

Payton "Ryan" Miller

October 1, 1995 - October 7, 2018

Payton "Ryan" Miller was born on October 1st, 1995. He had one older brother, Fred (who the family affectionately refers to as Mike) and lived with his mother and father, Kim and Guy Miller in Lake Villa. On October 7th, 2018, Ryan committed suicide after a 12 year battle with mental illness.

Ryan and Mike were adopted by Kim and Guy on February 16th, 2000. Ryan was an affectionate, loving son who prized others' well-being before his own. He was diagnosed with Tourette's and OCD at age 11 and was in and out of hospitals and wards from then until very recent. He often obsessed about the years of his childhood lost to those illnesses. That being said, critters trapped in window wells of his parent's home and spiders caught roosting in the corners of the house were often rescued by Ryan's keen eye and generosity. He loved helping. He loved being relied upon. He lacked love for himself, but made sure his family and friends knew he cared for them. He was the guy that would ring the bell when he left a restaurant, letting the employees know the service was good. He was the kind of guy that got stuck holding the door open for people several yards away.

Despite what demons he faced inside and the growing torment that he could just never fit in, Ryan was charismatic. When he was homeless, wandering around the southern United States, it was his ability to connect with others that eventually guided him home. He was competitive. He hated to lose. He always said, "I'm going to do it perfectly or I'm not going to do it at all". He loved Japan and Japanese culture. He and his brother recently completed a trip to Japan, where he was truly happy. He brought many things back, from fortune cookies to rare figurines. He was surrounded by his passions, his fascinations, and away from the societal obligations that tormented him and his sense of belonging. He often stated sadly that he could just not see himself leading a "normal life"

Ryan's obsession with achieving perfection was both his greatest asset and worst vice. His family wishes for him to be remembered by his unrelenting affection for family, friends, animals, and total strangers. Ryan will be deeply missed.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 12, 2018 at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, IL 60046 from 4 to 8 pm. A funeral service will begin at 7:30 pm. Cremation will be private.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Ringa Funeral Home

122 S. Milwaukee Ave. (Rte. 83), Lake Villa, IL, US, 60046

OCT **Service** 07:30PM

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Comments



“ Kim Miller lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



kim miller - November 30 at 06:49 PM



“ Ryan, another Thanksgiving has come and gone. I still can't believe that you are no longer here. I truly believe that a piece of my heart will be missing forever. I think about you every day and pray that you are free of any pain and suffering. We will meet again someday, I promise. I love ya bud, with all of my heart.



Guy Miller - November 29 at 06:53 PM



“ We always had a special bond and it will never be broken,

Guy Miller - November 16 at 06:33 PM



“ Guy Miller lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



Guy Miller - November 16 at 06:28 PM



“ Guy Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



Guy Miller - November 16 at 06:24 PM



“ My dearest Ryan,

your mom and I have had a rough day today. You have been weighing on our hearts and minds a great deal. Your absence from our lives has truly left an irreparable void. I have felt you reaching out to me several times this past week, whether it be by songs on the radio or strange coincidences taking place, but you must know that I have been in shambles lately. I am doing my best to move forward in life, because that is my only option. No amount of time appears to make losing you get any easier to cope with. The one thing that mom and I hold on to, is knowing that you are free of any pain and suffering and that you are watching over us, knowing that one day we will all be reunited. I want you to know that we miss you deeply and love you with all our hearts.

love ya bud, Dad



Guy Miller - November 16 at 06:14 PM



“ I miss you with all my heart and a part of me is missing everyday your gone this month with your birthday and death day and Halloween just has been so hard pray for strength and guidance thru my new life without my baby son love you always with me forever never forgotten ma

kim miller - October 20 at 06:45 PM



“ Kim Miller lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



kim miller - October 20 at 06:42 PM



“ Ryan, I have been thinking about you a lot and I just wanted to say that I hope “GOD’S IN HIS HEAVEN , ALL’S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD “ love you bud, dad



Guy Miller - October 13 at 04:26 PM



“ Happy Birthday Ryan, I miss you deeply and love you with all of my heart.



Guy Miller - October 01 at 08:54 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



kim miller - September 16 at 02:20 PM



“ The month October has come too quick can't believe it almost a year since you left us but not a day or minute gone by that I think of you
You were my baby boy and as your ma grieving I would or couldn't imagine the pain of losing a child my heart goes out to all moms this shouldn't be love you and always forever ryan



kim miller - September 16 at 02:18 PM



“ He will always be in my heart not a day or moment he's not thought of
His ma and know and never doubted the love he gave and had to end for me
I know he's with me and holding me up
Love you forever until we meet again in heaven miss the hugs wish for one everyday



kim miller - September 01 at 10:21 PM



“ Thanks Zach, I am quite sure that your words would mean a lot to him.

Guy miller - August 29 at 09:23 PM



“ Hey bud, I had a rough day today, thinking about how much I miss you and wish you were still here with us. I know that you hear me when I reach out to you, because I feel your presence surrounding me. My love for you will never fade. You were such a very special part of my life and I am grateful every day for the time that we were able to share together. Please know that your mom and I love you deeply and are doing the best that we can. Until we meet again my son, watch over us and help us find the strength to carry on. Love you always, Dad.



Guy miller - August 28 at 09:59 PM



“ Was just sitting around with my friend (who also knew Peyton) last night, and we were reminiscing about High School. I remembered having newspaper with Peyton and brought up some of his old jokes, like he had this quick wit that always made me laugh, my favorite was one time he said after something went wrong, he goes “Well, such is life in the Balkans.”

He was a great guy, I remember him fondly, and although maybe we weren't super close, I thought of him as my friend. Rest In Peace Peyton.

Zach Karlovitz - August 23 at 02:57 PM



“ Wish you could come over and play with my cats. They only got to meet you twice. Miss you, pal. Sorry for the bug I killed yesterday. Think it was the first I've killed since you left. Koda wanted to play with him, but he couldn't reach him. Hope you've gotten to see Japan a few times. Love ya.

Mike - June 04 at 03:18 PM



“ I miss you so much! I think of you every day! I love you from the bottom of my heart. Hope you are at peace bud. Dad



Guy Miller - May 24 at 09:39 PM



“ Mother’s Day was very difficult for mom and dad, especially your ma. This is supposed to be a special day that mothers share with their children, but this mother’s day seemed incomplete without you here. It’s as if a piece of our family puzzle is gone forever. I am not sure where we go from here, or how we are expected to move forward with our lives when our family is no longer complete. I just wanted you to know that you were in our thoughts all day and every day. We love you bud and miss you more than you will ever know. Dad



Guy Miller - May 12 at 08:14 PM



“ Guy Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



Guy Miller - May 11 at 08:07 PM



“ Kim Miller Ryan Ma sent a virtual gift in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



kim miller ryan ma - May 07 at 02:28 PM



“ Kim Miller Ryan Ma lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



kim miller ryan ma - May 07 at 02:28 PM



“ 7 months but feel enterity to your ma the unbelievable pain in my heart losing you love you always and forever

kim miller ryan ma - May 07 at 02:27 PM



“ Gone, but never forgotten. Think of you every day. Love ya bud, dad.



Guy Miller - April 30 at 06:33 PM



“ Guy Miller lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



Guy Miller - April 18 at 12:51 PM



“ It is 6 months to the day of your passing and it doesn't seem to be getting any easier. Not one day has gone by that you have not been in my thoughts and prayers. I know that you are at peace and in a better place but that doesn't change the fact that you are dearly missed. Until we meet again my son, watch over us and give us the strength we need to carry on. Love ya bud, dad

Guy Miller - April 07 at 05:40 PM



“ Guy Miller lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



Guy Miller - April 02 at 09:50 PM



“ Kim Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



kim miller - March 30 at 02:14 PM



“ Kim Miller lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



kim miller - March 30 at 02:13 PM



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kim miller - March 30 at 02:11 PM



“ Booger Boy “Ryan”
Miss you lots.

Guy Miller - April 01 at 10:32 AM



“ I love you I'm your ma forever and will miss you



kim miller - March 29 at 07:58 PM



“ Guy Miller lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



Guy Miller - March 26 at 10:40 AM



“ You are with us always! Love you bud,

Dad

Guy Miller - March 15 at 09:15 PM



“ Guy Miller lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



Guy Miller - March 14 at 05:09 PM



“ Guy Miller lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



Guy Miller - March 11 at 07:25 PM



“ Love ya bud, think about you ever day.

Dad

Guy Miller - February 25 at 12:51 PM



“ Guy lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



Guy - February 25 at 05:53 AM



“ Fred M lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



Fred M - February 11 at 03:46 PM



“ Kim Miller lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



kim miller - January 12 at 01:02 PM



“ today is 3 months since my son funeral is surely missed by his mom think of him everyday and trying to go on without him. He had a great heart and wish he was still with us but i do know he isnt suffering and is in a safe place and finally his mind is at peace. Pray for him and our family everyday for hope and strength; Love you with all my heart and a piece of my heart is with you in heaven Ma you will always be my boog and baby

kim miller - January 12 at 01:01 PM

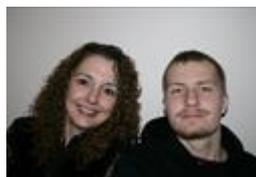


“ You are my son and baby always forever

kim miller - March 29 at 08:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album





“ Still miss you, Pal.

Fred M - November 12, 2018 at 08:14 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are being sent to you during this difficult time. God's Blessings to you all
Norma Armstrong

Norma Armstrong - October 12, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ Norma lit a candle in memory of Payton "Ryan" Miller



Norma - October 12, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ Rob & Vickie Goode purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Payton "Ryan" Miller.



Rob & Vickie Goode - October 11, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Guy Miller - October 11, 2018 at 08:11 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Payton "Ryan" Miller.



October 10, 2018 at 08:05 PM



“ Love you Kim and guy I know it's been tough Ryan would want you to be strong. Thinking of you always.
Love Shirley and Duane



shirley guilford - October 10, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ Love ALWAYS, Aunt Laurie and Uncle George purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Payton "Ryan" Miller.



Love ALWAYS, Aunt Laurie and Uncle George - October 10, 2018 at 05:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Payton "Ryan" Miller.



October 10, 2018 at 12:35 PM



“ Sabrina Beardsley and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Payton "Ryan" Miller.



Sabrina Beardsley and Family - October 10, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Payton "Ryan" Miller.



October 10, 2018 at 11:12 AM



“ I can't think of the words to say. You're physically gone, but I don't want to talk about you that way.

I'm sorry that I didn't notice your signs sooner so that I could reach out and tell you we're in the same boat. You weren't supposed to go yet, you know.

A lot of us are coming to see you soon, and I don't want to spoil it, but Kim's gonna make something amazing. Just you wait and see, Pay-a-ton.

- Jay-seph



Jay - October 09, 2018 at 08:55 PM