*

*Please know the love we have for all of you and the sorrow we experience for your family.*

*In His Name*

*Peggy and Martin Greydanus*

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**Peggy and Martin Greydanus** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

HM

“ Meagan, we are praying for you and also Ben's family....we love you...Aunt Nete and Uncle Howard

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**Howard & Nete McCloud** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

DM

“ Words just cannot express our deep sorrow for your family at this tremendous trial that God has allowed you to experience. It is at times like this that the truths of God's Word come alive, and trust you are being comforted by it, and are truly experiencing His Grace that is all sufficient.

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**Denny and Donna McKendrick** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

MB

“ I will never forget going to Lake Geneva with you in the summers for camp. It was a struggle to say goodbye in 8th grade and it is an even greater struggle now. I look forward to the day we meet again.

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**Marshall Bakker** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

BD

“ I did not know him but I also attended JBU and I worked at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva WI in the past. I am not sure if that is where he worked but my thoughts are with your family.

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**Brenda Dahlstrom** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

WF

“ Ben was a wonderful gentleman. May God bring you peace and comfort, and may you be assured that Ben will be with you always in love and spirit.

*With Deepest Sympathy,  
Wesley, Mary, John, and Elizabeth*

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**Wesley Edmunds and family** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM



“ I did not know Ben personally, but everyone at John Brown knows the dear family whose head runs our fine institution. Dr. Chip and his wife are beloved figures at this school and it is because of this that we suffer with them during their time of tragic loss. You are lifted up in our prayers constantly. May God rest Ben's soul.

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SH

“ I saw a post regarding Ben's passing on Main Street Studios website and just wanted to let you know that I am praying for your family. May God's peace that passes all understanding, guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

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**Shelva** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

KL

“ May you feel your Heavenly Father's love and presence unlike any other time in your lives. May you also feel the love of so many who are hurting with you and praying for you.

*The Lance Family  
Kevin, Dawn, Mackenzie, Madissyn, Maycee, and Myka*

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**Kevin Lance** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

DD

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved son. Thankfully, you will all be together in heaven for eternity, but the time apart is so hard.

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**Debbie Diehm** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

JV

“ Chip and Carey ...

*I just cannot believe the news of Ben's passing, in his sleep ... so close to completing college and being launched into the world. I also cannot imagine your grief: when sorrows like sea billows roll! Please be assured of our prayers for you, Chad, Emma, and Jimmy right now, and for the whole JBU community that is affected by this. May you surely know the peace of Christ, which he promises at times like this.*

*~ Judy Vriesema: Ada Christian, Church of the Servant, and Calvin College*

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**Judy Vriesema** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

BN

“ Our prayers will be with you all, to the God of all comfort.

*The Nye Family*

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**Bill and Janiece Nye** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

TF

“ When you are consumed by the loss of Ben, quiet your mind and heart to allow yourself to hear God's words, knowing that His love for you is so great. He will comfort you and sustain you.

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**The D'Spain Family** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

EE

“ *Heartfelt sympathy to the Pollard family.*  
*Evelyn Edmunds*

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**Evelyn Edmunds** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

TF

“ *You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We ask that God wrap His arms around each of you and give you peace, hope and comfort in the days ahead. We are so sorry for your loss.*  
*In Love and Sympathy,*  
*The Harris Family*

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**The Harris Family** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

TM

“ *So sorry for your loss. May God grant you peace and comfort.*

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**Thad Mock** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM