



Daniel J. Benjamin

November 19, 1970 - January 26, 2015

Daniel J. Benjamin, 44, of Southington, passed away Monday January 26, 2015 at his home. Born in New Britain, son of Juliet Kotowski Benjamin of Kensington and the late Joseph J. Benjamin Sr., he was a former Kensington resident, moving to Southington in 1995. A graduate of Berlin High School, Class of 1988, he then graduated with honors from CCSU in 1992. Daniel was an Administrative Manager at the UConn Health Center for the past 21 years.

He attended St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Britain and was a member of the CT Forest and Park Association CFPA. His passion for history caused him to frequent many historical societies throughout Connecticut. Daniel was in the process of completing his life work, a historical novel.

Beside his mother Juliet, he leaves his fiancée and the love of his life, Cathy Haberern of New Britain; two brothers, Christopher Benjamin and his longtime girlfriend Jennifer Sharpe, both of Berlin; and Joseph Benjamin Jr. and his wife Susan of Harrisburg, PA; a niece, Larissa Benjamin; a nephew, Joseph "Jake" Benjamin III; and many friends.

Funeral services are Saturday 10 AM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 147 West Main Street, New Britain. Burial will follow in Maple Cemetery, Berlin. Calling hours are Friday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CFPA CT

Forest & Park Association, 16 Meriden Road, Rockfall, CT 06481 or to the Berlin Historical Society, 305 Main Street, Berlin, CT 06037 or to the New Britain Industrial Museum, 185 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Send Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

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DF

“ My deep condolences on the loss of Daniel. My heart goes out to you and your family. I hope a comforting word from the Bible will be appreciated; Psalm 119:28: "I have been sleepless from grief. Strengthen me according to your word." jw.org
My prayers go out to you and your family.

Dimitri Fotopoulos - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dear Cathy & family & all those who loved Dan - We are thinking of you and praying that God holds you close and carries you along at this sad and difficult time. We will miss the beauty that Dan brought to the world through his friendliness, liveliness, sense of fun, love of music, intelligence, and his sweet face. There are no words....Peace be with you. Kathleen & Aaron

Aaron & Kathleen Borkowski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ My heartfelt condolences to Dan's family and friends. I had not seen Dan since my days at UCONN, but I will never forget how he could always make me smile and his smart/witty sense of humor. He was a great man and will be missed.

W Walsh - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Dear Mrs Benjamin and family,

My deepest condolences in the loss of your beloved Dan. May memories keep your hearts full with love during this time of sorrow. Rest in peace my dear friend, Dan. I will never forget our hikes, long conversations, your charming wit and humor and your effervescent smile. Fly with the angels Dan, our world will never be the same without you in it.

I love you and will miss you....please watch over your family and friends and give us strength as you always did.

Lisa Knapp - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Cathy please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and Dan's family! I love you

Jean sims - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ We are so very sorry, your and your family are in our prayers.
Barbara

Barbara & Hubert Willis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss my prayers are with everyone in the family and their friends. Daniel will be greatly missed, I remember him being so nice in high school. Unfortunately I didn't keep in touch after school was over. Again so sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers will be with Daniel today.

Beth Carrera Funk - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Cathy and Dan's family. May you find peace.

Shelley Dietz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ My deepest condolences to Cathy and Dan's family. Dan will be deeply missed by all.

Sandi Donahoe - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this very sad time. Very sorry for your loss.

Lynn Brown - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Juliet,

My sincere condolences to you and all your family. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Robert Ramsey - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I am so sad to hear about Dan's passing. I worked with him from his first days at UConn and always enjoyed his wit and humor. He could always lighten the day. He was supportive to me in my role at UConn and told me where to look for the old railroad insulators. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and Cathy. I know he will truly be missed.

Kathy Lundquist - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ On my way into work at UCONN this morning, I heard Chris Tomlin's version of "Amazing Grace", to which he adds the refrain "My chains are gone, I've been set free..." Dan had a kind, gentle, witty, helpful spirit and truly a servant's heart. He has been set free. Why so young & so soon surpasses all understanding. Let us not be shaken, but trust in God's unending love & amazing grace. Rest in peace, Dan. To Cathy, Dan's family & friends, may God give you strength & peace.

Julie Ann Laflamme - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My sincerest condolences to Dan's family and his beloved Cathy. I'm still in shock, but have been reflecting on all our happy moments we had with Dan. I remember so many wonderful experiences; from our many refreshing and enlightening hikes Diane and I had with you, to all the great Christmas parties at John's house. We put up many Christmas trees together. The party music jam sessions were always a blast!

Your unique and infectious humor, quick wit, warm friendliness and famous rebel yell will be greatly missed. The friendship I had with you will have a lasting impact on my life. I will always treasure the great memories. You are sadly gone now, but you will never be forgotten.

May you rest in peace now my good friend.

Grant Robb - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ I am so sad. Honestly, the only way that I have been able to get through these past days is to recall all of the good times that we shared over the years. I remember how you tried to tell me to "slow down" when I first told you that Ray and I were getting married after only dating for a short while 18 years ago. I will venture to say that I am probably the only woman whose bridal shower you attended and have the photo to prove it! Many of us tried to get you to "dress up" a bit more at work; none were successful...that is, until we managed to get you into a sportcoat so that we could all celebrate Mo Worley's CT State Nurse of the Year Award together. I will treasure those "antiques" that you presented to me as gifts: the "consumption" bottle when I was really sick...the telephone insulators because you knew that my Dad worked for the phone company and collected them too...my porcelain pitcher... but mostly my "Practical Nursing" textbook with the 1907 copyright that sits proudly on my office shelf even today... You were so smart, so handsome, and had such a dry wit...you were brave enough to say what most of us were thinking...you could be such a handful to manage at times...and I am so grateful that I took the time to really get to know you; your kindness; your friendship; your support...you will never know the lasting impact that you had on my life and so many others...Be Peaceful...my friend.

To your Mom and family, we send our sincere sympathy and prayers. To Cathy, please know that I am holding you close in my heart and am here for you..if ever you need me.

Ellen Leone - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My deepest condolences on your loss.

Joseph Mazza - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ My thoughts and prayers are will all of you and especially Cathy who gave her all to Dan. Dan was a great guy and touched my life in many ways.

Ford Parker - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Cathy, Dan's family, Dan's friends, and Dan's UCONN Health family: Please accept my deepest sympathy. I will always remember Dan for his quick wit, his ability to get my goat and then to make me smile before I walked away. He did so much for so many at UCHC. May he rest in peace and may fond memories sustain you now. God Bless.

Mary Ellen - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dan and I were great friends during our time at CCSU together - and what great times those were. Truly one of the nicest people I have ever met, and I'm shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. All my sympathies to his family and fiance.

Pete Bocompani - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *My dearest Cathy, I am sorry for your loss of your true soul mate. We will always be here for you Cathy.*

Our prayers & thoughts are with you & the family during this difficult time.

Just know that my arms are wrapped around you during this time of loss.

Dan will always be in our hearts & he was way too young to leave us, but God must have a different plan. He made people laugh, he was full of life & he will NEVER be forgotten. The planet will not be the same without him.

Diane M. Robb

Diane M Robb - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ In the days since hearing of Dan's passing, the role he's played in my life the past 20 years has come into clearer focus than ever before. As an integral part of every Christmas party, he was always among the crew forcing the too-big tree thru the door and erecting it, culminating in his triumphant, ear-shattering rebel yell. As the host and trail guide on the too-long for me hikes in the woods to old foundations, complete with the joy of finding the most inconsequential of objects there. As the sounding board for 60's and 70's Rock bands, the merits or not of their music, and trivia surrounding them. Explaining the ins, outs, joys and busts of using the prized metal detector he sold me for \$50. As a commiserator over the confounded short-sightedness of local politicians and "developers" out to rape the wilderness we love and need and that he always explored so thoroughly. Most of all, as vocalist with the band. Though sometimes a little off-key and not always coming in at the right time, he knew the tunes and loved singing them. And we loved jamming with him. All this is now only memories, but they are wonderful and long-lasting. He's left one huge hole in my life. Good-bye Brother, our Friday night jams will never be anywhere close to the same. And Cathy, do the best you can. We are all thinking of you and, of course, here for you. John

John Ratches - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We wish to extend our sincere condolences to the entire Benjamin family for their loss.
The Carlson's

The Carlson Family - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I am so very sorry to learn of your family's tragic loss. Thinking of you all...

Erin Martin - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dan was a good friend while growing up in Berlin. He was smart, funny and loyal. I am shocked and saddened to hear about his passing. My deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to his loved ones.

Robert J Poglitsch - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ My deepest sympathy to Dan's mom and family, his fiancée, and his numerous friends. I first met Dan numerous years ago when he worked in the Pharmacy at the John Dempsey Hospital when everyone was like a big family and it was a fun and great place to work. I will always remember the Pharmacy Christmas parties and Dan's great sense of humor. I am so sorry for your loss. He will be fondly remembered by everyone's life he touched. You are all in my prayers. Rest in peace, Dan.

Marie Kamens - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dan was a fixture at UCONN and a great person. He will be missed. I wish you and your family peace in this time of sorrow.

Kimberly Sutton - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ My condolences to the Benjamin family sorry for your loss. May you find comfort through prayer, family, and friends.

Lee - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ We will miss you at JR's party, doing the heavy lifting and electrical chores. How will we know to celebrate without the rebel yell? May you find peace.

Laurel M Barrows - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ great classmate taken way to soon. so so sorry for your loss

sefer sevimli - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, there are no words to help you in this difficult time but know that there are many people who will be there for you, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I remember Dan's smile and always willing to help anyone. Cathy my heart goes out to you and Dan't family.

Kate Sinibaldi - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Always fun to be with; you will be missed. Sincerest condolences to Dan's family and his many friends.

Brian Kinahan - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *To the family of Dan.
I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Dan. I remember when he began working at UConn, so young and full of life. He always had us laughing and smiling, listening to our life playbooks. Dan provided words of wisdom, in his own unique way. We would bump into him at the estate sales he went to with Tom. I will treasure the bottle you gave me. May God bless your family Dan. You will never be forgotten.*

Maggie Czyrko-Nowicki - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *My heart is broken. My sympathies to Dan's Family and loved ones. Dan made me laugh, kept me on my toes, was my therapist but most importantly he was an incredible friend that i loved dearly. I will miss you every day of my life*

robin roark - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *My deepest sympathies to Dan's family. He was intelligent, kind, funny and supportive. I enjoyed his stories of local history. His last words to me were encouraging me to continue my creative pursuit of photography. He will be deeply missed by many and never forgotten.*

Margaret Gilbert - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dan, we will never forget all of the fun times we shared: hiking, visiting flea markets, going out to grab food and drinks. You were so easy to talk to and were one of the funniest people we have known. We still have the "Ashley" bottle you gave us perched on our windowsill. We will think of you every time we see it. Rest in Peace, friend.

Marci and Todd Ashley - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ When I think of Dan, I will remember strength, intelligence, humor, rigor, organization, hiking, protection, support, glass bottles, UConn, and fighting for whats "right"...this is just to name a few of the memories. He was a loyal friend and met his match in Cathy. We did not get a chance to hike Southington mountain but I will think of him when I do get there eventually. I wish Cathy and the rest of Dan's family my deepest condolences. His friendship was treasured and his wonderful spirit will always be remembered.

Dawn Tranter - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Juliette and Chris:

I was saddened to learn of Danny's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time..

Barbara Bernardi - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Chris & Family,
We are so sorry for your loss, we hope your warm memories help you through this difficult time. We keep you in our hearts and prayers.
Randy & Dena Colter

Dena Colter - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I walked into Dan's office many times, just to say hello and would find myself mesmerized by the items he'd collected, sitting on the window in his office, as we talked and laughed and enjoyed our conversations, he always had a quick smile and a twinkle in his eye, such a smart, funny, wonderful man...see you on the flip side my friend.

Linda Wetzel - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Cathy and Dan's Family, So very, very sorry. Dan was a great person. I could always stop by his office for a laugh. He could always make you smile. He is probably one of the only people I have met that could go head to head with me with sarcasm. We had some great email dialogues. He made my days at UConn a little brighter. Prayers and thoughts are with you all. You will be missed, Dan!

Donna Pryor - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I was absolutely heartbroken to hear the news about Dan. He was such a kind, compassionate friend. He was always there to listen and help in any way he could. I am just sorry he didn't reach out to any one of us that he listen to over the years.
Cathy, I am so very sorry, you two had a special bond.
God Speed my friend.

Maureen Worley - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I am shocked and saddened at the loss of such a nice person who always had a smile to greet you when passing by on Surgery 7. Deepest sympathy to all the family and close friends. May he rest in peace and time heal all the sorrow!

Kasia & Mark DeFilippo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dan was a friend and coworker whom went above and beyond all the time. He was caring, compassionate and a loving person. If you needed help he was there for you. If you had personal issues he listened. He didn't judge you. Dan I will miss you very much my friend. You left us way to early. I will never forget you.
Your friend forever,
George

George K. Moses - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you

Mary Napomiceno - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I will always remember his smile. my heart and prayers go out to Cathy and Dan's family.
may you accept the love, support and help from friends

Carol Dumont - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ Dan was an incredibly passionate person and was always willing to help me at UCONN. I am going to miss our happy hour Pow wows as we called them talking about life and work, and will miss stopping in to say hi. Dan was always smiling and willing to help me out and to watch out for me. I will miss him and pray for his family, for Cathy, and all that knew him. May time heal and I am grateful for the memories of Dan. I miss him now. He was and always will be a dear friend. Thank you, Dan, for the memories and your words of encouragement. We are blessed to have you and to have had you in our lives.

Jessica underwood - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ The hearts that love Danny are in our prayers, as is he.
Love--Mary Anne

Mary Anne Nunn - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My condolences to Cathy and Dan's family.
THE MAN WILL definatly BE MISSED

Marc Laplante - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ We are shocked and saddened at the loss of such a nice person who always had a smile to greet you. Deepest sympathy to all of you. May Dan rest in peace now and fly free with the angels.

Mike & Mary Petruzzi - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Still stunned and heartbroken over the loss of such a wonderful person. My sympathies to Dan's family and friends. He will always be remembered for his wit, sense of humor and compassion. I miss you already my friend.

Jacki Charette - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM