



Ryan Haden Vassar

October 31, 1988 - December 2, 2022

Ryan Haden Vassar, 34, went to be with the Lord on December 2, 2022. He passed away near his home and church in Gladys, Virginia.

Ryan was a graduate of William Campbell High School and completed a specialized program at Central Virginia Community College. Ryan was a kind and loving son, brother, uncle, and friend. Overcoming physical challenges and diminishing eyesight, Ryan was passionate about serving in his community, and was a frequent volunteer on committees at Kedron Baptist Church. Ryan enjoyed attending live sporting events, including those of some of his favorite teams, the Liberty Flames, Virginia Cavaliers, and Lynchburg Hillcats, among others. Ryan found purpose in a kitchen services position at Liberty University, where he was employed since 2014.

He treasured time with his family and friends, and looked forward to travel opportunities, seeing more than 22 Major League Baseball stadiums in his lifetime. Ryan gave the best hugs. He cared deeply for other people and he showed it through acts of service. He loved setting up and taking down tables for church events. He played on the floor with his nieces and nephews, Sarah, George, Evan, and Clara. He had a hearty belly laugh.

Ryan is survived by his parents, William Ted Vassar and Patricia Haden Vassar of Gladys, Virginia, his sister and brother-in-law, Karen Brown and

Robert Brown of Henrico, Virginia, his brother and sister-in-law, Nathan Vassar and Jessica Vassar of Austin, Texas, his Uncle and Aunt Steven Dunnavant and Cynthia Dunnavant of Altavista, Virginia, Uncle Reverend Gary Vassar of Louisburg, North Carolina, Aunt Becky Chauvin of Ocala, Florida, Uncle and Aunt Ronald Belcher and Karen Belcher of Summerfield, North Carolina, and Uncle and Aunt Karl Haden and Jeannie Haden of Atlanta, Georgia.

A service followed by graveside interment will take place on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Kedron Baptist Church, 7862 Brookneal Highway, Gladys, Virginia.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service and other times at the residence.

In lieu of flowers, any donations should be made to Kedron Baptist Church, P.O. Box 38, Gladys, VA 24554.

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Kedron Baptist Church Cemetery

7862 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Kedron Baptist Church
7862 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Funeral Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kedron Baptist Church
7862 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Ryan Haden Vassar*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - December 03, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Mary Moses-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Ryan Vassar*



Mary Moses-Hicks - December 09, 2022 at 08:57 PM



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Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - December 09, 2022 at 09:48 AM



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Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - December 08, 2022 at 02:43 PM



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Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - December 07, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ *I worked in a community location where I was lucky enough to interact with Ryan every week or so. He was deeply kind, and would hold doors for others, smiled incessantly, and had a gentle spirit. I miss you already, Ryan. The world misses everything you brought to us. Fly high, big man!*

Rebekah Meadows - December 06, 2022 at 07:48 AM

BC

“ *Barbara Clay lit a candle in memory of Ryan Vassar*



Barbara Rice Clay - December 06, 2022 at 07:26 AM



“ *Though I have not lived in Gladys for many years, Kedron is my family's church home. On many occasions when I have been back among Kedron's people, Ryan has been there, always radiating joy. My Mother, Nell Coates, spoke often of Ryan's amazing spirit and energy. It brought our family comfort to have his smiling face and helping hands at her service. May God's grace bring peace to all his family and his community.*
Nancy Coates Sullivan

Nancy Sullivan - December 05, 2022 at 05:22 PM

KK

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers going up for you and your family and friends. Praying God's peace and grace will comfort you.*



Kim Kelly - December 04, 2022 at 01:43 PM

EL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of grief. Although we didn't know Ryan personally, we were able to witness the beautiful father and son bond through our friendship with Ted. We pray that God comforts you with His presence, and through the love and support of family and friends who love Ryan and cherish his memory.

Eric and Renae Lowrey - December 04, 2022 at 11:41 AM

CV

“ Thinking of you all at this very difficult time and sending much love and prayers. Christy Vopelak



Christy vopelak - December 04, 2022 at 07:39 AM

LR

“ Larry Roach lit a candle in memory of Ryan Vassar



Larry Roach - December 03, 2022 at 11:22 PM

MJ

“ To all of the Vassar family,
I can only imagine your pain at having to say "see you later" to such a wonderful son and brother. Although I know it is bittersweet, what a joy it is to know that your time apart from Ryan is nothing compared to the eternity we will all have to share together! His genuine love and service to so many of us was such an example of our Savior's Spirit at work and I thank God as I am sure many others do as well that I had the privilege of knowing him in my life. Grieving and celebrating with you all in Spirit...your brother in Christ, Michael Jones.
PS. I wish I had an actual picture of the moment, but one of my fondest memories is the privilege of baptizing Ryan at Kedron BC. Looking forward to seeing him again soon!

Michael Jones - December 03, 2022 at 10:39 PM

MH

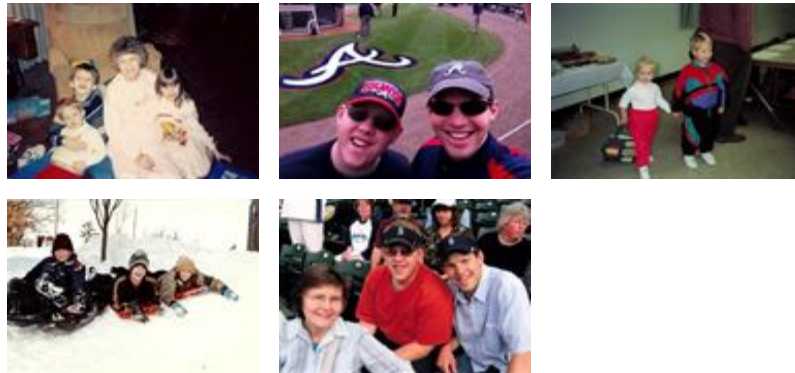
“ I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Ryan, but the FB photos always showed a happy smiling young man. Sending you prayers and hugs.



Marie Harper - December 03, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ 181 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - December 03, 2022 at 06:26 PM

BG

“ *The family is in our thoughts and prayers. Pat and Billy Gibson*

Billy Gibson - December 03, 2022 at 02:16 PM

LH

“ *Luke Holman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ryan Haden Vassar.*



Luke Holman - December 03, 2022 at 01:42 PM

WB

“ *Patricia we are very sorry to hear about the passing of yall's son Ryan. Prayers are with the family.*

Wesley Barker - December 03, 2022 at 01:25 PM

BD

“ *Ted and family, with deep sadness I learned of your great loss. My deepest sympathies and prayers that God will give you all strength and comfort.*

Billy & Shirley Denton

Billy Denton - December 03, 2022 at 11:50 AM

RM

“ *Ted and Family,
My deepest sympathy to you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Ray Mitchell*

Ray Mitchell - December 03, 2022 at 11:28 AM

BV

“ *1 file added to the album Baseball stadiums*



Buck Vassar - December 03, 2022 at 10:56 AM

SC

“ *I'm deeply saddened to hear about this tragedy I've known Ryan a long time he was unforgettable! I will miss him coming into Northern Tool 🥀*

Shרון Cooter - December 03, 2022 at 10:38 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ryan Haden Vassar.*



December 03, 2022 at 09:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ryan Haden Vassar.*



December 03, 2022 at 08:35 AM

NH

“ Sweet Ryan...what an incredible heart and spirit...he will always be one of the brightest stars to shine on the stage and in the halls of WCHS, and now he will undoubtedly be the brightest star twinkling for God's curtain call in the night sky ...it simply can be no other way! Ryan never missed a cue, and kindly and patiently demonstrated where his fellow actors may have missed a few, and he was usually right...there was never a need for a scribe or prompter when Ryan was in the house...because of Ryan and his fellow actors, the VHSL One-Act Play State Theatre Competition presented its first ever Individual Acting Award to an ensemble...a group who worked so well together it was as if they were one person...that is what it was like to work with Ryan...to be a part of his world...being with Ryan was like being complete! One of my greatest achievements in life thus far was to finally develop a close enough relationship and trust to receive a hug...not just any hug, but a full on, bend down and have Ryan wrap both arms around and tuck his head between my shoulder and neck...for years, I hugged, and he stood tall, looked straight ahead, and patted me once or twice on the back with one hand...[and everyone who knew Ryan's hugs laughed out loud through the tears]...”

Nannette Haga - December 02, 2022 at 10:39 PM

MM

*What a beautiful tribute to a very special person!! Special prayers for your sweet family!
We will all cherish our special memories of Ryan!!*

Martha Moore - December 03, 2022 at 05:51 PM

DW

“ Carrie, Ted, Tricia, Nathan, Karen & family - we're so sorry to hear of Ryan. Our deepest sympathy. 🙏
David & Tricia Waller



David & Tricia Waller - December 02, 2022 at 08:08 PM

WA

“ Ryan could always make me smile even when he was completely unaware. He was truly a special young man with a huge heart for community, family and friends. I will miss seeing him at church on "his "pew.



Wylie Austin - December 02, 2022 at 06:24 PM

SH

“ Ted and Tricia and family: I am so very sorry for the loss of Ryan. I will remember his smile always. My thoughts and prayers continue for you.

Susie Holt - December 02, 2022 at 06:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ryan Haden Vassar.



December 02, 2022 at 05:59 PM

TN

“ *It is with sad hearts to hear of the passing of Ryan Vassar. Ryan was such a sweet and mannerable young man with such a sweet and humble soul. We will treasure the memories of Ryan, especially during the little league T-ball games in his younger years. With loving memories, sleep In Heavenly Peace Ryan.*



Roosevelt and Tamara Nowlin & Family

Tamara Nowlin - December 02, 2022 at 05:22 PM

WD

TO OUR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS AND FORMER NEIGHBORS, THE VASSER FAMILY, OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU, THRU THE MILES. RYAN WAS A SPECIAL YOUNG MAN, WE WERE ALWAYS HAPPY TO SEE ALL OF YOU WHEN WE WOULD GET BACK TO GLADYS AND KEDRON. WE WILL COME TO SEE YOU SOON. MUCH LOVE, THE DICKERSONS AND BROWN FAMILIES.

william dickerson - December 03, 2022 at 11:40 AM

PH

Sympathy and love to all the family, my heart aches for the sad and difficult time you are going through, may God wrap His arms around you and comfort you, in my prayers.

Patty Hodnett - December 03, 2022 at 06:23 PM

JA

We are so sorry to hear of Ryans passing from this life to be with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We remember how much he loved his family and his friends. May our Lord comfort you during this hard time. He is the God of all comfort.

JW and Phyllis Dalton and Ashley - December 04, 2022 at 02:30 PM

MC

Dear Vassar family,

We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. We have very fond memories of Ryan as a student at Gladys Elementary and William Campbell. He had such a gentle, kind spirit and was beloved by all who knew him. We know he will be greatly missed. Please know that we hold each of you in our thoughts and prayers. May God's abiding love bring you peace and comfort.

With sympathy,

Mike and Debi Cheek

Mike and Debi Cheek - December 05, 2022 at 01:18 PM