



## Ryan Bennett Joiner

January 6, 1993 - June 25, 2022

Ryan Bennett Joiner, 29, of Gainesville, passed away June 22, 2022. He is survived by his parents, Bob and Jane, sister, Lauren, brother-in-law, Garrett, 11 aunts, 8 uncles, 22 first cousins, and many friends who love him more than words can express.

Ryan was known for his enormous heart and was passionate about helping others. He was a lifelong athlete playing multiple sports at a competitive level, an Eagle Scout, a lifelong student, and volunteer who contributed his time, talents, and gifts to a wide range of nonprofit organizations. We know that he has found peace and is now at rest without pain.

Considering Ryan's lifelong battle with mental illness and the sadness left in its wake, the Joiner family has created the Ryan Joiner Foundation, dedicated to supporting those living with severe mental illness and their families by funding research, raising awareness, and providing a community of help. A Celebration of Life Service will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at the Gainesville location of the Botanical Gardens, 1911 Sweetbay Dr, Gainesville, GA 30501.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the following organizations:

Ryan Joiner Memorial Foundation Gofundme <https://gofund.me/b0ca32ad>

NAMI Hall County (local affiliate of National Alliance on Mental Illness) at <https://namihall.org/get-involved/donate/>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **10**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Gainesville Botanical Gardens  
Gainesville, GA, GA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ryan was number one singles on the Gainesville High School Varsity Tennis Team for three years and led his team to Regional Championships in 2009 and 2011 and to strong showings in the State Championships from 2008 through 2011. I watched nearly all of his matches during his four years on the team. He was very well liked by and supportive of all his teammates. His own play was characterized by strong fundamentals and athletic prowess, great intensity and effort, unusually strong perceptiveness and adaptability, and outstanding strategic skills. He never beat himself by dwelling on past points but learned from them and always improved during this matches. His sportsmanship was impeccable, and he very seldom lost. He was honored by the Gainesville Times as its All-Area Tennis Boys Player of the Year for 2009.

At BSA Troop 16 in Gainesville he was an adept learner and a positive contributor in my Canoeing and Whitewater Merit Badge classes and river trips and also went with me on troop three and four day trips on the Green Trail in the Okefenokee and on the troop's Spring vacation camping trip to the Silver River State Park in Florida, where we enjoyed day trips on several of Florida's most beautiful spring-fed rivers among a host of manatees and monkeys and a myriad of other wildlife. Ryan was fun-loving, well-liked and supportive of his fellow scouts and a positive participant in all activities. He was truly an outstanding young man whom I will always remember with great fondness.

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**Roger Nott** - July 14 at 05:53 PM

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“ Our family is deeply saddened by the passing of Ryan Joiner, a kind and passionate young man of great courage, and a true warrior for mental health. We were so fortunate to have known Ryan and his wonderful family through NAMI Hall County. Jane and Bob have been a major resource on mental health and a source of strength for us and our son. Ryan will be greatly missed but his legacy will live on.



Our love and condolences to Bob, Jane and Lauren and to the many lives their son has touched.

Nancy and Bob MacPherson  
Rod MacPherson

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**Nancy and Bob MacPherson** - July 09 at 04:57 PM