



## Ryan Christopher Carter

November 1, 1978 - July 2, 2011

It is with great sadness that the family of Ryan Christopher Carter announces his passing after a courageous fight with cancer, on Saturday, July 2, 2011, at the age of 32 years. Ryan's life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by him understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives.

He was born November 1, 1978 in Bloomington to Larry and Sarah Axsom Carter. Ryan was a 1997 graduate of Bloomington High School North and received his Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Recreation in 2004 from Indiana University. Ryan spent time working as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist with special needs adults and Special Olympics. The majority of Ryan's professional career was spent in the hospitality and food service industry working for the Fourwinds Resort and Marina on Lake Monroe, University Place Hotel and Conference Center on the campus of IUPUI, and as General Manager of Five Guys in Carmel.

Ryan will be lovingly remembered forever by his wife Kimberly Wilkeson Carter of Indianapolis, whom he leaves behind. He was

preceded in death by his father, Larry Carter. He is survived by his loving mother, Sarah Axsom Carter and her fiancée Dennis Siscoe of Bloomington; devoted brother Greg Carter of Bloomington; cherished grandmother Martha Axsom of Bloomington; treasured mother and father-in-law Gloria and Robert Wilkeson of Granger, Indiana; as well as an uncle, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephew; along with countless other friends and family whom were blessed to know him.

Ryan was a member of the South Union Christian Church. Ryan possessed a truly inquisitive nature and was an avid reader. He loved working out, golfing, hiking (often times with his dog of 13 years Who-Dini), fishing and hunting. He enjoyed his Playstation, watching movies, listening to music (in particular Jimmy Buffet), and spending time in Key West Florida. Ryan was also a Cubs fan who loved bicycling and in 2010 completed Ride Across Indiana (RAIN), 160 miles in one day. He had a passion for cooking and enjoyed being with his family, laughing, and having fun with friends.

A Funeral Service in memory of Ryan will be held Tuesday, July 5, at 11:00AM, at the Allen Funeral Home, 4155 South Old Highway 37, Bloomington, with Rev. Jimmy Cain officiating. Visitation will be held the same day from 10:00AM until the time of service. Interment will follow in the family plot at Clover Hill Cemetery. A gathering to celebrate and remember Ryan's life will be held Wednesday, July 6, 2011 from 4:00PM until 8:00PM at the Allen Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, those who so desire may make memorial donations in memory of Ryan to the Special Olympics. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).

# Tribute Wall

KI

“ Dear Kim and Family,

*I just learned of the passing of Ryan today and my heart goes out to all of you. I know that this will not take away any of the pain, but hope in some way it helps you find a little bit of comfort.*

*I was very blessed to meet Ryan and Kim when they moved to Brownsburg. From the very first time that we met, I always felt that we had a connection.*

*Ryan and Kim would come in for lunch and dinner in the local pub that I manage. Tuesday afternoons Ryan would usually show up for lunch always with a book and many times would ride his bike up there.*

*Ryan is such a special person that not one time complained! He is an inspiration and I feel very lucky to have got to know him even if it was a short period of time!*

*My prayers go out to Kim and all of the family!*

*Love,*

*Kimberly Cutshaw*

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**Kimberly Cutshaw** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ *I will always remember Ryan. What a truly wonderful person, through and through. It is an honor to know him since grade school. My thoughts are with his family and all his many, many friends.*

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**Lori Kiyatkin** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ I graduated from high school with Ryan. We studied Latin together and travelled to Italy with our Latin class. He was a friend. I am sorry for his untimely death. God bless.

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**Jacqueline Gaines (Brown)** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

PO

“ Kim, you are forever in my thoughts. Frank & I will always be here for you. Ryan touched so many of us, and we will always remember his smile and the love you two shared.

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**Polly Rossi** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ I knew Ryan in High School, he was a year older than me. He was always a really fun guy to hang around and was such a good friend. He lit up the room whenever he was around. He was a wonderful person, I wish I had known him better. I am so sorry for your loss, your family will be in our prayers.

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**Suzanne Byrer-Tidrow** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ I am so sorry that we all lost Ryan too soon. He was my first friend at University Place and always made me laugh. He had an infectious, fun personality and was an amazing person. My heart goes out to the family during this time.

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**Nicole Griffin** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ Although Ryan and I hadn't seen each other in years I still considered him a dear friend. I will always remember his smile and his laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Jodie Deckard Latiolais** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ Dear Sarah and Greg, My sincere sympathy to both of you on Ryan's passing and also the passing of Ryan's wonderful dad. Ryan was such a sweet person and an inspiration to those connected to Special Olympics. You will always be blessed with the memory of these two dear people who did so much for others. Grace J.

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**Grace Johnson** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ this was one of the hardest things i've ever done. You were all my second family and I am heartbroken. I love you Sarah, Greg, Grandma, and Kim. Please keep in touch.

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**Gretchen Zengler (Ruben)** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss, Ryan was an amazing friend, and I am sorry that I had lost touch with him. He will always be a part of many of my memories. Thank you for giving me that time with him.

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**Gwen Bernal (Parrish)** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ Kim,  
Neal and I are with you in thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if we can do anything for you.

Love,  
Mandy Moore and Neal Rothermel

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**Mandy Moore** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ *Kim, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything at all, please let me know.*

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**Janine Roberts** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ *Dear Sara & Family,  
Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers and may you find peace and comfort at this very difficult time.  
Danny & Cathy Todd*

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**Cathy Todd** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ *Ryan was a positive, upbeat young man that would encourage others by just being present. I am honored to say that I had the opportunity to work with him for a few years and will always remember his smile and dedication. May the God of all comfort surround the Carter family during this difficult season. You are in our prayers.*

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**Tom Cappucci** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

CA

“ *Kim,  
I am so sorry to hear about your husband. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.*

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**Carrie Fisher** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ I will forever remember Ryan and his positive attitude towards work as well as life. We shared a few jokes when he used to work at University Place and had some really good times. I'll pray for him and his family.

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**Divyang Mehta** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

JS

“ Kim - My deepest sympathies for your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers during this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to call if you need anything - work or otherwise. May God hold you in his arms, and give you strength.

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**Jonna Satterfield** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ Kim, Sarah, Greg, and the rest of the Carter family; you have my sincere condolences.

*The last time I saw Ryan was at my father's funeral, and we had not seen each other for probably 15 years prior to that. Although the setting was not ideal, it was great to see and talk to him again. I consider myself fortunate to have had that opportunity to visit with him again.*

*I have very fond childhood memories of my swimming buddy. I can clearly remember throwing everything imaginable in the deep end of your pool then diving down and seeing how much we could pick up in one dive. You just had to watch out for the bats!*

*I'm sorry that I cannot be there today, and express my memories and condolences face to face. I truly wish you the best and will be thinking of you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Josh*

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**Josh Karnes** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ I am so glad I had the good fortune to work with Ryan for a few years in Indy. It gave me a chance to get to know him. His positive outlook, strength of character and creativity drew me to him from the beginning. He impacted everyone around him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family now.

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**Lisa Howe** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ I will forever remember Ryan's infectious smile, and passion for life & enjoying every minute. Everyone who had the honor of having Ryan in their life no matter how long or short was better for it! He will be dearly missed.

*My thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time.*

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**Shannon Caudill** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ Ryan was one of our Special Olympics coaches and he was loved by our athletes. Always smiling, always positive, he made a big impression. I was saddened to hear of his passing.

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**Denise Brown** - October 26, 2015 at 04:24 PM