



Ryan Gilbert Steele

January 15, 1987 - January 29, 2020

Ryan Gilbert Steele was born on January 15, 1987 to Eldon and Grace Steele in Tyler. He was a beloved son, brother, uncle and friend. Ryan was wealthy, not measured by earthly possessions, but in relationships, service, and lasting memories. His infectious smile and laughter could light up a room and his big hugs welcomed both friends and strangers. He was loyal, humble, encouraging, confident, strong-willed, and a joy to be around. These attributes were apparent as he engaged in his favorite pastimes including his love for playing with babies and children. Truly, “time with Ryan is always well spent.”

Ryan became a believer in Christ at a young age. His spiritual life grew deeper and stronger as he studied scripture and kept a personal prayer journal that showed true insight and wisdom. Ryan’s unwavering faith was manifest by service and making himself available to others. He served in missions both locally and abroad; most important to him was Young Life Africa in Zimbabwe. He loved being outdoors and experiencing God’s creation. Now Ryan is experiencing the very presence of his awesome Creator.

Ryan was called to his heavenly home while in his sleep on the morning of January 29, 2020. He is survived by his parents, Eldon and Grace Steele of Tyler, by his sister and brother-in-law, Lindsey and Travis Bearden and their children, Titus and Katherine of Tyler, and by his brother, Preston Steele of Dallas.

Pallbearers will be Eldon Steele, Preston Steele, Travis Bearden, Samuel Tarry, Ben Emge, Hudson Lewis, Ryan McSwane, and Collin Gillespie.

Visitation for Ryan Steele will be held on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at
Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
at
Grace Community Church, 3215 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75701. Light food and beverages will be served immediately following the service. Please bring your favorite memory of Ryan to share.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to www.Africa.YoungLife.org/donate and use the code x433 to designate Zimbabwe as the recipient, or mail your donation to: Young Life, PO Box 70065, Prescott, Arizona 86304 - Memo Line: Ryan Steele, X433.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Community Church
3215 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall



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



February 07, 2020 at 03:12 PM



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



February 06, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ryan Gilbert Steele.*



February 06, 2020 at 07:30 PM



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



February 06, 2020 at 06:07 PM



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



February 06, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ryan Gilbert Steele.*



February 05, 2020 at 11:47 AM

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“ I’ve spent the last week mourning since I received the news. Tears have been regular visitors since then.

But with these tears come memories. Our high school hijinks have been flashing into my mind at random times. I was giving a presentation this morning when yet another funny memory popped into my head and I couldn't help but smile. I remember the late-night IHOP trips, drinking Redline energy drinks and dancing until we were drenched in sweat at Lee dances, and the Spring Break Miami trip with McSwane during Senior Year. I moved away for college, and because my family moved away from Tyler, I saw my high school friends less and less. But whenever I saw Steele, he treated me as if I never left. I got a huge smile and a bear hug, without fail. In his eyes, I could still see that purity of spirit that was always within him, a facet of him that I always admired.

I feel so lucky to have had the time with him that I had. We had shared so many joyful, exciting, and hilarious experiences; this time together helped me get through some difficult times. He was more important to me than he ever knew, and I will always regret not telling him that.

I love you, Ryan, and I always will.

Your friend,

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Kevin Vermillion - February 05, 2020 at 08:13 AM



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



February 05, 2020 at 04:31 AM



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



February 04, 2020 at 10:50 PM



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



February 04, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Ryan Gilbert Steele.*



February 04, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace are with you .*

Gail and justin Edwards

Gail edwards - February 01, 2020 at 10:41 PM