

# Ryan

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Ryan Beaulieu was one of the people I admire most in the world. He was an amazing kid and he accomplished many things. He respected the world, he was very funny, and he lived his life to the fullest.

The first reason why I idolize Ryan is because he respected the world we live in. I remember him always talking about recycling and trying to get others to recycle their items also. He never talked bad about anyone or anything. He used his time seeing the good in everything. He also volunteered his time at the Nature Center. One time when he was working down at the Nature Center he and my brother found a baby hummingbird that had fallen out of its nest. Instead of leaving it there, they took it to the animal rescue center and it ended up surviving.

The second reason why Ryan deserves admiration is because he was very funny. One time he was playing basketball across the street in his flip-flops. He was hopping around like a chicken with his head cut off, and he kept tripping over himself, and throwing the ball way over the hoop! He did a

really funny Steve Erwin voice. "Crickey", he was so bad at it, it was funny.

The last reason why Ryan is admirable is because he lived his life to the fullest. He didn't care what anyone thought of him. He would write about what he did and believed in, and if his class mates didn't like it, that was too bad! He was also happy. He always had a smile on his face and was having a good time. He did as much as he could in his lifetime. For example, He and my brother started a five- year birding project on the Sandia Crest. Many people travel to New Mexico to see the project up close.

Unfortunately, on August 27, 2005, Ryan and my brother were in a car wreck. That night Ryan died and left all the memories of him with his loved ones. I believe that night it was supposed to teach his friends and family something, never live an unlived life because you never know when it might be over. He did his part in the world and I think it's our turn to finish what he started. That is why I admire Ryan, and why you should too.

By: Nicole VanBuskirk

Dear Eileen,

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I hope you and your family are doing well. I wrote a paper on who I admire most as a school assignment. For this paper I chose Ryan because he has always been an inspiration to me. My teacher told me that I had to make my paper public somehow, so I decided to send it to you. I hope this paper will show you how much Ryan meant to me and many others. I hope you enjoy it and have a great new year!

Sincerely,

Nicole VanBuskirk