



## Brandon J. Crain

February 24, 1978 - December 8, 2015

Brandon Jeffrey Crain of Cadillac passed away at his home after a long battle with Chronic Lyme Disease. He was 37. Brandon was born February 24, 1978 in Livonia, Michigan.

He graduated from Olathe East High School in Olathe, Kansas and went on to graduate from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. He worked as chef in many upscale dining establishments. He was especially proud of his time as the executive chef at Pierpont's at Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri.

Brandon loved being a father and enjoyed spending time with his sons. He was a talented musician and gifted artist. He had a passion for helping others and rose to the occasion following Hurricane Katrina; supporting food drives for those in need. Brandon had a strong desire to learn and spread awareness of Lyme Disease and to find a cure for Chronic Lyme Disease.

On April 23, 2001 he married the former Emily Miller and she survives him along with sons, Bastien and Elliott all of Cadillac; mother, Marsha (John) Mellish of Cadillac; father, Ronald Crain of Kansas City, Missouri; siblings: Kristin Crain (Jason Burress) of Portland, Oregon, Lindsay Crain of Seattle, Washington and Ryan Callahan (Michaela Baker) of Ann Arbor; his grandmothers, Evelyn Crain of Carbondale, Illinois and Joyce Mellish of Howell; nephews, Peyton and Maxwell Burress; niece, Mira Schwendemann; Uncle Kenneth (Cathy) Ring; Aunt Sue Crain; many special cousins; father-in-law, Joe (Jeanne) Miller; mother-in-law, Lisa Donn (Paul Chinn); sister-in-law,

Angela (Cory) Schwendemann and brother-in-law, Eric Miller (Catherine Spark); step siblings: Steve (Becky) Mellish of Reese, Michigan, Tad (Shannon) Mellish of Cadillac, Shane (Janelle) Mellish of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

He was preceded in death by grandparents: Wilburn Crain, V. Maxine and Lowell Ring and John W. Mellish.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 19, 2015 at NorthernLight Church of Cadillac with Pastor John Mellish officiating. His final resting place will be Brown Cemetery in Barryton, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Lyme Disease Association. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Brandon was a dear friend of mine at the CIA. I only just learned of his passing. I am so very sorry.

Jennifer Berdych - July 06, 2016 at 10:13 PM

KB

“ I to suffer from Lyme I am so sorry he was taken so soon I have a daughter that I am scared to leave behind when its time to know someone as young as he was can pass from this thing scares me so much sending prayers for your family

kayla buschur - January 05, 2016 at 04:27 PM

BF

“ I have never met Brandon. I also have Chronic Lyme Disease. It breaks my heart to see another lost to this life changing disease. I pray his wish to spread awareness about Chronic Lyme comes to life. I am very sorry for the entire family's loss. God Bless!

Brenda Ferguson - December 23, 2015 at 07:24 PM

AM

“ I'm so sorry your loved one had to endure such a complicated, unforgiving disease. I would have traded him places so he could have had more time with you.

Angela Michels - December 18, 2015 at 08:10 PM

LP

“ I pray that God will comfort and hold Brandon's family in His loving arms during this most difficult time. I'm so sorry that Brandon passed of this ugly disease. I am a Lyme fighter and my son is as well. Know that Brandon's light will shine on and we in the Lyme community will continue to celebrate his life along with you. We will not forget him and his brave fight.

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**Lisa Parr** - December 16, 2015 at 10:11 PM

PM

“ I am so sorry to learn of his passing. Its absolutely heart breaking. I have cironic Lyme disease and I also lost my daughter so my heart goes out to your family.

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**Patty McMahan** - December 16, 2015 at 12:30 PM

DC

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Brandon's passing and will work every day in his name to stop this crime against humanity.

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**Dolores Claesson** - December 16, 2015 at 09:20 AM

EM

“ I'm so incredibly sorry for your loss. Brandon seems to be an amazing guy. He will always live in everybody's memory and although I have not known him, I'm so grateful for all he has done for the Lyme community. May his soul rest in peace and may your hearts be filled with love and strength..

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**Evelynn Mote** - December 16, 2015 at 04:21 AM



DH

“ *If love could have saved Brandon he never would have died. His life brought so much joy and excitement to so many. Grief is such a draining emotion, I am speechless as to what to say. I hold you and your family up at this difficult time in your life. Know you are loved and if you need anything please call. Damn this disease!* ”

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**Diane Hora** - December 15, 2015 at 07:13 PM

PC

“ *Marsha and John, I'm so sorry for your loss, and the hole in your family that Brandon's passing has left. May God comfort you all as only He can, holding you close to His heart. May you be filled with comfort knowing that one day you will be reunited. Brandon will always live in your hearts and memories, and remembrances of family and friends.* ”

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**Pamela Breitenbeck Conley** - December 15, 2015 at 07:13 PM

BA

“ *Our prayers and love are with you all during this time.* ”

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**Bob & Alicia** - December 15, 2015 at 07:00 PM

JP

“ *To all family and friends. I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of Brandon. My sympathies to you all.* ”

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**Jean Post** - December 15, 2015 at 06:53 PM

KD

“ I was not acquainted with Brandon, but every death from Lyme disease should be preventable if only our doctor's learned to diagnose and treat it. Someone shared Brandon's obit with me, and I shared it with Michigan Lyme Disease Associations support page on facebook. Several people commented immediately:  
Linda Lobes--So very sorry to hear this. He was a wonderful man. Sending love and hugs to his family and friends; Ruth EJ James--So very tragic. Pamela Crow Banyas--So sorry to hear this news. God Bless his Family an Friends.; Kim Cooney--So sorry. Praying for all who loved him. Such a tragic loss;  
Christine Enkeli Senia-- Very sorry for the loss of this young man. May God be with his family and friends during this hard time...;  
Denise R Fleming :(

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**Khaya Davidson** - December 15, 2015 at 09:39 AM

JB

“ So very sad at the loss of Brandon-When are governments going to realise Lyme kills-Such a waste of a young life

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**Jacqui Butterworth** - December 15, 2015 at 05:24 AM

AP

“ So sorry for your loss

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**Art Powell** - December 14, 2015 at 11:46 PM

HE

“ So very sorry for your loss . words fail to express how hard it is to live a life with Lyme. May you find peace in this difficult time . Keeping you in prayers. God Bless .

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**Helena** - December 14, 2015 at 08:19 PM

LI

“ *May you rest in peace!  
-Lyme patient from The Netherlands-*

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**Lidewij** - December 14, 2015 at 07:37 PM

CJ

“ *It is so hard to think of what to say during such a hard time. I am so sorry for your losses! God Bless them! Will pray for the family!*

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**Conny Johnson** - December 14, 2015 at 04:20 PM

AD

“ *I didn't know Brandon, but I wanted send my support and deepest condolences to the family and friends of Brandon. There are many of us that are fighting chronic lyme, and it hits home to see this happen to a young man. I hope that Brandon's legacy will inspire people to start listening.*

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**Adam** - December 14, 2015 at 03:30 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I've fought Lyme for 25 years and almost lost the fight a few times. Life is precious. May God bless you.*

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**J** - December 14, 2015 at 03:12 PM

LW

“ So sorry for your loss, and that your son passed before a cure would be found. It is critical that those of us with Lyme, who are still standing, do all we can to educate the public that it CAN prove fatal. My hope is that for the unfortunate victims who are taken, those of us who are not, will use whatever energy we have left to fight for those who have.

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**Laura Whitney** - December 14, 2015 at 01:19 PM

DE

“ Brandon I never had the pleasure of meeting you, but as a fellow LYME fighter, I am so sad that this happened to you. And for every medical person who keeps denying that Chronic Lyme exists, may this obits be a reminder of their ignorance and I thank your family for including that info in your obits, to help educate others. God Bless you.

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**Denise** - December 14, 2015 at 01:07 PM

JS

“ Rest in peace,the angels are eating well today

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**Joanne Stanchin** - December 14, 2015 at 12:23 PM

BH

“ May Creator comfort Brandon's loved ones in your time of sorrow and wrap his loving arms around each one of you. Brandon accomplished many things in his life. I am so sorry he lost his battle with Lyme disease, we in the Lyme Community will remember Warrior Brandon as we fight on to find recognition of Tick Bourne Illness and a cure.

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**Barbara Hamm** - December 14, 2015 at 11:46 AM

SF

“ My heart is with your family as you find your way through. I have had Lyme for 14 years and I know how difficult it can be to deal with this illness. I hope that Brandon has found peace. Infinite love to all of you.

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**Sairy Franks** - December 14, 2015 at 11:16 AM

MG

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. I am a Lyme warrior also. May the Father keep you close, and I pray for your family to have peace during this time. Shalom

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**Mimi Ganzen** - December 14, 2015 at 07:44 AM

TH

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I did not know Brandon. My husband also suffers from a tick borne illness. It's just horrible. I am sending prayers for the family.

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**Teresa Harris** - December 14, 2015 at 07:14 AM

MN

“ God Bless him, God Bless his family.  
I know it's been hard you all, I understand the battle too. So sad, you have my deepest sympathy.  
I know we will work harder in his name to raise awareness.  
Pray for peace & understanding.  
I will pray too.

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**Marcie Nichols** - December 14, 2015 at 04:19 AM

EG

“ I am also sorry for the loss of this amazing husband and father to this infection. I also suffer from this horrific illness and it's unlike no hell anybody can imagine. My entire family is dealing with this horrific infection. It's very sad to see somebody so young dying from this disease.

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**Elisha Goulet** - December 14, 2015 at 02:30 AM

DR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Rest assured that I and all others in the Lyme community will continue kicking doctors and looking for understanding and a cure. Praying for you.

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**David Reinhardt** - December 14, 2015 at 12:42 AM

CD

“ My deepest condolences hearing of Brandon's passing. Even though he is no longer in pain, it saddens me to hear of the loss of another warrior in the battle against Lyme. In his memory, the rest of us will continue to battle on, staying faithful to our brother whose battle abruptly ended. I pray that God will blanket you with peace through this difficult time.

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**Christa DeJarnett** - December 14, 2015 at 12:17 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am struggling with Lyme Disease and it breaks my heart that western medicine is not interested in helping those suffering from it. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. He sounds like an amazing man

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**Amy** - December 14, 2015 at 12:06 AM

JC

“ To the immediate and extended family of Brandon, I am so, so sorry for your loss and I will praying the Lord brings you comfort and peace as you grieve in the coming weeks and months. I was diagnosed with chronic lyme and several co-infections in 2007, went into remission in 2010, and it became active in 2014. It's an ongoing battle that is never the same each time. I pray that Brandon's death is NOT in vain, but will raise awareness of the hideous and deadly disease.

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**Jackie Confalone** - December 13, 2015 at 11:24 PM

KN

“ I am a mom of a son with Lyme disease. It's a horrible horrible illness that unless you experience first hand it's just impossible to comprehend. I am so sorry for your loss. What successes he accomplished and I know you are proud of him.

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**Kelly nanney** - December 13, 2015 at 11:17 PM

LG

“ I did not have the pleasure of meeting Brandon, but I, too, am a Lyme Warrior. My prayers are with his family and friends tonight.

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**Laura Garberick** - December 13, 2015 at 11:04 PM

RN

“ So very sorry for the loss of Brandon. A strong and loving soul fighting a monstrosity of an illness. I know. May those of you who loved him find peace and comfort.

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**Rhonda Nielsen** - December 13, 2015 at 10:00 PM



SS

“ *John and Marsha, I cannot even imagine the loss you are feeling. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time.*

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**Sheila Shiflet** - December 12, 2015 at 06:59 PM

DM

“ *John and Marsha. Words fail me right now. I am so sorry for your loss. I can't imagine the pain you are both feeling. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.*

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**Dale Mellish** - December 11, 2015 at 09:18 PM