



Kyle Ray Messenger

May 24, 1988 - December 9, 2018

Kyle Ray Messenger and his young son, Ethan Ray Messenger, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died together in a fire in their home on December 9, 2018. Kyle was born May 24, 1988, in Howell, Michigan, and Ethan was born February 15, 2013, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Kyle's family moved to Drummond Island when he was a toddler. He attended DeTour schools where he was very outgoing and had fun with his many friends. After high school he attended NCCER (heavy equipment trade school) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He worked for several companies installing 300' tall wind turbines. He and his girlfriend, Morgan, lived like gypsies working together in Texas, Colorado, Idaho, North Carolina, Nebraska, and Oregon, before settling on Drummond Island with their young sons. On Drummond, he has been working for Drummond Island Yacht Haven. He was a super great Daddy.

Ethan was attending Kindergarten at Drummond Island Elementary School. He loved playing with his brother, Ashton, and was interested in American Ninja Warriors. He could swim like a fish and loved being outdoors. Lego's were a favorite inside activity and he loved going to school. Ethan had pet ducks, Lucky and Ducky, and a cat named George. He was a precious child with a kind caring heart.

Kyle and Ethan are survived by Kyle's girlfriend and Ethan's mother, Morgan Ashley Harsin; Kyle's son and Ethan's brother, Ashton Messenger; Kyle's parents, Kim Henry Messenger and Donna Jean (Reed) Messenger, both of Drummond Island; Kyle's sister, Somer (Paul) Batman of Drummond Island; brother, Kim Henry Messenger II of Drummond Island; nephew, Rylan Batman; grandmother, Norma Whitmore of Drummond; and uncle, Darryl Reed of Decatur, Michigan. Ethan is also survived by his aunt, Megan Harsin of Seattle, Washington; and his grandfather, Russell George Harsin of Tampa Florida.

A Gathering Time will be held Friday, December 14, from 12:00 Noon until 3:30 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan, followed by a Memorial Service beginning at 3:30 P.M., with Pastor Scott Danforth conducting the service. Following the service, there will be a luncheon beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the Drummond Island Township Hall, 29935 E. Pine Street on Drummond Island.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Messenger Family, 32544 S. Bobby Drive, Drummond Island, MI 49726.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

DEC **14**. 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
flfh@familylifefh.com
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial Service

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Luncheon

DEC **14**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Drummond Island Township Hall
29935 E. Pine St.
Drummond Island, MI 49726

Tribute Wall



“ Kyle Ray Messenger

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Kyle Ray Messenger

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Kyle Ray Messenger

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



Emily Bilsky

“ *I can't wrap my head around this. You were a hero in the end. I pray you and you son didn't suffer. Fly high with DJ and help guide rest of us left. I will always remember the good times and laughs.*



Emily Bilsky - January 03, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kyle Ray Messenger.*



December 13, 2018 at 10:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kyle Ray Messenger.*



December 13, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ *Wendy Garniss lit a candle in memory of Kyle Ray Messenger*



Wendy Garniss - December 13, 2018 at 06:43 PM



“ *You will be greatly missed by all! Our family sends a bunch of love and prayers your way!*



Tracy Baron - December 13, 2018 at 06:13 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Kyle Ray Messenger.*



December 13, 2018 at 01:51 PM

TF

“ Our hearts are broken💔 at The Miller house:(we have known you Kyle almost your whole life❤️ You are a true hero! RIP and fly high with Ethan..Rest in the arms of the angels❤️

The Miller family - December 13, 2018 at 11:00 AM

JG

“ I was friends of Morgans father Russell Harsin, The Harsins were our BEST friends when we lived in New Port Richey, FLA. All of this is just to hard for me to digest right now. God Bless them all and comfort them in this time of great sadness. Sandy LOVED children and this would have killed her...Rest in Peace ALL of you.

Joanne M Green - December 13, 2018 at 09:29 AM

JP

“ Jen And Todd Postula lit a candle in memory of Kyle Ray Messenger



Jen and Todd Postula - December 13, 2018 at 08:18 AM

JS

“ Jackie Spangler lit a candle in memory of Kyle Ray Messenger



Jackie Spangler - December 13, 2018 at 08:13 AM

BL

“ *Bill And Sandy Laakso lit a candle in memory of Kyle Ray Messenger*



Bill and Sandy Laakso - December 13, 2018 at 07:58 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Kyle Ray Messenger.*



December 12, 2018 at 09:06 PM

LS

“ *Love you all, Jessica,Jenna,Michelle,Deb and Scott purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kyle Ray Messenger.*



Love you all, Jessica,Jenna,Michelle,Deb and Scott -
December 12, 2018 at 07:55 PM

TT

“ My family used to stay at Birch Tree Resort once or twice a year in the early 90's. Kyle and I were the same age and we would play together on my family's visits. He probably wouldn't remember me today because I'm sure he played with lots of kids who stayed there back then. But I've always remembered Kyle. My dad took me out of kindergarten in lower Michigan to go fishing on Drummond Island in the fall of 1993. Me and Kyle picked up right where we had left off that summer. We were 5 years old. Memories like that don't die. Rest in peace and know of my prayers.

Tim Tomaszycski - December 12, 2018 at 05:42 PM

TF

“ The Leelanau county fishermen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kyle Ray Messenger.



The Leelanau county fishermen - December 12, 2018 at 03:42 PM

RF

“ Kim and family our hearts and condolences are with you and your family during this difficult time.



Rob Younggren and family - December 12, 2018 at 05:58 AM

RN

“ Only being on Drummond briefly, Kyle was the first person we met when we were stranded out ice fishing. His zest for life and fun upbeat nature was irresistible and Steve and I were happy to make friends. We sure had fun together with my first smelt dipping, late night fishing trips, and then seeing Kyle pop out of the excavator this summer at the Jeep event. He was always in his community with a big smile and carrying that joy for life. We love you and hold onto the memories made with you up at Drummond. Forever selfless and young in our hearts.



Rose Newton - December 11, 2018 at 09:46 PM

M&

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. There are no words to make sense of this. Just know you are being kept in our thoughts and prayers and if we can do ANYTHING please let us know. Sharing in your sorrow.....
Mike & Diane



M&D - December 11, 2018 at 08:13 PM

JB

“ There are no words that can be expressed for such a great loss. Know we are with and praying for your whole family. Janal and Tim



Janal and Tim Bennett - December 11, 2018 at 02:43 PM