



RYAN J. WELLEMA

May 29, 1983 - September 6, 2015

Ryan J. Wellema, 32, of West Milford, NJ, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, September 6, 2015.

Ryan was born on May 29, 1983 in Wayne, NJ to Judy (Griffin) Wellema and Randall W. Wellema.

He grew up in West Milford, NJ and graduated from West Milford High School in 2001.

He worked for many years as a mechanic, most recently at Emil's Auto in Hewitt, NJ and will be remembered as "arguably the best mechanic in town".

Ryan is survived by his beloved mother Judy Kehr and her husband Gregg of West Milford, NJ, his loving father Randall Wellema and his wife Patty of West Milford, NJ; his cherished son Ryden; his dear brothers Andy Wellema and his wife Melissa, Logan Wellema and his girlfriend Dawn, and Garrett Burns and his wife Jen; his loving sister Lynn Burns LaRocco and her husband John; his maternal grandmother Lois; his step-grandmother Patricia Kehr; his dear nieces Brielle, Juliana, and Emily; his dear nephews Dean, James, Collin, and Lucas; along with many loving aunts and uncles, and even more cousins and their children.

The family will receive friends for a memorial visitation on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 4pm to 8pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, (GPS use 1 Post Place).

A memorial service will take place at the funeral home at 7:30pm during the last half hour of the memorial visitation.

Log onto www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as obtaining driving directions to the funeral home.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP **12.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ I haven't seen Ryan in many many years, but it still deeply saddens me to know that a childhood friend is gone too soon. My deepest sympathy goes out to his Family and hope that you all find comfort in the memories that you have of Ryan!



Jessica Schutte - September 15, 2015 at 01:15 AM

EL

“ Well Judy hope that made you smile,, high hook. Should have said high school, Spell check. Know I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers
Elaine

elaine - September 13, 2015 at 07:51 AM

EL

“ My deepest sympathy goes to you and your family. My fondest memories of Ryan go way back to cub scouts. While working in high hook, enjoyed Ryan's sense of humor. Prayers for your entire family
Elaine ryder Haitmanek

elaine - September 13, 2015 at 07:49 AM

 Glenn
Craft

“ My heart weighs heavy to reflect back to when Ryan was an infant (holding him as a baby) and not knowing him as an adult. Ryan leaving us at such a young age breaks my heart. Knowing how great the people and family that surrounded him, I grieve deeply and pray for strength to hold them in this time of loss.

Glenn Craft - September 12, 2015 at 10:30 AM

JK

Thank you for your words and prayers...

Judy Kehr - September 12, 2015 at 01:42 PM

MD

“ *Judy
Please know you and the entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. Sending love and hugs from TN. Love you all!
Melissa*

Melissa Davis - September 12, 2015 at 10:28 AM

JK

Sending back a hug and kisses to my family in TN... Thank you

Judy Kehr - September 12, 2015 at 01:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of RYAN J. WELLEMA.*




September 11, 2015 at 05:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of RYAN J. WELLEMA.*



September 11, 2015 at 07:40 AM

 Robyn Salute Van Clief

“ Robyn Salute Van Clief lit a candle in memory of RYAN J. WELLEMA



Robyn Salute Van Clief - September 10, 2015 at 09:04 PM

SB


“ Randy, Judy, and all the family. We are so sad to hear of your loss. Ryan was a unique and talented kid and our hearts break for you. We hope you can find comfort in happy memories and that you will always have a part of him with you in Ryden. Rest in peace Ryan. - Lenny, Shawn, Kyle & Devin Brown

Shawn Brown - September 10, 2015 at 08:58 PM

JK

Thank you to all of you... The boys have been friends since the day we moved into West Milford.

Judy Kehr - September 12, 2015 at 01:41 PM

 Shawn Spear Brown

“ Shawn Spear Brown lit a candle in memory of RYAN J. WELLEMA



Shawn Spear Brown - September 10, 2015 at 08:35 PM

OO

“ On behalf of all OTD personnel in Fort Sill, OK purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of RYAN J. WELLEMA.



On behalf of all OTD personnel in Fort Sill, OK - September 10, 2015 at 04:10 PM

IB

“ IN OUR PRAYERS, KEN, RENEE & THE BOYS purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of RYAN J. WELLEMA.



IN OUR PRAYERS, KEN, RENEE & THE BOYS - September 10, 2015 at 03:01 PM

EM

“ Erica Musto lit a candle in memory of RYAN J. WELLEMA



Erica Musto - September 10, 2015 at 01:52 PM

EM

*I will always have fond memories of you and our old neighborhood gang growing up. Rest in the Sweetest Peace Ryan.
-Erica Mandt-Musto*

Erica Mandt-Musto - September 10, 2015 at 01:55 PM



Erica, Thank you so much for your thoughtful words.

Judy Griffin Kehr - September 10, 2015 at 06:05 PM

MA

“ *Michael A. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of RYAN J. WELLEMA.*



Michael A. - September 10, 2015 at 01:23 PM

MK

“ *Mary Ellen, Courtney, Ashley and Kaitlin purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of RYAN J. WELLEMA.*



Mary Ellen, Courtney, Ashley and Kaitlin - September 10, 2015 at 12:41 PM

CR

“ *Chris G & Victoria R lit a candle in memory of RYAN J. WELLEMA*



Chris G & Victoria R - September 10, 2015 at 10:59 AM

CG

Our hearts and prayers are with you. Rest Easy Ryan. May god bless you and have you walk with him in the heavens.

Chris G - September 10, 2015 at 11:00 AM

MM

“ *Marianne M. lit a candle in memory of RYAN J. WELLEMA*



Marianne M. - September 10, 2015 at 08:52 AM



“ *2 files added to the album from Mom*



Judy Griffin Kehr - September 10, 2015 at 07:10 AM

CM

“ *Hey Ryan, My heart is broken when I heard the news, all I can think about is some of the times we spent together at my house. When you walked in the door, you always had the biggest smile on your face, and you always said something to me, that made me crack up. We always had some of the craziest conversations and would just sit and laugh. You will always have a special place in my heart, and you will never be forgotten. I may be sad and crying, but God has a special place for you.*

Judy, my heart goes out to you as well. You know how much I loved your son. He was also like a son to me as well. Have comfort knowing that he was a special man, and had a heart of gold, for everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. God bles everyone.

Rest in peace Ryan love you always. Mrs Moon

cindy Mooney - September 09, 2015 at 02:58 PM

JK

Thank you Cindy for your kind words of comfort and support. I know how much Ryan loved you...

Judy Kehr - September 12, 2015 at 01:38 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of RYAN J. WELLEMA.*



September 09, 2015 at 01:53 PM

FL

“ *Judy ,
My heart is breaking. Joey and Ryan were such good friends growing up. I know Joy is heart broken and I have no words. My prayers go out to you and your family at this time.
Frances Lima*

Frances Lima - September 09, 2015 at 01:15 PM

JK

Thank you Fran...

Judy Kehr - September 12, 2015 at 01:37 PM

CR

“ *Collision Restoration purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of RYAN J. WELLEMA.*



Collision Restoration - September 09, 2015 at 10:15 AM

JS

“ *John & Jeanne Suarez purchased the Fairest of All for the family of RYAN J. WELLEMA.*



John & Jeanne Suarez - September 08, 2015 at 06:09 PM

SK

“ *So sorry to hear of this devastating loss, no parent should endure the loss of a child. Judy & Family, I pray for strength & comfort knowing Ryan has eternal life in the Hands of The Lord. May he rest in Peace.*



Sue Kitchell - September 08, 2015 at 04:09 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of RYAN J. WELLEMA.*



September 08, 2015 at 11:28 AM