



# Benjamin J Arbuckle

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**B**enjamin J. Arbuckle, 84, of Tavares went home to be with our Heavenly Father, on June 10, 2009. Ben served honorably in WWII and was decorated with two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. Gentle Ben was a loving husband, wonderful friend, faithful Christian and a good dad. He is survived by his adoring wife, Mary Arbuckle; children, Diane, Judy, Theresa, John, Lisa, Pam and Christina; brother and best friend, Henry "Hank" Arbuckle and 19 grandchildren. Viewing will be held at Steverson Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Home on Sunday, June 14, 2009 from 5-7 p.m. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2009 at The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints Leesburg Ward, 1875 S. Mt. Vernon Road (off 441), Leesburg.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Uncle Ben will truly be missed. It was always great to see him when he was able to make it back to Oregon for a visit. Diane, Judy and Resa our prayers and thoughts are with you. Mary, our prayers are also with you and your family. Thanks so much for loving Uncle Ben the way you did.##imported-begin##Steve and Debbie Delmore##imported-end##

June 15 at 8:08 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Daddy was my friend, example, guardian and confidant since birth. He was truly a man of God and faithfully honored his Priesthood calling of HP. He defended his country during WWII and came home with two purple hearts and a bronze star. He taught me to love America and if I looked hard enough, I could find good in everything. I will especially miss Daddy reading the Christmas Story out of the Bible on Christmas Eve even if by way of a 3-day telephone call. I love you Daddy. I will miss your sweet presence unspeakably. Mary, thank you for your kindness, endurance, long-suffering, and tender-loving care of my "Daddy". You completed him. Judy##imported-begin##Judith Arbuckle Harwood##imported-end##

June 15 at 11:25 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ben was kind, gentle like a father. He had a good sense of humor. He was a Godly man. He loves his dogs. He was in WWII and earned 2 purple hearts and a bronze star for bravery. I loved him very much and I will miss him.##imported-begin##Brent Harwood##imported-end##

June 15 at 11:21 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the Arbuckle family: What a wonderful person he was (and is)! We loved having him visit our home for many years and share a Disney trip with us often. We are better people for having known him. Love and comfort to you all - The Spears##imported-begin##Ron and Gail Spears##imported-end##

June 15 at 4:34 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Papa taught me to expect the unexpected##imported-begin##Summer Ballntyne##imported-end##

June 14 at 9:47 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I only got to be around Ben a couple of times but he was a really good man who seemed like bishop material. He was fun to be around and we have a lot of respect for him.##imported-begin##Doris Ballantyne##imported-end##

June 14 at 9:43 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary I pray that God will be with you during this time of change. I was glad that I got to know you and enjoyed each time you came to visit. Come visit again some time. Thank you for being such a wonderful, caring, lady.##imported-begin##Margaret Arbuckle##imported-end##

June 14 at 7:28 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Uncle Ben was a kind, caring man. I was always happy to see him when he came to visit, and I loved his quiet sense of humor. Mary, I'm so glad he had you in his life. To see the devotion you had for each other was truly amazing, and heartwarming. To all of you " Mary and her family, Diane, Judy, and Resa " I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I loved Uncle Ben very much, and will miss him.##imported-begin##Cindy Jenkins##imported-end##

June 14 at 6:42 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.##imported-begin##Mike and Gloria Downs##imported-end##

June 14 at 12:10 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We knew "Gentle Ben" and had a great love for him and all of you, his posterity--We just did not know him long enough. He had his trials, but he bore them well. He was a hero in battle and a hero as a friend and brother; a faithful brother. We will remember him always. He brought joy into our lives. May his kindness and love live with you forever.##imported-begin##Herman and Cheryl Burnett##imported-end##

June 13 at 5:21 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at your time of loss.##imported-begin##Richard and Rita Van Dalen##imported-end##

June 13 at 8:49 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We often talk about him and wonder how he is doing. He was so special. Have lots of good memories of being in his home. We love the whole family. Always good friends to us. With great love, Vivian and Wilbur.##imported-begin##Vivian and Wilbur Waters##imported-end##

June 13 at 7:50 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ben was our dear friend and we are so happy that he has found his eternal rest with Heavenly Father and Margaret. They were our home teachers for years and the most faithful we have ever had. Faithful in their work for thee and faithful as friends. We have so many books signed by them that we received at their hands for birthdays, anniversaries, and "just because". We are so happy that he and Mary found one another and have had many good years and memories and that she will join them one day. Yes, he was Gentle Ben and the memories will linger on. We loved him. We remember all the years we celebrated, along with other friends our birthday at their home, pool, good food and good friends. What more could we ask for?##imported-begin##Barbara and Bob McKinley##imported-end##

June 13 at 6:11 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

He was a very sweet man who always had something nice to say and could always be caught with a smile. I called him Papa and I loved him.##imported-begin##Cumorah Ballantyne##imported-end##

June 12 at 5:15 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Poppa was my example of what to look for in a companion. I found someone in my own generation who was very close to what I adored in him. He was very gently, loved children, strong priesthood leader, friendly, very imaginative and resourceful. I will miss him and love him very much. Mary has been a wonderful companion to him since Grammy died. Thank you, Mary!##imported-begin##Karen Ballantyne##imported-end##

June 12 at 3:22 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Much love to you, Mary, and to your kids who are with you at this time. Thank you for all the wonderful things you did for Daddy and for the loving care you showed him. Thank you for letting me be part of your life.##imported-begin##Diane Arbuckle##imported-end##

June 12 at 2:38 PM



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