



## Ryan C. Ely

August 8, 1976 - March 8, 2007

Ryan C. Ely, age 30, of Bangor, passed away Thursday, March 8, 2007 at his home surrounded by his loving family following a courageous battle with brain cancer. Ryan was born August 8, 1976 in Kalamazoo, the son of Richard and Sandra (Boreham) Ely, and lived in the area all of his life. He attended Trinity Lutheran School, Bangor from kindergarten through eighth grade and then continued his education at Bangor High School, graduating in 1995. Ryan was very artistic and was a partner with his special friend and brother, Shawn, in Design Specialist since 1996. He was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bangor. He was a very loving person and enjoyed hunting, fishing, flowers, and playing video games, and was a WW II history buff. Ryan also enjoyed driving fast and had the opportunity to drive at the Richard Petty Driving School. Surviving are his parents, Dick and Sandy Ely of Bangor; 2 brothers, Mark (Christie DenBesten) Ely of Bangor, Shawn R. (Shawn) Ely of Bangor; 5 nieces and nephews, Ashley, Alex, and Tyler Ely, Heather Ely, and Brittany Foley; aunts and uncles, Roger and Monica Ely, Janet Crim, Paul and Lisa Kluskowski; special cousins, Andy and Dennis Crim; and many friends. The family will meet friends from 5-8 PM Monday at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM Tuesday at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bangor with Pastor Joshua Becker officiating. The family suggest memorials to Trinity Lutheran School, Bangor, Hospice Care of SW Michigan or the West Michigan Cancer Center.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **12.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI

## Service

MAR **13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
115 E. Monroe  
Bangor, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Ryan when I was probably about 12 years old, at a school track-meet. I went to a Lutheran school in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and we used to meet up with other Lutheran Schools in the area for sports. We were in Bangor for an event and I remember him telling a bunch of us kids about his pet snake. He even went home to get it and show us! He was my first real crush, and today I was telling my sister a story about my crush on him, so I decided to look him up. I am sorry to hear of your loss, and he was so young.

*I know you all don't know me, but I thought it might be kind of sweet to hear about the shy little girl who had a big crush on your young man, so I decided to share my story with you. Reading the other messages, here, he sounds like he was quite a guy.*

*Take care,*

*Kelly Chaffee*

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**Kelly Chaffee** - October 14, 2021 at 07:48 PM



“ He will be greatly missed by all that knew him! He was one of the sweetest, kindest, do anything for you guys you will ever meet. I'm luck and glad to call him friend and am left with a zillion wonderful memories of him. He's finally at peace.

*Krissa Gardner-Cabral###imported-begin##Krissa Gardner-Cabral###imported-end##*

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March 15, 2007 at 06:28 PM



“ Dear Dick and Sandy,  
I wanted you both to know Ryan was a dear friend to me. He was a very sincere friend. I am so thankful that Ryan knew his dear Lord as his Savior. We can take refuge that we will see him again one day in a much more beautiful place called heaven. Please know that I am and will continue to pray for your family. Ryan's life on this earth is completed but his eternal life in heaven has just begun. Take care and God bless you....##imported-begin##Lisa Crandall(Oliver)##imported-end##

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March 15, 2007 at 01:38 PM



“ We are sincerely sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers - Lawrence Garden Club##imported-begin##Geri Lima##imported-end##

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March 13, 2007 at 01:52 PM



“ Dick and Sandy: Our prayers go out to you and your family. Although we did not know Ryan, we know how special he was to you and your family and he will be greatly missed. God Bless.

Jon and Rick##imported-begin##Jon Dorow and Rick Lange##imported-end##

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March 13, 2007 at 12:22 PM



“ To the Ely Family,

*I am very sorry for your loss. Ryan was a great person & fun to be around.*

*He will be missed.##imported-begin##Cherie Fisher##imported-end##*

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March 13, 2007 at 09:53 AM