Sullivan, Ryan Patrick

July 9, 2024



Ryan Patrick Sullivan

With deeply broken hearts, we sadly announce the passing of Ryan Patrick Sullivan of Calgary, AB on Thursday, June 27th, 2024. Born to Pat and Marilyn Sullivan in Moose Jaw, SK on December 12th, 1975, Ryan attended Palliser Heights elementary school and Central Collegiate.

Ryan found his passion for music at an early age, having visited Scotland with his family in 1985. Once he began drumming, he quickly climbed the ranks and found himself the youngest member of every band he was in. At 16, he was a member of local band Lovetown. Band practices were held in his parent’s basement and there may have been a noise complaint or two. They competed in Battle of the Bands in Regina, SK and recorded a demo tape.

As a member of the White Hackle, Edmonton and Alberta Caledonia,

City of Regina (lead drummer), Rocky Mountain (lead drummer), and North Stratton Pipe bands, Ryan performed throughout Canada, the US, Australia and Europe, competing in numerous world championships in Scotland, most recently in 2018. He also adjudicated drumming competitions.

In 2010 he self-published a book titled “Modern Classics for the Snare Drum” and was one of the first to teach drumming over Zoom. This was well before online meetings became commonplace during Covid. In 2013 Ryan successfully completed a Graphic Design course.

Ryan’s love of travel was solidified when he embarked on a solo backpacking trip through Western Europe, staying in pre-arranged hostels – carefully planned beforehand – with the Canadian flag on his backpack. He was only 23 years old.

Ryan met Marissa Harrison in Moose Jaw and they moved to Calgary, marrying and raising sons Ronan and Nolan, of whom he was extremely proud. He worked as a pipefitter for Platinum Grover and later as a dispatcher for First Student.

In 2006 Ryan and family, along with his parents, undertook a month-long road trip through Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia in a rented RV. It was a trip of a lifetime. Ronan was only 2 years old. He longed to do something as grand when Nolan was born.

Ryan was a lifelong fan of the Bruins and Red Sox. He played baseball as a kid and later loved helping coach his son’s ball teams.

In 2019 Ryan met his partner Sabrina with whom he shared the last 5 years.

Tragically, Ryan battled with depression at times in his life, a struggle that led to his untimely passing. We will miss him forever and trust he is at peace.

Predeceased by his father, Pat; paternal grandparents, Roy and Helen Sullivan; and maternal grandparents, Fred and Brenda Usher; Ryan is survived by his mother, Marilyn; sons, Ronan and Nolan; sister, Robyn (Ashley and Rhys); and partner Sabrina.

A Service Honouring Ryan’s Life will be held on Wednesday, July

24th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Moose Jaw Funeral Home. Those not able to attend may view the service by going to www.moosejawfuneralhome.com/webcast/. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Gary McDowell

1.



Cheryl Miller on July 10, 2024 at 8:22 am

Marilyn and family:
I am so very sorry for your loss.
Gerry and I both got to know Ryan during baseball days, years ago.
Gerry coached and our son Paul played on the same team as Ryan. Ryan was always such a sweet, quiet boy.
Sending you all love, hugs and prayers.
Cheryl Miller

Reply

2.



Margaret Metereo (Welch) on July 10, 2024 at 8:46 am

Marilyn and family. So sorry for your family loss.
Condolences and hugs to all.

Reply

3.



Sandra Hamon on July 10, 2024 at 9:20 am

Marilyn and family, it’s hard to find the right words…I just want to express my sorrow upon hearing that you have lost your precious son. He was smart, talented and very handsome. I know you will all help each other get thru the coming weeks and months and carry on. He will be in your hearts always. Love, Sandra

Reply



Ian McWilliams on July 11, 2024 at 4:12 pm

How terribly sad.
Ryan brought music and joy to people around the world throughout his life.
My sincere condolences.

Reply

4.



Sandy Hetke on July 10, 2024 at 9:47 am

My condolence to you and your family, Marilyn.

Reply

5.



Deanna Metz on July 10, 2024 at 3:23 pm

Ryan sounds like a fantastic person. He had some wonderful

life adventures. My heart and deepest sympathy goes out to Robyn, Ashley, Rhys and Ryan’s entire family. Take care and RIP Ryan

Reply

6.



Brian and Susie Sanderson on July 10, 2024 at 3:28 pm

Thinking of you all, with this huge loss.
His Memory will be Eternal.

Reply

7.



Marlene Fritzler on July 10, 2024 at 3:58 pm

So sorry to hear of your loss of Ryan. May all the happy memories help you with this enormous grief!

Marlene & Tim Fritzler

Reply

8.



Stuart Anderson on July 10, 2024 at 4:13 pm

Oh my goodness this is terrible news. Condolences Marilyn.

Reply

9.



Paul Yip on July 10, 2024 at 5:29 pm

I knew Ryan from High School band. He was terrific on the snare drum. He was unreal.

Reply

10.



Nomie on July 10, 2024 at 8:12 pm

Marilyn, I just heard and I cannot express enough how my heart aches for you. I am so deeply sorry for your loss.

Reply

11.



Ronald Bruce Lamb on July 11, 2024 at 8:37 am

Unfortunate to see Ryan has passed away.

Growing up in Moose Jaw, I knew his grandparent Roy Sullivan, who lived in the same house as the Cameron family on the East side.

I also knew Pat Sullivan, his father, who attended Prince Arthur School and will remember me.

Reply

12.



Shelley Cook on July 11, 2024 at 9:36 am

Sending love and healing vibes to all involved, let’s keep talking about mental health none of us have not been touched in some way. Hug your dear ones always telling them how much you love them ❤

Reply

13.



Donna on July 11, 2024 at 5:32 pm

Dear Marilyn and Family; so sorry to hear about your son’s passing, what a beautiful intelligent and amazing person he was.Be proud of him, cherish your great memories,he is at peace, depression is a disease like any other, but takes too many at young ages.Hugs girlfriend,thinking of you at this sad time,take care of you, Ryan would want that!!

Reply

14.



Gayle Galey on July 11, 2024 at 7:26 pm

From myself and my family our deepest sympathies to you Marilyn and all your family.Rest in peace Ryan.Hugs to all your family.

Reply

15.



Arlene Roberts on July 11, 2024 at 8:57 pm

My deepest condolences on your loss.

Reply

16.



Michael Gilmore on July 13, 2024 at 8:11 am

Profound sadness among us all.
Mike Gilmore.

Reply

17.



Kent Stryker on July 15, 2024 at 1:34 pm

I remember jamming with Ryan at his house and having a great time. Ryan was great at humouring me with my lesser skills. My deepest condolences.

Reply

18.



Marj, Danny, Curtis and Tannis Moore on July 17, 2024 at 7:51 am

Marilyn, Robyn and families- Our deepest condolences. We have many memories of pipe band travel and competition. Ryan was extremely talented. I would hope that your good memories will give you peace.

Reply

19.



Val and Krystal on July 22, 2024 at 10:09 am

With warm thoughts and prayers.We are so sorry to hear of your loss.

Reply

20.



Jen Wilson on July 22, 2024 at 5:48 pm

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Ryan. I adored him. He was always so fun to be around and such a kind hearted guy. My heart is broken, a very devestating loss.
Sending you all love ans strength.

Reply

21.



Betty Anne Sinclair on July 24, 2024 at 8:22 pm

To Marilyn, Robyn and all who loved Ryan I send my deepest condolences and hope you can find peace some day

Betty Anne Sinclair

Reply