



Mr. Ryan L. Pyle

March 10, 1980 - August 23, 2019

Ryan L. Pyle, 39, of Columbia, SC, died Friday, August 23, 2019. Born March 10, 1980, in Columbia, SC, he was a son of Larry Allen Pyle and Rosanne Malisheski Pyle.

In addition to his parents, Ryan is survived by his infant daughter, Abigail Keilani Pyle, her mother and his years-long companion, Tricia R. Kim; sister, Danyelle Pyle-Stephens; nephew, Parker M. Beckham; and niece, Savannah Rose Stephens. He was predeceased by his beloved grandmother, Mary Garm Malisheski.

Growing up in Columbia, Ryan was a devoted fan of USC football and basketball. Since 2015 he took great pride in being the personal barber of many members of the Gamecock basketball team. His professional goal was always to make his athlete clients look their best, so they would feel their best, then play their best on the court.

Ryan developed a fascination with history when he toured Europe for a month with his family as a young man. He walked the halls of the Palace of Versailles, beheld the paintings of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel, was amazed by the ruins of the Coliseum and Parthenon, and visited the home and birthplace of his great grandfather in Slovenia. Later, he lived for nearly two years in Samoa, but often dreamed of moving to Washington State with its beautiful mountains and coastlands. Ryan attended the University of South Carolina and Liberty University. He had a passion for nearly all genres of music and could sing along with most any song being played. He was a particular fan of S.O.J.A. and Shinedown. He loved being around all of his friends, genuinely cared about them, and seldom met a stranger.

In 2013 Ryan became a licensed barber under the tutelage of master barber Hampton Glover. Two years later, he became the owner-manager of his own business, The Gamecock Barbershop. One of his greatest satisfactions in life was creating original, artistic haircut designs for his young clients.

Ryan attended Columbia Evangelical Church as a child and later joined Shandon Baptist

Church. He struggled with many conflicts in life, but always knew he stood solidly on the Rock of Ages. One of his favorite verses of scripture was Psalm 40:1-3; "I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps. He put a new song in my mouth, even praise to our God. Many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord."

The memorial service for Ryan will be held 4 o'clock, Sunday, September 1st, at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia, with Reverend Barry Gray officiating. The family cordially invites all of Ryan's friends to attend his memorial service at 4 o'clock, on Sunday, September 1st, and join them following the service at 5 o'clock for a visitation and sharing of memories.

In memory of Ryan, the family has requested that friends consider donations, in lieu of flowers, to Pawmetto Lifeline, Pawmettolifeline.org.

Events

SEP **Memorial Service** 04:00PM

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Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel
7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

SEP **Visitation** 05:00PM - 06:30PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - August 31, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ There are so many changes in life's journey,... i can definitely say you changed mine. RIP you will always be missed, if i could change time there are so many things i would have said to you.-TAC

Tabitha - September 13, 2019 at 02:10 AM



“ What a nice tribute to Ryan! I just found out today that he passed. He was a great friend to many. I will forget the care he showed a mutual Friend. May they both live on through their random acts of kindness. Forever to Thee!

~Joe Fortune

joe fortune - April 17, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ I moved to Columbia knowing noone.. I somehow met a girl and her roommates who let me move in with them. It was a bad situation. I took off one day walking down the road and it began raining. Ryan was on his Moped and pulled up and offered me a ride. He was just so kind. We talked about so many things, he told me he had just gotten home himself. He ended up telling me he wasn't going to take me back to the situation I was in and would let me stay with him until I could figure out something else. I was a perfect stranger to him, but his heart was so big he just wanted to help me. He let me stay there and would help me get to and from work, and even put me in touch with Hannah house a place to help women get back on their feet. I remember he had to hide me one day from his mommy who came over to visit haha. He hid my clothes under the bed and I was in the tub, he did give me a pillow and blanket though. I just had nowhere to go and he just cared. Years later I moved to Myrtle Beach and I met my now husband and had a little boy. I still kept in touch with Ryan sometimes, and was so proud of him when he told me he was opening a barbershop. He drove all the way to Myrtle Beach to give my son his very first haircut. I just won't ever forget the special bond we had. All because he picked me up on the side of the street haha. It may have come about in an odd way but he changed my life honestly. I'll never forget him. We had lost touch, and from time to time I would try to look him up to say hey again. That's how I found out he passed away. My heart is sad, I wish I could have spoken to him one more time. I don't know what was going on in his life, I don't know if he still had his shop or anything. I wish we could have kept in touch. He was such a great friend.

Tara - October 16, 2019 at 12:37 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ryan L. Pyle.



August 31, 2019 at 05:57 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr. Ryan L. Pyle.



August 30, 2019 at 06:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ryan L. Pyle.



August 30, 2019 at 04:27 PM



“ One night while I was in college I was out in 5 points and a group of guys started an altercation with me. Before I knew it I was on the ground getting jumped. I covered myself the best I could as a barrage of punches rained down on me. Then, out of nowhere, the punches just stopped. I rolled over to get up and saw Ryan rolling on the ground with two of the guys. I wasn't with Ryan that night, and I actually didn't even know he was there. He and I were never even close, but he saw someone he considered a friend in trouble and he didn't even think about helping out, he just did it. I'm sorry I never got to return the favor. RIP man

JG - August 29, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ My deepest condolences to you and your family during this time. Please know that our family is keeping everyone in our prayers and thoughts. Ryan will be missed.
Jenny, Savannah and Keith



Jenny Baldwin - August 29, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of Ryan's passing. I met him about a year ago, over a bad haircut discussion in a bar. During the discussion this stranger got up from his chair walked over and started running his hands through my hair. He then looked at me and told me to come see him and he would fix it. As weird as I thought this was at the moment, I did go see him and he did fix my hair. I have never gone to anyone else since that day. What a strange way to meet someone but a chance I'm glad I took. During the last year we became friends. Upon one of my visits to the shop I told him about a fundraiser I was going to attend for local cancer patients. He offered to close his shop for a day (on a Saturday of all days) and go to the event to cut hair for free. He posted about it on all of his social media and was very eager to give all he could. The event ended up being booked with vendors so he was unable to participate, however, the fact that he was willing to drop everything to help out was extremely admirable and a true testament to the kindness and compassion he carried in his heart for others. I will mourn the loss of my friend and will continue to pray for his family and his beautiful daughter. May God be with you all through this difficult time and bless you with his eternal love.



Tammy Carrigan - August 28, 2019 at 08:58 AM



“ Ryan was the Lion. I like to think we can remember him as the LionHeart. He was strong. I never saw anyone best him in arm wrestling. Not once in 20 years. He loved music. His preference was Rap and Raggae. Not only did he like music, he liked volume. Bass. I've never met anyone who liked loud speakers like him. lol. Most of the music that I listen to today was music Ryan introduced me to. Like brothers do, we fought. A few times. Life got messy occasionally and we didn't know how to communicate what we felt. So we drifted apart. Man do I regret drifting from my brother. I didn't think you'd leave us so abruptly. I'm sad I didn't get the chance to tell you how much I love you and how much I looked up to you all the years. for 5 yrs you was my ONLY friend when we was in prison. When I had no clothes this man clothed me. When I had no home and no food, he put me up. he fed me. He helped me.... when nobody else did he did. that's Ryan. that's the LionHeart. This world lost a little humor when Ryan past. People don't know how funny he really was. One time Ryan drew up a cartoon for me. it was called The Adventures of GreaseBird. It was about the seagulls in Kirkland who ate grease balls out of the dumpster. It was like a 10 page cartoon, complete with illustrations and drawings. lol. He gave the bird a job and a family hahaha. I could fill 100 books talking about all the great times we had together. I'm gonna miss you man. You were a fun guy to be around. I love you pal.



William Walker - August 28, 2019 at 02:19 AM



“ Such an outstanding soul that always stood up for the little guy. You will be missed Ryan. Keep watch and protect that baby girl. Prayers and condolences to the family.



Michelle Yarchuk - August 27, 2019 at 07:58 PM