**Tim gave us all joy and love from day one. His beautiful smile told the true story of his loving, caring, generous, and happy personality. We lost Tim to COVID on Christmas Eve 2021 at the young age of 25.**

Timothy Walter Ryan: Living Life to the Fullest!

Timothy Walter Ryan was born on August 2, 1996 in Dunkirk, NY to Don and Joanne (Hoisington) Ryan. We were all so blessed to have Tim in our lives, touching all of our hearts with his giving nature.

At a young age, Tim joined the Boy Scouts, (Troop 267 of Fredonia), with his younger brother, Jamison. The brothers were involved in many community service projects with their troop, such as participating in Food Drives, Canadaway Creek clean ups, visiting and caroling for the elderly, and Ringing the Bells for the Salvation Army during Christmas time. In elementary school, Tim grew out his hair to be donated to The Locks For Love Foundation for cancer patients. As Tim’s giving nature grew over the years, he donated all of his summer days to leading tours at the Dunkirk Lighthouse. These tours were dedicated to the Armed Forces, a service he had always shown support for, because of his family's military background. While working at the Dunkirk Lighthouse, Tim met his future fiance, the love of his life, Destiny Parades. Even into high school, Tim continued to show his love of humanity by participating in a winter sleepout in a cardboard box with classmates to bring awareness to the homeless. He was awarded “Most Spirited” during Fredonia’s homecoming week and would attend games dressed as a HillBilly, the school’s mascot.

Tim always had hobbies that involved being as active as possible. Tim grew up with his older sister, Alanna, and younger brother, Jamison, at the family owned Chadwick Bay Marina in Dunkirk, NY. His sense of humor was evident at a young age. When he was working with his sister counting worms for the family bait store, Alanna often looked over at him to find him pulling a worm out of his mouth. Tim enjoyed playing hockey and was a member of the NCCYHA Steelers League for 12 years. Tim’s love of history grew through his participation in the 1700’s Rendezvous Reenactments that he was a part of with his brother and father. His love for the outdoors was evident by his enjoyment of outdoor activities such as snowboarding, hunting, and fishing. As Tim grew older, he participated in air-soft events with his brother and close friends. Their team won first place several years in a row, showing their dedication to the team and sport.

Tim enjoyed many family vacations with his parents and siblings, traveling to Boston, Birmingham, Florida, and Yellowstone. During his senior year, Tim was able to make a trip with his classmates to Europe, where he visited Poland, Germany, and the Czech Republic. Tim continued to travel over the years with his fiancee Destiny to Myrtle Beach, NC; Atlanta, Georgia, and Disney World, Florida. During the trip to Disney World, Timothy planned a surprise engagement. Timothy and Destiny chose June 4th, 2022 as the special date for their wedding day.

Tim viewed family and friends as something really important to his life. He always enjoyed hosting and cooking for special gatherings and bringing everyone together. He was always at his happiest when surrounded by loved ones. Tim was always proud to attend his nephew Ashton's sporting events, gymnastic competitions for his niece Ayva, and dance recitals for his niece Evalyn. He also had a special love for his cat Vader, and his puppy Ruby, an early wedding gift from his beloved brother, Jamison.

Tim was a graduate of Fredonia High School, class of 2015. He continued his education at York Technical/ Trade College in South Carolina, where he earned his degree as a Utility Lineman. Tim worked in this field for the last 5 years and was employed by Consolidated Communications located in Westfield, NY. Tim had the ability to work with his hands and his love for building was evident, while working with Jamison and his dad, they built a chicken coop, and a large deck on their family home for his mom to enjoy.

Although he was taken from us too soon, leaving a void of emptiness and sadness. Tim would have wanted his memory to be a happy one. Similar to the poem *Afterglow* written by Helen Lowrie Marshall.

*Afterglow*

*I’d like the memory of me to be a happy one. I’d like to leave an afterglow of smiles when the day is done. I’d like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I’d like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun, of happy memories that I leave behind when the day is done.*

Tim’s life is fondly remembered with love in the following heartfelt sediments from the following people, who’s lives Tim touched:

*……..Tim was a very caring, warm, generous, friendly, and all around good person…… I am left with only good memories of a unique and good hearted individual that I saw grow into a loving partner and thoughtful son, brother, and uncle. And most of all he was a friend to all.* Nicholas Miller - close friend

*……Tim helped me with parts of my life that I never would’ve gotten around to changing by myself. And most importantly all of the great memories we made while doing all of that stuff I just listed. SS From the little things to the big things, it all made such an impact on me and I’m so grateful that I’m able to say he’s a part of my life.*

 James Przybycien - close friend

………*I’m so blessed to have the family that raised you to be the amazing man you are. Kind, loving, gentle, never able to say no and always helping others……..I love you* [*Tim Ryan*](https://www.facebook.com/tim.ryan.180?__cft__%5B0%5D=AZUY644MZoDeY6P3QNWkohPwRv7qAkoq7vemI-bxJXEc02JJ4gN4eNsylT0Y3nDBvdGvuvF3eSyqQ6_AAD36lBPLrTj_78KobUt6gN-0wEKyY1XRF6cncdrnRk1eHaTKNco&__tn__=-%5DK-R) *forever and always, your wife,* Destiny Parades

……….*Tim was one of the kindest and most conscientious students I’ve ever taught. His friendly and positive attitude improved the classroom environment. He was a great student………Tim was a good friend to his peers; always kind, funny, never negative, and always willing and ready for an adventure.* Mr. Patrick Newell - teacher

*A bright shining light has been taken from us all. Timothy touched many lives in a very genuine sincere way. He was a kind soul with a generous spirit indeed, with an unassuming demeanor that showed a true sense of humility.*

 Uncle Claude Alevy

*Five things to remember about Timothy’s personality;*

*Relax: don’t let little things get in the way.*

*Smile: his smile was ever present and everlasting.*

*Laugh: he was lighthearted and brought joy to all those around him. His smile lit up the room. Give: he always placed the needs of others before his own.*

*Love: he embraced everyone as family !*

 David Alevy - cousin

*Timothy is our angel and will always be our guiding light. He had a gentle kindness that everyone felt and will never forget! He loved life and lived it to its fullest. But most of all Timothy had a heart of gold!*

Joelle Alevy Orloff - cousin