



Riley Joseph Starnes

June 3, 1998 - August 27, 2018

NORWAY- Riley J. Starnes age 20 died unexpectedly, Monday, August 27, 2018.

He was born on June 3, 1998 in Iron Mountain, the son of Brian Starnes and Carrie Haferkorn.

Riley attended Norway Schools, where he enjoyed playing football which was his passion.

He loved his family, enjoyed spending time with them, and face timing his niece Nova Snulligan.

Riley is survived by his wife Messiah; step-daughter Keira; parents Brian (Jessica) Starnes and Carrie (Robert Alexander) Haferkorn; paternal grandfather Brian Starnes, Sr.; maternal grandparents Debbie and Tom Murray and Tracy and Janice Haferkorn; brothers Ryan Brin, Collin and Dawson Starnes; sister Rhiannon Brin; many aunts, uncles, and cousins whom all loved Riley very much and wanted him to get better; special aunt Pat Bergeron whom he loved so much; a special friend Neil Vassar, Riley always looked up to you; and Tony Villanuava who was a father figure to Riley for years.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother Shirley Starnes.

Riley was a fun loving person, who had an addiction he could not control. He was loved by many and will never be forgotten, as a parent, I am begging you if you or someone you love is struggling with an addiction, please call 1-877-920-0814.

“I love you to the moon and back Riley” -Sissy

“Love you buddy”- Gma and Gpa

“You are my everything, I will love you always and forever” – Love Mom

“Riley, I want a rematch” -Love Ryan

“Riley, I love you. Until we meet again”- Love Dad

A Service for Riley will be held on Friday, September 7 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Barbara’s Church in Vulcan with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis officiating.

Followed by a Celebration of Riley’s life at 3 p.m. at St. Barbara’s Church Parish Hall.

Previous Events

Service

SEP 7. 2:30 PM (CT)

St. Barbara's Church
159 Mission Street
Vulcan, MI 49892

Tribute Wall

CA

“ I still miss you more then ever love mom

carrie - April 30, 2025 at 11:52 PM

MO

“ I love and miss you so much ☐

mom - March 08, 2022 at 01:44 PM

DE

“ Love and miss you buddy Gma Debbie

debbie - November 20, 2021 at 10:12 PM

MO

“ Happy Easter we miss you so much ❤️

mom - April 04, 2021 at 01:43 AM

MO

“ I love and miss you so much ❤️

mom - April 04, 2021 at 01:42 AM

GD

“ Gramma Debbie lit a candle in memory of
Riley Joseph Starnes



gramma debbie - November 06, 2020 at 09:48 PM

MO

“ I love and miss you more and more each day ❤️ Gone but never forgotten

Mom - August 09, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ Uncle riley I love you so much 💜 LOVE, NOVA JANE NICHOLE



Carrie Haferkorn - February 10, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ I love you baby boy 💜💔 love mom

Carrie Haferkorn - February 10, 2019 at 06:20 PM

DM

“ Love you bunches buddy gma &gpa

dm - January 22, 2019 at 11:37 PM

MO

“ Mom sent a virtual gift in memory of Riley Joseph Starnes



Mom - September 29, 2018 at 12:41 PM

MO

“ Mom lit a candle in memory of Riley Joseph Starnes



Mom - September 29, 2018 at 12:40 PM

MO

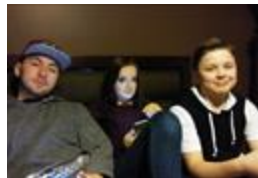
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Mom - September 29, 2018 at 12:37 PM

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Mom - September 29, 2018 at 12:33 PM

MO

“ I miss you more and more everyday I love you so much im going to keep fighting for justice and fighting to prove this was not suppose to happen at the end of the day Officer Johnson has to live with himself and im gonna fight as long as it takes to get justice love you baby boy and miss you 50 million

Mom - September 29, 2018 at 12:32 PM

GA

“ RIP



Gary - September 15, 2018 at 04:25 PM

Mary Sliva

“ I miss you so much, Riley ❤️



Mary Sliva - September 07, 2018 at 12:42 PM

MO

“ I love you son ❤️ Love ,mom

Mom - September 07, 2018 at 12:05 PM

MO

“ Mom lit a candle in memory of Riley Joseph Starnes



Mom - September 07, 2018 at 12:01 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Riley Joseph Starnes.* ”



September 06, 2018 at 08:45 PM



“ *Bigelow Rentals purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Riley Joseph Starnes.* ”



Bigelow Rentals - September 06, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Riley Joseph Starnes.* ”



September 06, 2018 at 10:04 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley Joseph Starnes.* ”



September 05, 2018 at 03:22 PM



“ *My Deepest Condolences to the Entire Family !*

Kathy Wartick - September 03, 2018 at 02:39 PM

HA

“ *Haley lit a candle in memory of Riley Joseph Starnes*



Haley - August 31, 2018 at 02:39 PM

DP

“ *Our condolences to all of you . Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers .*

Tom & Debbie Pedrotti

Debbie Pedrotti - August 31, 2018 at 11:39 AM

HM

“ *Holly McCarthy-Biolo lit a candle in memory of Riley Joseph Starnes*



Holly McCarthy-Biolo - August 31, 2018 at 11:02 AM

BS

“ *Riley I wish u knew how much I loved u how much u meant to me love dad*

Brian starnes - August 30, 2018 at 07:49 PM

GG

“ *Gma & Gpa lit a candle in memory of Riley Joseph Starnes*



gma & gpa - August 30, 2018 at 04:13 PM

CH

“ *Son I love you so much my life will never be the same without you
💖 I would do anything to have you back 💖 you are my baby boy
forever Love mom*

Carrie haferkorn - August 30, 2018 at 01:22 PM

SM

“ *Stacy and Paul Casanova, Max and Sam Matson
purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of
Riley Joseph Starnes.*



Stacy and Paul Casanova, Max and Sam Matson - August 30,
2018 at 12:30 PM

CM

“ *Where do I start, what do I say, so so tragic. Sending healing
prayers and my thoughts to you Carrie, Deb and Tom. No Mother
should have to bury their child...I pray the Lord eases all of your
pain.*

Cherryl and Paul Mencinger

Cherryl Mencinger - August 30, 2018 at 12:11 AM

DM

Thank you

dm - August 30, 2018 at 10:25 PM

KM

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss and our hearts ache for you. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and praying that God will bring you comfort and peace during this most difficult time. Love, Tom, Kelli, Alex, and Emily Murray*

Kelli Murray - August 29, 2018 at 08:26 AM

DE

Thank you guys we really appreciate it.. love you guys

debbie - August 29, 2018 at 09:55 PM

AM

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. I too lost my son to his addiction on January 22nd, 2017. I still don't know how I have managed to get up and, live every day without my child. If you ever want to talk or cry or yell im here. My cell is 715-200-1063. It helped me to talk to someone who went thru the same thing as I was doing thru. Amy Marcell*

Amy Marcell - August 29, 2018 at 07:02 AM

AL

“ Riley I'm up thinking of you, I can't sleep. I just keep looking at pictures of you and thinking of all the memories we have. You deserved so much more out of this life, I had so much faith in you. No matter the situation I always had your back. I wish I could see you again. I love you so much Riley -Love Hecky
P.s. heres my favorite picture of us because for some reason we always LOVED Black Friday shopping. I remember you tackled me to the ground one year and a guy yelled at us and we just laughed at him. I'm going to miss your laugh.



alexis - August 29, 2018 at 01:26 AM

DE

Oh my Lexi I remember we could tell where you two where by the moving balloons in store .. I love this

debbie - August 29, 2018 at 07:10 AM

TH

our hearts are with you my daughter we love you

tracy and janice haferkorn - September 03, 2018 at 09:32 AM

NS

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

nicci spade - August 28, 2018 at 10:38 PM

JW

“ So saddened by the tragic loss of your son.
Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to
all his family and friends who loved him!



Janine Willman - August 28, 2018 at 07:31 PM

RO

Once again, Carrie I am so sorry for your loss. So seeing that mothers
should never out. live a child
This kind of pain is so harsh!!! You are loved and you did right by your
family..

Robelle - August 28, 2018 at 09:42 PM

 Drea
Garcia

“ RIP Riley, we didnt know each other that well or for that long but
you're another life taken way too soon from your family and friends.
rest easy my friend. my condolences to your family and loved ones.
fly high

Drea Garcia - August 28, 2018 at 07:24 PM

DM

“ Love you buddy your forever in our hearts and thoughts gma & gpa

debbie murray - August 28, 2018 at 06:46 PM



“ Carrie and family ...no words will ever help at this time but the enjoyable memories that friends and family will share with you will bring smiles through the tears. We all know the battle ..the struggle ...its real ..Riley is now forever home ...hes safe....hes wrapped in angle wings forever safe from harm...I can bet him and our son are playing on the best football team ever...

Rachel Siegle - August 28, 2018 at 01:55 PM

AL

“ I love you Ry, love always (as you would call me) Hecky! I miss you already.

Alexis - August 28, 2018 at 01:52 PM

MS

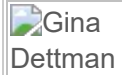
“ I am so sorry for your loss of Riley. I can't imagine what your family is going through. I am so glad that we were able to get to know Riley in his early years. I know how addiction can rip through a family. Thoughts and prayers go out to you all.

Mike & Kris Schalow - August 28, 2018 at 01:40 PM

NV

“ I know first hand the struggles you had Riley that didn't mean we didn't care and love you for the person you were and who you always wanted to be You're in the arms of the Angels nowbe at peace you won't be forgotten

Neil Vassar - August 28, 2018 at 01:32 PM



Gina
Dettman

“ *I am so saddened by the loss of your loved one.
I did not know him but i do know the powers of addiction.
I have my own sons and could not imagine how devastated your
family must be.
Thoughts and Prayers go out to your family.
Sincerely gmd*

Gina Dettman - August 28, 2018 at 08:13 AM