



Ryan Lee Packer

July 31, 1991 - March 23, 2018

Ryan Lee Packer, 26, of Byron Center, MI passed away Friday, March 23, 2018 at his home.

Ryan was born on July 31, 1991 to Bill and Teena (Kremer) Packer in Kissimmee, FL. He moved to Traverse City with his family and attended Traverse City Prep High School, graduating with honors. He attended Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Ryan was employed by Grand Traverse Container and operated their manufacturing facility in Grand Rapids, MI.

It is said that it is not the years in the life of a person, rather the life in those years. Ryan certainly exemplifies this as he will be remembered as a loving and caring person. His smile would light up any room he walked in to. He went out of his way to help others, putting others in front of his own needs; he was a positive influence to all those around him, and his compassion extended to all creatures, big and small. He will be missed by his cat 'Bubbles' and his 4 foot iguana 'Yoshi'.

Ryan enjoyed hunting and fishing with his dad. He liked to walk in the woods and along the beach, gathering stones of all sizes. He was a bit of a car enthusiast and loved his cars, but especially his Audi A5. He achieved a black belt in Tae Kwon Do at age 9 and was known for his love of music.

Ryan is survived by his parents Bill and Teena; sisters Michelle Packer and Rachelle Packer; grandparents Kathleen Packer, Leanne Stevens and Ronald Kremer; 11 nieces and nephews; and girlfriend Tara Strickland.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m.

Those wishing an expression of sympathy are encouraged to direct contributions to AC Paws, P.O. Box 94, Acme MI 49610 or the Cherryland Humane Society, 1750 Ahlberg

Road, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Events

APR **Visitation for friends and family** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home

305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

APR **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ In memory of my ex step father Ryan Lee Packer, I still love him and I cry every night thinking about mine and his memories of when I was a child and he was more of a father than my actual father
Missed dearly

~Brianna Marie Sowulewski

Brianna Marie Sowulewski - April 16, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ In memory of Ryan, whom I did not knew but I have found this on the Rincon beach. Perhaps, someone will like to see it. Signed by Alex.

Maritza Perez



Maritza Perez - March 22, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ Jennifer Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Ryan Lee Packer



Jennifer Sullivan - April 07, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ Ryan was a sweet boy and very special young man.He will be missed terribly.

Pennie Davey - April 06, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ Bill & Teena we are deeply saddened for your family. We will make a contribution to ACPaws in your sons name. Eric & Liz Mack

Eric & Liz Mack - April 05, 2018 at 08:51 AM



“ Eric & Liz Mack lit a candle in memory of Ryan Lee Packer



Eric & Liz Mack - April 05, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ By all accounts Bill and Teena raised a wonderful, fun-loving son who will be sadly missed and thoughtfully remembered. And while no words can describe and console this loss, we hope Ryan's family know and feel they have the love and support of many friends.

Lisa and Mike McCulloch

Mike McCulloch - April 04, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ I didn't know him well but I do two of his close friends. I met Ryan a couple times and he lit up the room every time. I know he is very missed. Sending my love to all those missing him now. He was definitely full of life!!



April Roland - April 04, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ My Lord and my God: I cannot imagine what you, Bill, and Teena must be going through. I remember Ryan helping with the EBCC Sportsmans Banquet. I pray for you both.
Kerry

Kerry Taylor - April 02, 2018 at 08:18 PM



“ Ryan I miss you already. You made days a work fun you taught me so much. You were a call away if i had a problem. I will miss the 5am wake ups from a random video u thought was funny. I miss u buddy rest in peace

sean - April 01, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ Oh Ryan Lee. You were the light of my life. We met in the most random of ways, at the most random time, but from the day we did I think we both knew it was meant to happen. You made me feel so content. And I constantly thought to myself, how did I get this lucky. You treated me like absolute gold, and always made it known you cared.

I don't know what it was about you but I'll never forget that feeling I felt after meeting you. We shared SO many wonderful times in the time we were together. Lots of beach days, most just the two of us. A couple boat days on my brothers boat. You even went camping with me a couple times (and we all know you weren't very fond of camping lol). Took a lot of random walks in the woods. Went Geocaching in Eastport. And probably the most important of all, moving to a new city together. I was nervous, but you were there to make that feeling quickly go away. We lived a simple, but lovely life there. We ordered Chinese takeout probably way too much. Binge watched Jersey Shore. Grocery shopping and making breakfast on Sunday's. The list could go on and on. But more than having those great memories, I'm just thankful they were with YOU.

You were one of a kind. One of a kind smile, laugh, personality. Everything. No one will ever compare, and I'm okay with that. I'll be thinking of you always. You'll be there in the back of my mind, pushing me to do great things. Because I know that's what we wanted for each other.

And I hope the people that had the chance to know you, know how blessed they are. You touched a lot of lives, you probably had no idea then but now you do. I wish more than anything you were here, but I know I'll see you again. Save me a seat close to you. I love you forever

Tara Strickland - April 01, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ I'm sorry for your lose, u guys seemed close and u seem like a nice person
We have all lost someone very special in our lives when he passed, but u lost more than that

Thank you for treating my ex step father so kind heartedly

Again I'm srroy for your lose

Brianna Marie Sowulewski - April 16, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ Dan Griffin & Connie Fess lit a candle in memory of Ryan Lee Packer



Dan Griffin & Connie Fess - March 31, 2018 at 10:37 AM



“ I will miss the kayaking trips sent with Ryan. My son Joseph introduced me to Ryan and he was very pleasant young man. I know he will be greatly missed.
Tina and Joseph Wagner



tina wagner - March 31, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ Did not know him well but when you met him his smile made you smile, he always made you feel like you were special. A beautiful person that is gone to soon.

Leo and Jenny Johns - March 31, 2018 at 09:15 AM



“ Ken Van Every lit a candle in memory of Ryan Lee Packer



Ken Van Every - March 30, 2018 at 05:56 PM



“ Ryan was a wonderful person, with the most infectious smile you'd ever seen. He lit up every room he went into. He will be dearly, dearly missed. ♡♡♡♡

Emma Castiglione - March 29, 2018 at 09:31 PM



“ My sweet baby brother,

Today is full of memories,
of a Brother laid to rest
and every single one of them
is filled with happiness

For you were someone special
always such a joy to know
and there was so much pain
when it was time to let you go

That's why this special message
is sent to heaven above
for the angels to take care of you
and give you all my love.



Michelle Packer - March 29, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ Ryan was a beautiful person. He had a magnetic smile and genuine heart. We will all miss him so much but keep him close in our hearts forever. I will always remember Ryan as a bouncing blue-eyed baby boy. May he rest above in peace until we see him again someday. I love you Mom and Dad.

Rachelle Castiglione (Ryans sister) - March 29, 2018 at 01:23 PM



“ Bill and Teena, Beth and I are so sorry for Ryan's passing. I remember how impressed I was when Ryan would come over to the house and he would always shake my hand and smile as he called me Mr Weston. He was a good kid with a good heart and he will be greatly missed. Our prayers go out to you in this time of mourning. Steve and Beth Weston

steve weston - March 29, 2018 at 06:58 AM



“ Bill & Teena, Our prayers are with you. We all will remember Ryan as a beautiful and loving young man that shared his kindness to whomever he met, We love you and are here if you need us.
Love Mark and Marcy

Mark Belanger - March 28, 2018 at 03:46 PM



“ Deb Strait lit a candle in memory of Ryan Lee Packer



Deb Strait - March 28, 2018 at 09:49 AM