



Mr. Evan Journey Layne

June 9, 1985 - July 20, 2019

****NOTE: Visitation & Memorial Service Times are listed below****

Evan Journey Layne lovingly known as “Monkey” departed this this life Saturday July 20, 2019. He was born June 9, 1985 in Kalamazoo, Michigan the son of Leah Jane Layne and James Lewis Coe. He attended Comstock Public Schools and later completed his GED.

Evan was a “Jack of All Trades”. He was an arborist who would take care of cutting trees and he also loved lawn maintenance, carpentry and working on cars. He was gifted in these areas and didn’t need training because he was a self-made man.

Evan was the life of the party and he had a personality where everyone enjoyed being around him. He was known to be direct with his communication with no filter, but he was respected for being genuine and honest with his thoughts. Evan enjoyed singing along to his favorite country music songs. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, but he mostly loved being a father so much, that he would ask his own father, “Am I being a good Dad?” He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He preceded in death by his mother, Leah and his brother, Tony.

Evan leaves to cherish his memories: 2 sons, Journey and Damien; his father, James Coe; 1 brother, Justin Layne; grandparents, Sally Waldron; several aunts, uncles and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Also , a very special friend/girlfriend Megan Sellers.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of

AUG 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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521 Douglas Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Evan Journey Layne



Harper Funeral Home - August 02, 2019 at 10:12 PM

MS

I miss you more and more every day! The pain and broken heart will never go away 💔😭

Megan Sellers - August 05, 2019 at 01:39 AM



“ Mr. Evan Journey Layne

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Evan Journey Layne

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

DA

“ Damien sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Evan Journey Layne



Damien - March 31, 2022 at 09:35 PM

DF

“ *Damien Field sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Evan Journey Layne*



Damien Field - April 06, 2021 at 12:56 PM

WF

“ *Wendy Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Evan Journey Layne*



Wendy Fields - August 06, 2019 at 07:00 AM

ME

“ *I would like to thank Harper funeral home and the staff for making today so special for Evan, his son's, family and friends. You all did an amazing job and made it beyond special for all of us! Thank you everyone for coming to celebrate Evan's life. I will never forget the love Evan showed and gave me! I will always love and miss you always, forever and beyond eternity.*

Megan - August 03, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Evan Journey Layne.*



July 31, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Evan Journey Layne.*



July 31, 2019 at 10:46 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Georgia - July 31, 2019 at 08:24 AM



“ *Georgia lit a candle in memory of Mr. Evan Journey Layne*



Georgia - July 31, 2019 at 08:23 AM



“ *I,m Sure Gonna Miss You. You Came Over and Talked my Leg Off. Went to The Fridge and got Something to Eat, u did nt Even ask. You were Like Family.*

Gary Papierz - July 30, 2019 at 11:35 PM

MK

“ *Mary Knipfel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Evan Journey Layne*



Mary knipfel - July 30, 2019 at 10:21 PM

JL

“ *My brother the only one who in his life was there and I mean there for you no matter what no matter time of day or night if you needed him he was there no questions asked no judgement of your problem just honest to goodness being there for you we helped each other through a lot. I would Honestly have to say he was there more for me then I was for him sometimes and alot of people as well he was one of the best fathers I've ever known he was about his children first and foremost he was a strong loving man who gave 100%--- 100% of the time I will miss him every day of my life I LOVE YOU BROTHER you will never be forgotten*



Justin Layne - July 30, 2019 at 06:23 PM

DT

“ I first met Evan when he was 4. He, Justin, Tony Leah and I travelled together all over the place. We camped out, rode horses, hit the Falls in Niagra and rode the dunes in a open carriage. One time Evan caught two fish on the same hook. He and I rode on the Duck boat In Boston and so much more. I wear a band on my arm for Liah and Tony. Tomorrow I will add his name to the band. To say that I love these wonderful people is an understatement to say the least. And of course Justin and I are very close even if we don't see each other as often as we wish. We flew together to Ireland and had the cruise of a lifetime together with my loving friends in that green and special land. And don't forget our candle factory in the basement on the lake❤️ May the gentle Lord of life continue to watch over you and all Evan's family and friends and keep you safe.
David

David Thompson - July 30, 2019 at 06:12 PM

PH

So very sorry for your loss. Evan was well liked and a great helper to others in the neighborhood when he was younger. May God give you all strength and comfort.

Patti and Bob Hubbard - July 31, 2019 at 06:25 PM

MK

“ I sure am going to miss you stopping by you fly high son may you rest in peace you will always be in my thoughts

Mary knipfel - July 29, 2019 at 05:15 PM

SU

“ Always will remember when my sister Kate and I would come visit you boys and your mom. Always remember u boys were always doing something crazy and dare devilish. Will remember the snow ball fight in your yard up on the north side and how you and Tony always got picked on by Justin which was of course his way of letting u know he cared.. you had the best mom and brothers you were pretty cool yourself. I'll never forget u and was always proud to call you my friend, my brother from another misses.. rest in heaven and fly high you have gained your wings although are hearts were not ready you'll never be forgotten.. love always Sarah ulam..



Sarah Ulam - July 29, 2019 at 04:55 PM

KA

Wow i just can't believe this. When i was told you were gone, it didn't seem like it could be real. You were so young. You had a whole life time ahead of you. I remember going over to your house to baby sit you guys (yes you had Justin who was old enough, but your mom knew his older brother tendencies would take over). It was cool because i loved being with you guys. I was there all the time anyway. You guys were family to me. We all had so much fun together. I missed you guys so much when i moved away. Then i slowly found you all again. Now... I have to wait longer. I know your in heaven now. You guys watch over Justin, I know he's the big brother but he's going through alot. I know because I've been here. I'll miss you my friend, this is not good bye its I'll see you later. R.I.H. God took a good one home.

Kate - August 01, 2019 at 03:11 PM

HC

“ We have known Evan for over two years now. He did all of our yard and gutter maintenance. We enjoyed seeing and talking with him. He was a very hard worker and a man than loved his sons. We will miss him and pray for his family. Harold and Angela Cronk

Harold Cronk Angela Cronk - July 27, 2019 at 03:16 PM