



## Ryan Wesley Swier

November 15, 2000 - August 8, 2020

Ryan Wesley Swier, age 19, of Rolla, Missouri, passed away Saturday, August 8, 2020 at the Phelps Health Hospital ER.

Ryan was born November 15, 2000 in Fallbrook, California, the son of Shawn and Melissa (Lukavsky) Swier. Ryan was homeschooled by his mother until entering the Waynesville, MO School District in his 3rd grade year of education. He then returned to homeschool his junior and senior year of high school to help him manage health conditions he'd been diagnosed with. He completed one of the most challenging online high school diplomas to graduate on time in June of 2019.

Ryan was accepted into Missouri University of Science and Technology (MS&T) in August of 2018 for summer of 2019 courses. He also entered Columbia College to complete some of their online courses and transfer back to MS&T. Ryan was going to study Computer Science and Mechanical Engineering. He even took two college level engineering courses his first two years in high school being so interested in this field. Returning to campus courses in the fall of 2019 took a toll on his health, so he was not able to be a full-time student in the spring.

Ryan's education was his main priority, so he was extremely focused and diligent in his efforts in all areas, even learning as much as he could that was not in a required course on his own time. Ryan was a member of National Junior Honor Society and The National Society of High School Scholars. His work on a saltwater science fair project was even featured on a product

website.

In Ryan's youth he played baseball, soccer, and took karate and swim lessons. He started to play golf, but due to his health conditions he was not able to continue this new activity. Ryan was a "Gamer" and spent his spare time playing a good variety of video games that build and destroy things. He also enjoyed "memes" and editing videos where his most popular edit received over 1.8 million views on Youtube. He attended Saint Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church before he moved for college.

As a result of his father's military career Ryan moved about the United States three times and experienced both the west and east coasts, moving from California to Virginia and then to North Carolina. He then lived the longest in Saint Robert, Missouri. Ryan enjoyed the times we were able to travel together and staying in a hotel eating the buffet breakfasts. Ryan learned to play the piano in just one semester course in middle school. He enjoyed connecting with his friends over electronics and in person with his family. We had recently been watching a marathon of old and new movies together while trying to help him get better.

Ryan is survived by his parents Shawn Swier of MO, Melissa Swier of MO and his sister Sarah Swier of MO. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who supported and cared for Ryan and his family in their time of need.

Memorial services for Ryan will be held at 11:00AM on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at the Faith Baptist Church, Spokane, MO. A lunch will be served following the ceremony. In lieu of flowers, friends and family are asked to make a charitable donation to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation to assist in finding a cure for this debilitating disease. A Celebration of Life will be held at 4:00PM, Friday, August 21, 2020 at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla, Missouri. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service from 3:00PM until service time at 4:00PM also at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla, Missouri.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church  
1681 Spokane Rd.  
Spokane, MO

## Visitation

AUG 21. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla  
1651 E. Hwy 72  
Rolla, MO 65401  
(573) 458-2262  
jgrolla@hotmail.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Memorial Service

AUG 21. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ryan Wesley Swier*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Ryan Wesley Swier*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Carla Daniel purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Ryan Wesley Swier.*



**Carla Daniel** - August 20, 2020 at 03:50 PM



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



August 19, 2020 at 08:29 PM

KJ

“ I had the privilege in having Ryan in my class his Freshman year at WHS. He was always so respectful, considerate, and polite when entering the classroom. He gave 100% in everything that he did. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

*Kelly Jackson*

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**Kelly Jackson** - August 18, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ryan Wesley Swier.



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August 17, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ryan Wesley Swier.



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August 14, 2020 at 04:07 PM

RM

“ Ryan was such a diligent and conscientious student. Our team at Missouri S&T's Testing and Student Disability Services loved working with him in support of his academic goals. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. He will be dearly missed by all who had a chance to meet him.

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**Roberta Morgan** - August 14, 2020 at 02:21 PM

MH

“ *Mrs. Holtzschler lit a candle in memory of Ryan Wesley Swier*



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**Mrs. Holtzschler** - August 14, 2020 at 08:14 AM

EG

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Ryan was such a sweet and caring young man. He will be sorely missed.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Dr. Edna Grover-Bisker*  
*Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*



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**Edna Grover-Bisker** - August 13, 2020 at 07:13 PM

TB

“ *Terry Besser lit a candle in memory of Ryan Wesley Swier*



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**Terry Besser** - August 13, 2020 at 03:17 PM

JB

“ *Jeff Besser lit a candle in memory of Ryan Wesley Swier*



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**Jeff Besser** - August 13, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"May You Find Comfort In The Arms of An Angel"* was purchased for the family of Ryan Wesley Swier.



August 12, 2020 at 06:59 PM



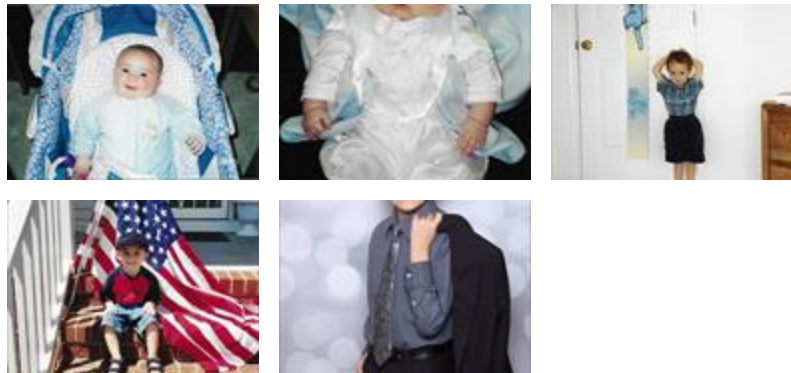
“ Jackie Besser lit a candle in memory of Ryan Wesley Swier



Jackie Besser - August 12, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Ryan Swier



Melissa Swier - August 12, 2020 at 03:06 PM

DH

“ *Darlene H.Aldridge lit a candle in memory of Ryan Wesley Swier*



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**Darlene H.Aldridge** - August 11, 2020 at 08:37 PM