



## Layne Robert Gerber-Rogers

July 28, 2004 - January 21, 2024

Layne Robert Gerber-Rogers, age 19, passed away, surrounded by family, at IU Health Bloomington Hospital on January 21, 2024. Born on July 28, 2004 to Scott Aaron Rogers and Jennifer Lynn Gerber, Layne was a student at Ivy Tech Community College and a graduate of Bloomington High School South. The multi-age class at Templeton Elementary School was an especially fond stop on his educational journey.

Survivors include his parents, non-biological parents (Allison Nicole Knight and Jason Edward McKinnley Anderson), sister (Dorothy Joan Fisher), brother (Rylan Edward Anderson), a great-grandma, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, and many pets.

Layne had special relationships with all his animals, but was renowned for abilities as a “cat whisperer”. His deepest passion was video gaming - he had a controller in his hands since he was big enough to hold one - he created his own characters and worlds, studying for a career in game design. An expert on “The Simpsons” - he had seen every episode - Layne reflected that kind of humor out into the world. His laugh was a source of joy to those who knew him best, though he could shoot a notorious stink-eye when displeased. He had an adventurous palate and loved to try new foods, but was very particular about his favorite local nacho cheese.

Layne was loved by everyone who knew him and will be deeply missed. His family would like to thank the staff at IU Health Bloomington Hospital for their care and attention in this difficult time.

A public celebration of Layne's life will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024 from 4-8pm at Allen Funeral Home (4155 S Old State Road 37 Bloomington, IN 47401). He did not like getting dressed up for special occasions, and would encourage guests to dress comfortably rather than formally.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bloomington Animal Shelter (3401 S Walnut Bloomington, IN 47401) or to the Templeton Garden (c/o Templeton Elementary School 1400 S Brenda Ln Bloomington, IN 47401).

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ 5 months later and I still go into your room and ask if you want to hangout with your little sister. I've never been a big believer in God, but I chose to believe in whatever, playing games and drinking your Starbucks water. I never thought I'd be writing to you unless it was your birthday or Christmas, yet here I am. It's 4 am and I can't sleep because I miss my bubby. In the month or so that you were in the hospital, all I asked for was for you to come home safe. Now I pray, that you are somewhere safe. I won't say your in a better place, but I'm happy your not in pain anymore. I can't imagine what it felt like for you, but I can remember the times we played cards against humanity and I had to hear you say the f word a million times, or playing minecraft everytime an update came out. Layne, you were the best. -sissy

Devin - June 04, 2024 at 04:45 AM

KM

“ I \*loved\* having Layne in science class. Funny, great at scientific reasoning, and a memorable knowledge of nerdy gaming stuff -- what a wonderful, whole-hearted person. Your family's in my thoughts. Kirstin Milks, BHSS

Kirstin Milks - January 31, 2024 at 12:12 PM

AT

Yes, Layne was an amazing knowledgeable scientific wonder. Your family is in my thoughts. Angie Thompson BHSS

A Thompson - February 01, 2024 at 06:59 AM

CR

Such a sweet and gentle soul! Thinking of your family at this difficult time. Catharine Rademacher, BHSS

Catharine Rademacher - February 02, 2024 at 07:37 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Layne Robert Gerber-Rogers.*



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January 29, 2024 at 01:54 AM



“ *Grandma Jan and Grandma Linda with much planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Layne Robert Gerber-Rogers.*

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**Grandma Jan and Grandma Linda with much** - January 29, 2024 at 01:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Layne Robert Gerber-Rogers.*



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January 28, 2024 at 11:14 PM



“ *David Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Layne Robert Gerber-Rogers.*

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**David Johnson** - January 28, 2024 at 11:14 PM

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“ *Michael Lenhart and Brian Lenhart purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Layne Robert Gerber-Rogers.*



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**Michael Lenhart and Brian Lenhart** - January 27, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Layne Robert Gerber-Rogers.*



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January 25, 2024 at 10:13 AM

CE

“ *Layne was a delight. I had the privilege of caring for him for several years. My husband used to make pumpkins for him every Halloween while he was at TEMPLETON. I remember telling him that he was the awesomest person in the world. I was corrected by Layne that he was the awesomest person in the universe. I learned a lot from Layne, mostly his sense of humor. One final memory was at Bradford woods, where his teacher, would put him on his shoulders and off they would go.*

*Much love and prayers,  
Connie Eggleston*

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**Constance Eggleston** - January 24, 2024 at 08:09 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Photos of Layne*



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**The Family** - January 24, 2024 at 03:49 PM