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Andrew "AJ" Obituary

Andrew J. Smith, "AJ", 28, of Elyria, died December 2, 2020 in a hunting accident. AJ was born October 19, 1992 in Elyria and played baseball for Elyria Little League East. He was a 2011 graduate of Elyria High School where he was a member of the varsity baseball and varsity golf teams. AJ attended Lincoln College in Illinois, playing baseball for the Lynx and graduating in 2014. He lived in Lincoln for several years, working for the college and joining the Lincoln Rural Fire Protection District as a volunteer fire fighter. He lived in Arizona for two years before returning to Ohio to attend the State of Ohio Fire Academy in Reynoldsburg, graduating in 2018. He worked for the Oberlin Fire Department in 2018 and 2019. AJ moved to Columbus in 2019 and worked as an independent contractor until his death. Surviving family includes his parents, Bradley D. and Kathy Allan Smith of Elyria; sister Bailey K. (Steve) Meluch of North Ridgeville; uncle Andrew Allan of Vermilion, uncle Jon W. (Kim N.) Allan of East Lansing, MI, uncle Jeff (Chris) Smith of Delaware, Ohio; cousins Lukas V. Smith of Chicago, IL and Katie Rose Allan of Norwich, VT; and beloved niece and nephew Madison Lynn and Jacob Andrew Gerber. AJ was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Andrew and Phyllis W. Allan and paternal grandparents Richard D. and Carol E. Smith. Friends will be received Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 11:00 am until the time of a 2:00 pm service at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria. Reverend Patrick Nicolino, Pastor of First Congregational United Church of Christ will officiate. COVID-19 precautions will be observed and masks are required. Maintain social distancing while offering condolences to the family and keep your visit brief. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a local food pantry of your choice. Visitation Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service Saturday, December 12, 2020 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 323 Middle Ave. Elyria, OH 44035



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PW

Patty Wright posted:

I just learned of your sons tragic death and I am so saddened by your loss. My heart goes out to you both as his parents and to the entire family. I pray that God will comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead. May God bless and keep you!

December 11 at 8:00 PM

AP

Annie And Bob Perko posted:

We are so sorry to hear of this terrible tragedy in your families. Our deepest sympathy to all of you during this time. Praying God rests his soul and comforts all of you during this terrible loss. Annie and Bob Perko friends of Patty and Steve

December 11 at 8:00 PM

DC

Debra Connor posted:

You're in our thoughts & prayers. We Send you love. We will always remember AJs great smile - Debra & Chuck Connor

December 11 at 8:00 PM

SM

Sharon Migliore posted:

I live in CT although we are far apart but I m very sorry for your loss may he Rest In Peace.

December 10 at 8:00 PM

KP

Kathy Pasterak posted:

Kathryn, my heart breaks for you and your family. I remember so fondly the conversations and stories about Andrew and Bailey during our time together at Wickens. You and your family are in my thoughts and in my prayers. I hope that time and your many wonderful memories will help to bring you some comfort and peace. Kathy

December 10 at 8:00 PM



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JH

Jim And Betsy Hampton posted:

Dear Brad and Kathy, no words can express our heartfelt condolences. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

December 10 at 8:00 PM

HE

Heather posted:

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, I do not know the family but saw this in the news. I am so sorry for this tragedy. I was also in a hunting accident 3 years ago. I understand all too well how horrific this is. Just know you're not alone and in my prayers. If you ever need to reach out, please don't hesitate. I'm not a professional, but I know it's hard to find someone who understands.

December 9 at 8:00 PM

TS

Tim And Marianne Schuster posted:

Brad and Kathy, we have no words that can express the extreme sorrow we have for your unexpected loss. A tragedy like this should never happen, especially doing something he loved. You are in our prayers.

December 8 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Andrew by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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