



Braden (DeMars) Symansky

September 9, 1996 - September 1, 2025

Troy-It is with profound sadness and broken hearts that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved son, Braden Alexander DeMars Symansky on September 1, 2025. Braden succumbed of his injuries following an automobile accident.

Born on September 9, 1996, in Killeen Texas. From an early age, Braden brought immense joy, laughter, and kindness into the lives of everyone who knew him. His kind heart, sharp wit, gentle spirit and incredibly deep soul made Braden deeply loved by friends, family and all who had the privilege of crossing his path. He was an understanding young man who cared deeply for the struggles of others as he navigated his own. He consistently kept his head up and always saw the good in life even on his not so good days. Braden had high standards and good moral values. He strongly defended the rights of others and those less fortunate than himself.

Braden was a graduate of LaSalle Institute, HVCC and attended the University of Portland Oregon.

He enjoyed hiking, snowboarding, cooking, writing music and poetry and often performing the music he created or simply spending time with family and friends. He approached life with curiosity, warmth and a generosity of spirit that will never be forgotten. In Braden's world all were welcome. He was truly inclusive. He embraced everyone from all walks of life, never discriminating

against anyone.

Braden is survived by his loving and devoted parents, Martin Symansky and Dawn DeMars. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his “Crother”, cousin/brother, Justin DeMars, his loving Aunts, Kim Dooley (Mimi), Donna Beebe, Terry Harding, Maggie DeMars and Myrna Bernstein. His Uncles, Dick Beebe and Paul DeMars. His cousins, Emily Harding, Kristina Dahlem, and Braden’s extended family in Portland, Maine, in addition to a wide circle of friends who will forever cherish his memory.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made in Braden’s name to IPHNY, Inc, a Nonprofit mission, close to Braden’s heart. They provide assistance to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Braden was a passionate advocate who dedicated his time to helping and uplifting those in need. (Contributions should be sent to 176 Sheridan Ave. Albany NY 12210) Or, the Regional Food Bank, 965 Albany Shaker Rd. Latham, NY 12210.

Though Braden’s time with us was far too short, he left this world a much better place. The impact he had on our lives is immeasurable. His smile, laughter, and kind heart will remain with us always. We will carry him in our hearts forever.

A Celebration of Braden’s amazing life will be held Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Our Lady of Victory Church, 55 North Lake Ave, Troy, NY. The service will begin at 11:00am, visitation with the family will begin at 10:15am. All who knew and loved Braden are welcome to attend and share in his remembrance.

To live stream Braden’s celebration go to www.facebook.com/olvols

To leave a message for the family or view other helpful services please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Victory Church
55 North Lake Ave
Troy, NY

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ Dawn and Marty.....these words come late, but nonetheless sincere. Braden's photo radiates sweetness which, understandably, is a result of the love and devotion of his parents. Your support for Braden was evident in so many of our conversations. Though he is out of sight now, he is not out of reach. Braden will always be with you. Watch for the signs in months to come and BELIEVE. This I know from experience. Accept my heartfelt sympathy with many virtual hugs!



Lynn Swett

Lynn Swett - October 13, 2025 at 02:07 PM

BB

“ Dawn,
I am very sorry for your loss.

Brian Baker - September 20, 2025 at 06:24 PM

KH

“ Dawn and Marty, we are very saddened to hear of your loss. Please know we will be keeping you in our prayers. Love to you both, Karen Hedley and Mike Poteran.

karen Hedley - September 20, 2025 at 01:23 PM

RC

“ Dawn and Marty I am so shocked and sad to hear this tragic news.! My condolences on your loss. He was way to young. I remember when you talked about bringing him home and all the loving stories you shared while we were at work Sending hugs and love to you at this sad time.

Rita Cedar - September 20, 2025 at 12:57 PM

HC

“ Marty and Dawn,
My sincere condolences for your loss of Braden. It seems like yesterday when we were all apart of the OLV family, watching our kids grow up together, and looking out for one another. You were blessed with an incredible son. May your memories be ingrained, his mark bestowed, and love remain forever in your hearts. RIP ❤️🙏



Heidi Corina - September 20, 2025 at 01:16 AM

MM

“ Martin R and Dawn: I cannot begin to express all that is in my heart for you and for all of Braden's family and friends. I remember your excitement when you shared the news that a child would be coming your way! I know your giant heart first-hand and watched you love and nurture so many throughout your life. I can only say that I love you both and will be praying for you. Hold each other tightly ad know that you are loved

Mary Maxwell - September 19, 2025 at 06:36 PM

KL

“ Dawn & Marty, We are so deeply sorry for your loss & hope that the times you shared will bring you comfort.

Karen Lay - September 18, 2025 at 08:48 PM

MH

“ Morgan H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Braden (DeMars) Symansky.

Morgan H. - September 18, 2025 at 08:33 PM

JM

“ Braden will be deeply missed. He was a kind soul, outstanding person and a great friend.

Jordan Mantello - September 18, 2025 at 07:13 PM

MF

“ Dawn & Marty: My heart goes out to you during this very difficult time. Thinking of you and sending my love.

Margaret Fitzgerald - September 18, 2025 at 01:50 PM



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September 17, 2025 at 11:11 AM