



Ryan Andrew Leany

February 16, 2006 - July 13, 2022

Ryan Andrew Leany passed away from this life on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at the age of 16. He was born to Thaylen and Laura (Mulvaney) Leany on February 16, 2006 in Fort Wayne, IN.

Ryan was a sweet, funny, smart, young man who found joy in so many things and brought light to those around him. Whether it was exploring the zoo as a toddler, checking out sports cars, enjoying the world of pokemon, or building and designing robots, he was always curious. And he loved food -- cooking it, trying new foods, and especially eating it. Ryan moved with his family to St. Joseph, MI in 2009 and Norton Shores, MI in 2021. Through elementary and middle school, his interest in math and football grew. Even though he was one of the smallest kids on the football field, he had a passion for playing nose guard, and opponents often double teamed him. He decided his favorite team was the Oregon Ducks despite never living out west. In 5th grade, Ryan began participating in FIRST Robotics as part of the RoboJoes at E. P. Clarke. He continued with the JoeBots team at Upton Middle School, then the Average Joes at St. Joseph High School and Team Wavelength at Mona Shores High School. He was a great musician, loved playing french horn with the band at both high schools, and looked forward to getting involved with the Tri M Music Honor Society. Throughout school, Ryan excelled in all subjects, but he especially loved math and was excited to pursue a degree in math education. During high school, he found a way to balance his academics with band, football, robotics, and church while still finding time for his other interests, including playing video games and watching YouTube. He even thought about creating a YouTube channel about video games or his other interests. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ryan actively participated in the youth group and attended Seminary (Scripture study class) each morning before high school. Preferring to show his faith through action rather than words, Ryan was diligently devoted to his commitments and responsibilities at church. He had a quiet, thoughtful spirit but also a fun, infectious personality.

Ryan will be forever remembered by his parents, Thaylen and Laura; siblings, Heather Leany, Justin Leany, and Amanda Leany; grandparents, Rachel Leany and Michael &

Leslie Mulvaney; great-grandmothers, Clare Hatten and Lorna Mulvaney; aunts and uncles, Luwellyn (Michelle) Leany, Marie (Scott) Bryce, Brenda (Wade) Ashton, Raelynn (Pedro) Jimenez, Eldean (Naomi) Leany, Brian (Aileen) Leany, Delbert (Holly) Leany, Michael (Melissa) Leany, Suzanna (Robert) Hole, Douglas (Abby) Mulvaney, and Sara (Jason) Beldyga; many cousins and countless friends. Ryan was preceded in death by his grandfather, H. Vard Leany and uncle, Jeffery Leany.

A Funeral Service will be held at 2:00PM, Saturday, July 23 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 18975 168th Ave., Spring Lake, MI 49456. Visitation with the family will be Friday, July 22 from 6:00-8:00PM at the church and 12:30-2:00PM before the service on Saturday. A Livestream of Ryan's service will be available to watch at <https://youtu.be/UQxmSb9CEH0>.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Mona Shores High School Robotics Team Wavelength, Mona Shores High School Band or any organization of your choosing in Ryan's memory.

Please feel free to visit Ryan's online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com to share a memory with the family. Arrangements entrusted to The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Spring Lake Ward
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Spring Lake, MI 49456

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JUL **23.** 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

ST

“ Words are not enough to convey the loss we feel at Ryan’s passing. When I think of him, I picture him when he was little with his kind eyes, sweet smile, and quiet presence. These features, which stayed with him throughout his life, were a small glimpse of the compassionate and caring child he was and young man he became. He brightened the world through his big heart and will continue to do so through the lives he has touched and the memories he leaves behind. The world is a better place because he was in it and we are thankful for the gifts he brought to this world, his family, and the people around him and the impact he had on so many in such a short period of time here on earth. Ryan, your presence will be dearly missed by those you leave behind. May your spirit fill their hearts and comfort their minds with your everlasting joy and peace until the day you meet again.

With love, Stephanie, Jacob, Catalina, and Elijah



Stephanie Temme - July 22 at 12:44 PM

JU

“ Julie lit a candle in memory of Ryan Andrew Leany



Julie - July 22 at 09:59 AM

MP

“ Mark, Lennie, Isabella, and Amelia Paul purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ryan Andrew Leany.



Mark, Lennie, Isabella, and Amelia Paul - July 22 at 08:39 AM

RJ

“ Raelynn, Pedro, Andre, & DJ Jimenez purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ryan Andrew Leany.



Raelynn, Pedro, Andre, & DJ Jimenez - July 21 at 11:48 PM

GH

“ Grandma Clare Hatten purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Ryan Andrew Leany.



Grandma Clare Hatten - July 20 at 06:05 PM



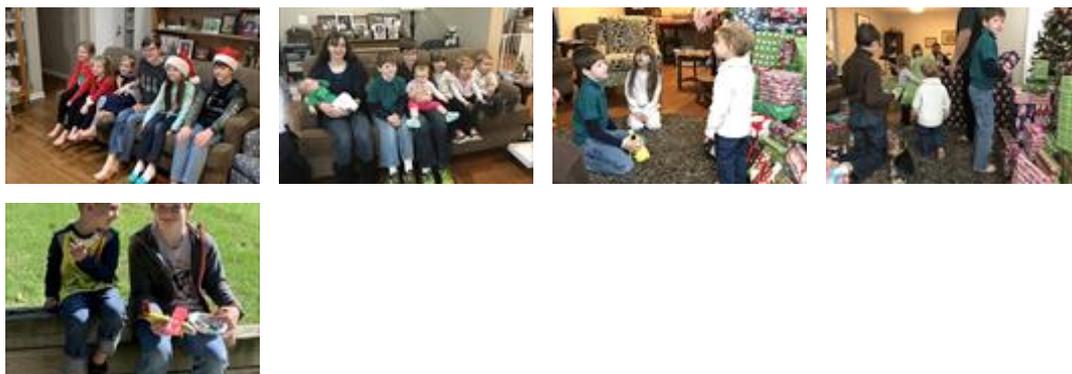
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ryan Andrew Leany.



July 20 at 07:24 AM

DM

“ I Love You Ryan



Douglas Mulvaney - July 18 at 07:24 AM

LI

“ R.I.P Ryan gone to soon our deepest condolences and many prayers to your family and many friends from band member Heriberto and Linda (mother) .

Linda - July 18 at 04:49 AM

JA

“ *Janie lit a candle in memory of Ryan Andrew Leany*



Janie - July 17 at 11:48 PM

DL

“ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pY9GlobnWR6ngDKB3mFsvXjQ2flkSrxu/view?usp=drivesdk>

Dan Lifferth - July 17 at 10:14 PM

CW

“ *I remember Ryan as a part of our Primary and later Sunday school classes. He was always thinking -always quietly observing. I remember the love his mother, Laura expressing her love for him and how proud she was of his abilities. She was such a great example to me as a mother. Ryan was so special. Heaven can only be better with him there. My heart aches for the Lenny family during this difficult time.*

Callie Welch - July 17 at 10:09 PM

JB

“ *Ryan was not a student who announced his entrance with a loud voice. Instead, he entered every rehearsal, practice and class with poise, determination, and a hard-working spirit that brought him and those around him to their best work. He was a leader by example, a loyal teammate, and a positive spirit that contributed his positivity to every rehearsal.*

Ryan was a truly gifted musician. Not only did he have a technical gift for the French horn, he was emotive and expressive. He truly embodied the Mona Shores' spirit of arts, academics and athletics. He was an exemplar of them all.

I know I speak on behalf of the entire Mona Shores Band family when I say that Ryan's memory is a blessing to us all. We grieve him, miss him and send our love and support to the Leany family.

Jason Boyden - July 17 at 10:00 PM

KJ

“ I remember when I would watch Ryan and AJ working together on a robot. When they would run it, Ryan would jump up and down like he was jumping rope over and over. Sometimes I would get so caught up in watching his enthusiasm, that I missed what happened to their robot. 🙏 Ryan will be missed for so many things, but we will definitely miss him for his contagious enthusiasm ❤️

Kristi Jex - July 17 at 09:18 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ryan Andrew Leany.



July 17 at 08:49 PM



“ Our deepest condolences and sympathies. Are thoughts and prayers are with you all. - The Jenson family, Saint Joseph MI

Robert Jenson - July 17 at 08:28 PM