



## Ryan Franklin Covey

September 28, 1988 - February 3, 2020

Ryan Franklin Covey, 31, of Methuen, who lived life at its fullest, could often be found in the winter on a snowboard and in the summer on a skateboard, passed away unexpectedly at home on February 3, 2020. "Covey" as he's affectionately known to his many friends and large family was born in Haverhill on September 28, 1988. Graduating from Methuen High School with the Class of 2007, he attended UMass Lowell and Northern Essex Community College. While in school with the JROTC Ryan attended the Leadership Camp at Norwich University. He was a communicant for Saint Monica's Parish in Methuen. Always cherishing his community, Ryan was a member of the Essex St. Projects Reunion, which he attended almost every fall with family and friends.

Ryan was devoted and selfless, often to a fault, as he had a heart of gold. He was often helping out neighbors and friends whenever he could. Ryan also had a soft spot for animals and enjoyed playing with the family dog Tedy and enjoyed having fish as pets.

For many years he was employed by The Salvation Army during the holidays as a bell ringer no matter what the weather conditions. Ryan had an untiring work ethic and enjoyed working with children. He had worked at Bradford Ski Hill as a snowboard instructor which combined the two. Also, more recently he worked as a merchandiser for Premium Retail during the past year, where he was a highly valued and model employee.

Ryan touched many lives in many different circles. He will be sorely missed, and his memory will be cherished by all, especially his young cousins who he adored and had started teaching the skills of skateboarding.

Ryan is survived by his beloved parents; his father, Ronald G. Covey and his wife Shela of Methuen, and his mother, Caryn J. Gmyrek of Salisbury. He was the cherished brother to Timothy Mooneyhan of Fitchburg and his stepsiblings, Anton Pritchard Jr and Ellen M. Pritchard both of Norfolk as well as Michael McTaggart of Amesbury. Ryan is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was predeceased by his grandparents; Robert & Tina Covey and Paul & Gail Gmyrek as well as his aunt Diane Gmyrek and his uncle

Michael "Hawk" Bourgoïn.

Visitation for Ryan will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020 from 12 – 3:30 PM at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence Street, Methuen. Friends and family are cordially invited to attend. A funeral service which will be held at the conclusion of calling hours. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Ryan's memory to the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, 30 Lyman St, Suite 10, Westborough, MA 01581. To leave an online condolence or for directions, please visit [www.pollardfuneralhome.com](http://www.pollardfuneralhome.com). The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is proud to serve the Covey family.

# Events

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**FEB** **Calling Hours** 12:00PM - 03:30PM

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Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home  
233 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA, US, 01844

**FEB** **Service** 03:30PM

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# Comments

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“ Ken Covey lit a candle in memory of Ryan Franklin Covey



**Ken Covey** - February 09, 2020 at 01:50 PM

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“ Michael Massie lit a candle in memory of Ryan Franklin Covey



**Michael Massie** - February 08, 2020 at 12:29 AM



“ Ron, my deepest condolences to you and your wife, Shela. From everything I read about your son, Ryan, it was my loss for never getting to know him. Again, my deepest condolences.

Sincerely;  
Ken Covey

**Ken Covey** - February 09, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ Kenny was so nice to see you. I said Kind of threw me with that with the lack of hair. Auntie Doreen He's extremely disappointed not to have seen you. Yes, my son was a very special human being. My opinion got a raw deal. But he made me a better person. I'm grateful I had him for I guess as long as I did. He suffered. Now he's not anymore. Like when you see someone, thank you cousin Do me a favor friend request me on Facebook.

**Ron** - February 12, 2020 at 09:36 PM

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“ Ron I'm truly sorry. My heart is broken for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Shelia.

**Joan M. Lowell Balch** - February 07, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ Ryan was well loved and touched the hearts of any many people! I'm heartbroken and even more heartbroken for his family, but he is in peace



**Marie Rubino** - February 07, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ I do appreciate your thoughts and your kindness and I do believe yes. Ryan is in a much better place. Last few years have not been easy. But I'm glad for the last few months I had my son back. The best version of his old self God wanted him. More than I'm able to have him. I'll see him again. He's living and happy with no more pain. Thank you again. God bless you.

**Ron** - February 12, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ Liz Galvin lit a candle in memory of Ryan Franklin Covey



**Liz Galvin** - February 07, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ No words can bring comfort at this saddened moment. My thoughts are with you and the extended family. RIP Ryan

**Liz Galvin** - February 07, 2020 at 11:23 AM

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“ Dear Ron, We are so very sorry for the loss of Ryan - my heart breaks for you and your family. He was Andrew's first best friend, wonderful memories of the 2 of them cutting through the woods to play, getting together to snowboard and skateboard, being on the same basketball team in middle school and more.....May the memories hold close to your heart! He was a good person and may he rest in peace!



Joyce Twyman - February 07, 2020 at 07:00 AM

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“ Joyce E Twyman lit a candle in memory of Ryan Franklin Covey



Joyce E Twyman - February 07, 2020 at 06:52 AM

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“ Ron and Sheila, there are absolutely no words that I can say to help with your sorrow, please know that Ryan will be very missed by all of us, for many different reasons, we all have our own little funny stories of Ryan that we have already shared with you this past week. Ron you are a devoted, loving, caring, kind, and dedicated dad!!! We will miss the calls and texts from both you and Ryan. Thinking of you all during difficult time-  
Karen Ferullo



**Karen Ferullo** - February 07, 2020 at 06:34 AM



“ Ryan was one of a kind. You are right about the funny stories, he will be so sadly missed  
Ron and Shela, sending you thoughts and prayers  
-Katie

**Katie** - February 08, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ Thank you again, Katie. Her as hard as you tried. As hard as you worked. I knew Ryan was special. And I'm glad everybody else did too. He really was a gentle soul. Very funny I'm going to miss his infectious smile. And that cute dimple that you could see when he was clean shaved. And he really liked you. Best to you and your future InTouch  
Ron

**Ron** - February 12, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ Jen Lilja lit a candle in memory of Ryan Franklin Covey



**Jen Lilja** - February 06, 2020 at 10:56 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss of Ryan. I never met him, but I heard of him because of the Reunion. He was such a handsome guy. I can't imagine the pain all of you are going through. Please accept my deepest sympathy and condolences. May he always Rest in Heavenly Peace. My love to all. <3



**Ann Sirois** - February 06, 2020 at 09:29 PM

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“ Daniel Fox lit a candle in memory of Ryan Franklin Covey



**Daniel Fox** - February 06, 2020 at 07:15 PM

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“ Mary Begley lit a candle in memory of Ryan Franklin Covey



**mary begley** - February 06, 2020 at 06:38 PM

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“ ryan and i had a great friendship we have had good times we've laughed and cried together. he was a good friend had a huge heart. much love to him and the family

**Denise Manzer** - February 06, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ Ron words can't express my sorrow for what you're going through. I know how much you loved Ryan. May your many great memories sustain you during this most difficult time. I am truly sorry & wish you weren't going through this. God has a better plan for Ryan in the heavens. Love you my friend Debbie Ryan

**Debbie Ryan** - February 06, 2020 at 04:04 PM