



## Ryan Pfeiffer

April 19, 1992 - May 7, 2021

LONG ISLAND CITY, NY -Ryan Michael Pfeiffer age 29, of Long Island City, NYC, died unexpectedly on May 7th, 2021.

Ryan was born in Iron Mountain, Michigan in 1992. A sweet and mischievous child, “Ryanocerous’s” natural curiosity was often displayed when the household would erupt in tears after he had secretly dissected his siblings’ toys to see how they worked. However; as an adult, this curiosity, mixed with his patient, meticulous nature, helped him figure out how to fix our cell phones...all is forgiven.

Ryan grew up on the farm in Faithorn, and in the woods of Waucedah. As a son, he cherished time spent with his parents. He loved hunting and fishing, endless hours with his dad Mike, Grandpa Clippy, and dad Tom, and he respected the deep discussions he had with his mom, Jeri. He was incredibly thoughtful. Arriving home to a note from Ryan or a package with things tailored specifically to you were just part of having Ryan as a son, brother, or friend. As a sibling, we all agree that he was the best one. We looked up to his maturity and he was the one we all turned to for advice. His calm approach often melted away the usual sibling tensions. He’d say, “just relax” using an inflection and tone only he used. With a quick squeeze on the top of your shoulders, everything was then alright. His loyalty as a brother was ultimate. He made us feel like we were his only priority. As a friend, “Pfeif” established

amazing relationships growing up and had a devoted, tight group of friends who have remained close. Memories flood our mind of “Ry” and his friends filling camp with music, fun, and all the things we hid from our parents.

Ryan graduated from Norway High School in 2010. He was so loved as a student and classmate. He was kind and warm, making people feel special and heard. He was a patient listener and non-judgmental. He had a way of acknowledging people and was able to meet them where they were at. He was fascinated by peoples’ different perspectives on an idea or approach to a subject. He was incredibly deep, smart, and would spend hours talking about music, movies, or something he had read.

After high school, Ryan started college at Central Michigan University but then transferred to Ferris State University to complete his degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology. He landed a competitive job at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor and matured successfully into adulthood over the next few years. In Ann Arbor, some of his mischievous nature showed through again. He was always fixing things and selling them on Craigslist for a profit. When we questioned the comings and goings of boxes on the porch, he would just flash his beautiful crooked smile and keep on hustlin’.

While in Ann Arbor, he met his love, Ana Alas, and they took off exploring this world. Traveling to Dubai, Amsterdam, Paris, Jamaica, Turkey, and flying all over the US to visit friends and family, their life was full of energy, food, good IPAs, and music. Ana’s “Ry Guy” took his adventure to New York City last year to be with her after a year of distance while he was still working in Ann Arbor. Ryan recognized his match in Ana very early on. His devotion and love for her let their relationship thrive even though they were temporarily apart. Ryan landed another highly sought position with Siemens Healthcare as a Nuclear Medicine Flex Force & Clinical Education Specialist and was wholly invested in refining his new role. As a couple, Ryan and Ana spent their time exploring

their new city, making new friends, and bringing their families together. Ryan proposed to Ana in December while visiting her family in Dubai, a family who loved him deeply and who will forever consider him a son and brother. The Alas family adored their “el guapíto.”

Ryan is survived by his loving fiancé Ana and her parents Antonio and Guadalupe Alas, his parents Jeri and Thomas Renier, Mike and Cindy Pfeiffer, “sibs” Kayla and Mark Kolbe, Ellary and Jeff Gallino, and Thomas Renier JR; new siblings Maria and Roberto Alas; Grandparents Francis “Butch” Pfeiffer, Clifford Renier, Joe and Sandy Hartl, Beverly Opolka, and great-grandfather Don LaLonde. He leaves his nephews AJ, Ashton, Maximilian and niece Quinn. He also had many aunts, uncles, cousins, and countless loyal friends who he considered family.

He was preceded in death by his grandmothers Beverly Pfeiffer and Gloria Renier, great-grandmother Miriam LaLonde, and grandfather Gerald Robertson.

As a family, we are broken and devastated by the loss of our brother, son, uncle, grandson, and life partner. We hope that the wonderful memories we have of his smile, particular mannerisms, voice, and laugh will somehow carry us through this incredible pain.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 12 p.m. at St. Barbara’s Church in Vulcan, with Fr. Michael Kowalewski officiating.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home  
618 Norway Street  
P.O. Box 155  
Norway, MI 49870  
(906) 563-5700  
ortmanfh@gmail.com  
<https://www.ortmanfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ *Carneiro family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



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**Carneiro family** - May 20, 2021 at 12:02 PM

CF

“ *Carneiro Family lit a candle in memory of Ryan Pfeiffer*



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**Carneiro family** - May 20, 2021 at 11:54 AM

PS

“ I met up with 3 old friends from University of Michigan Hospital (Nuclear Medicine Dept.) (Lyndsey Murray, Elaine Battle, and Dick Nelson) for coffee in Ann Arbor on this past Friday evening! It was supposed to be a fun occasion but turned out to be bitter sweet after immediately finding out the devastating sad news of the death of our previous co-worker and friend, Ryan Pfeiffer. It has impacted me deeply emotionally, even though I was not close to Ryan. I knew him as a student (teaching him Nuc. Med.) and as a fellow employee in the department and knew him well enough to know what a wonderful, sweet, and kind guy he was. He was always pretty upbeat and a calming influence in the department and I have been retired from U. of M. for 2 1/2 years, but I loved his great smile and personality! I am so heartbroken and sad over the loss of such a great human being that had his whole life ahead of him. I know he recently became engaged to a lovely lady and moved to NYC to live with her and started a new job with Siemen's. Life just isn't fair...sometimes there's no rhythm or reason to any of it. My deepest condolences to all of Ryan's family and friends.

Sincerely,

Pat Smolarski

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Pat Smolarski - May 17, 2021 at 12:46 PM

VR

“ Vicky Romero lit a candle in memory of Ryan Pfeiffer



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Vicky Romero - May 17, 2021 at 10:27 AM

MM

“ *Mary McCarthy-Bray lit a candle in memory of Ryan Pfeiffer*



Mary McCarthy-Bray - May 17, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



May 16, 2021 at 11:12 AM

SM

“ *I am heartbroken to hear of Ryan's passing. I was his NMT professor at FSU. Pfeif was loved by all his classmates. He was a great student, but more importantly, an exceptional person. Warm thoughts and prayers to his family and friends, Sheila MacEachron*

Sheila MacEachron - May 16, 2021 at 10:38 AM

TF

“ *Tejada Romero Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



Tejada Romero Family. - May 15, 2021 at 08:33 PM

FG

“ *Familia Serna Gallego purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



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**Familia Serna Gallego** - May 15, 2021 at 11:20 AM

JH

“ *On the unexpected departure of our dear Ryan, we can only pray that you have comfort and that our Lord give you strength for this irreparable loss. You can count on us despite the distance, we are with you, accompanying you spiritually in your pain, we send you our most sincere condolences. (Fam. Gutierrez/ Fam Diaz Baires)*

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**Jose Roberto Eduardo Diaz Hernandez** - May 14, 2021 at 11:48 PM

FD

“ *Fam. Gutierrez Fam. Diaz purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



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**Fam. Gutierrez Fam. Diaz** - May 14, 2021 at 11:45 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



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May 14, 2021 at 10:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



May 14, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *.Ana Maria Alas and the Gonzalez-Abreu / Alas Fam. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



**.Ana Maria Alas and the Gonzalez-Abreu / Alas Fam.** - May 14, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ *Patricia Hayes purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



**Patricia Hayes** - May 14, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *Siemens Healthineers Friends purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



**Siemens Healthineers Friends** - May 14, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ *Siemens Healthineers was blessed to have Ryan as our colleague and friend. His positive spirit was contagious. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of his loved ones. Lisa Lelito + our Molecular Imaging Education & Workforce Solutions Team*

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**Lisa Lelito** - May 14, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



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May 14, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



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May 14, 2021 at 12:36 PM

SO

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



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**Steve Ortman** - May 14, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.



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May 14, 2021 at 09:10 AM

BK

“ *Bill & Brenda Schilz, Greg & Alex, Amy & Korey* purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.



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**Bill & Brenda Schilz, Greg & Alex, Amy & Korey** - May 14, 2021 at 07:09 AM

KL

“ *Jeri, Tom and family  
Just heard of Ryan's passing and we are so  
sorry. You're in our prayers. I'm sure he's in  
Gods loving arms and with grandpa Jerry and  
great grandma Miriam.  
Ken and Bonnie LeGrave*



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**Ken and Bonnie LeGrave** - May 14, 2021 at 12:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



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May 13, 2021 at 10:48 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of Ryan Pfeiffer.*



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May 13, 2021 at 09:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Ryan Pfeiffer.*



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May 13, 2021 at 07:49 PM

BS

“ Words cannot express how very sorry we are for your loss. Ryan was kind, funny and grew into a remarkable man who was a great friend to Greg. May God bring you all comfort and peace.  
*Bill and Brenda Schilz*

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**Brenda Schilz** - May 13, 2021 at 07:33 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.



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May 13, 2021 at 06:54 PM

SE

“ *Sara, Kristi, Brooke B., Brooke J, Patti, Emily* purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.



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**Sara, Kristi, Brooke B., Brooke J, Patti, Emily** - May 13, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Ryan Pfeiffer.



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May 13, 2021 at 02:37 PM

MA

“ *Ry Guy, this is one of my first posts for you. You were my favorite guy in the world!! You were the kindest guy I had ever met and you inspired everyone around you to be caring and thoughtful like you.*

*My favorite memory with you was when you asked me to be your sister! You had gotten Ana a ring that I ended up really liking and always borrowing when I was with her. And about a month before proposing to her, you and I had been in the kitchen together and you pulled out the same ring and asked me to your sister. I felt so lucky to have you. Thank you for making everyone around you feel so loved. You're my brother forever*



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**Maria** - May 13, 2021 at 02:01 PM