



Ryan S. Cramer

October 14, 1982 - May 22, 2026

Ryan S. Cramer, 43, passed away far too soon, leaving behind a silence that will never quite feel right to those who loved him. To know Ryan was to have a story about him — usually hilarious, sometimes unbelievable, and always unforgettable. He was wild, funny, loud, loving, and completely one of a kind. A true legend in his own way.

Ryan lived life on his own terms. He had the soul of a hippie, the heart of a loyal friend, and the energy of someone who could turn an ordinary night into a memory people talked about for years. He loved music more than almost anything — whether it was Phish, moe., the Grateful Dead, Tupac, Eazy-E, Biggie Smalls, or Wu-Tang Clan blasting somewhere nearby, music was part of who he was. If Ryan loved you, chances are he made you listen to a song that reminded him of you.

Underneath the jokes, the partying, and the larger-than-life personality was someone who deeply loved his family and friends. He showed up for the people he cared about in his own unique way, and his presence could light up a room instantly. He wasn't perfect — and he'd probably laugh at anyone pretending he was — but he was real, genuine, and deeply loved.

Ryan is survived by his mother, Stephanie Daugherty; his father, Melvin Daugherty; his sister, Sara (Daugherty) Anderson and spouse Justin

Anderson; his nephew, Brady Anderson; cousins Gabrielle Hardesty, Chloe (Hardesty) Cinfio, Lilliahna Taylor, and Lucciano Hall.

Ryan leaves behind countless friends who became family over the years, and a lifetime of stories that will continue to be told with laughter, tears, and probably music playing in the background.

He was the kind of person you never fully get over losing. The world feels a little less colorful without him in it. Though our hearts are broken, we know Ryan would want us to keep laughing, keep the drinks flowing, keep the music loud, and keep living fully.

Rest easy, Cramer. Your legend lives on.

The family will hold a private memorial service to honor Ryan.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at Kenny's Westside Pub. (112 SW Jefferson Avenue, Peoria, IL 61602) Open house style beginning at 2:00 p.m.

We welcome all who knew and loved him to gather, share stories, listen to music, and celebrate the unforgettable life, laughter, and love he brought to so many.

For those who have asked how they can help the family during this difficult time, contributions may be made through the GoFundMe page:

<https://gofund.me/598a7b34b>

Condolences and tributes may be made through the funeral home website at SchmidtHaller.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 14. 12:00 PM.

Kenny'S Westside Pub

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JUN 14. 2:00 PM (Cent)

Kenny's Westside Pub
112 SW Jefferson
Peoria, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ I am SO incredibly sorry to hear about Ryan. I am sorry I didn't get to know him, but it certainly sounds like he was loved by all! I can't possibly understand how you all feel, but I am sending you love and strength!

Lynne Schelly

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“ It was never without laughs growing up with Cramer. A tue highlight of the daily grind of middle and high school. He was special; he was just himself and attracted people from every which way. We did everything from skateboarding, hooping, cliff jumping at Starved Rock. We had some times. The first time we smoked it up was together. It was a Hell of an experience to share with someone. I think Cramer and I shared very similar demons. We all have our cross to bear. I know one thing though, Cramer did it with a smile on his face the entire time. To the legend and icon of Peoria, I love u buddy. I'm so sorry. I'm confident we will meet again my friend.

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