



Manning Robert Esmay

January 9, 2004 - August 4, 2023

Manning Robert Esmay, at the age of 19 years old, passed away on the morning of August 4th, 2023. Manning was born in Murray, UT on January 9, 2004, to Gary Dean Esmay and Pamela Lynn Esmay. With a family of 7 children, Manning was yet another blessing to our child filled home, number 8 and the youngest.

As a young boy Manning was quite active. He always had unending energy, especially for play. It didn't matter what it was, he just wanted to play. His father put him in sports—he played football for a handful of years and also participated in wrestling. He was a good wrestler, so good in fact that he was not afraid to challenge any one of his siblings, even his Mom and Dad. He loved to rough house with his bigger and stronger siblings. For a young rambunctious boy, once he expelled that endless energy, sleeping was an exciting event, just as everything else; he welcomed the thrill of jumping into his bed. Manning and his dad would often lie in bed at night and sing along to a John Denver tune until one of the two drifted off.

Manning never changed how he felt about his older siblings. When most were old enough to be on their own, he would call and check in. He wanted to know when they were planning to hangout. His excited and welcoming spirit was simply contagious and a joy to be around.

Later in Manning's life he enjoyed his work and playing video games when time permitted. Sometimes the family would wonder where he went. Often, he was in another room with the lights off playing on his VR headset. He was never selfish and was always happy to have anyone join in his fun. Manning worked long hours at Valvoline and had goals of attending Salt Lake Community College in pursuit of his Associate's Degree.

Manning was preceded in death by his Grandpa Robert Esmay, Grandpa Richard Bickerton and Grandma June Bickerton.

He is survived by his parents: Gary and Pam Esmay and his brothers and sisters; Ashley Moli (Alo), Brandon Watson (Darcy), Paige Clark (Travis), Parker Esmay (Tanya), Jax Esmay, Hunter Esmay (Nicole) and Cannon Esmay. His beloved Grandma Nadine Esmay, many Aunts, Uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Manning was a delight to be around. His company will be deeply missed. Until we meet again, please visit us in our hearts and dreams! We love you Manning.

Cemetery Details

Lehi City Cemetery

1525 N 600 E,
Lehi, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 15. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (MT)

Bluffdale Ward Building
14400 South Redwood Road
Bluffdale, UT 84065

Funeral Service

AUG 15. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

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14400 South Redwood Road
Bluffdale, UT 84065

Graveside Service

AUG 15. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Lehi City Cemetery
1525 N 600 E,
Lehi, UT

Tribute Wall



“ *OMG MY friend. I just heard the knows today, my heart broke into a million pieces to hear u was gone!!! GOD Y MANNING!!!!???? U WERE SO GREAT! SO LOVING AND SUCH A GREAT PERSON!!! GOD MY HEART IS BROKEN BOY!!! ILL remember u waiting in the kitchen to eat breakfast every morning!! Was always down for some good grub!!! My heart is definately gonna feel this loss for a long time kiddo!!! Fly High!!!! Until we meet again!!!*



R.I. Ross - December 29, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ *Manning Robert Esmay*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Patricia Batres lit a candle in memory of Manning Robert Esmay*



Patricia Batres - August 20, 2023 at 06:05 PM



Manning I always did love your smile and the way you laughed and were happy all the time at work. You could be real funny.

Patricia Batres - August 20, 2023 at 06:07 PM

DH

“ We loved Manning's big smile and he always had a big hug when he greeted you. He knew what cupboards we had the junk food in, so he always checked it out to see if there was anything that might interest him. On one occasion, he, his father, Cannon and I went on a walk along the Jordan River pathway near our home. He noticed how beautiful his surroundings were and said "If I had to move, I could live here". It put a smile on my face and I thought to myself that it was it was an interesting observation for a teenage boy. We love Manning and will miss him dearly.

Love Aunt Denece

Denece Holman - August 16, 2023 at 07:36 PM

MD

“ Man, I have too many funny memories of Manning. So sad about this. Gonna miss this kid. Losing his privileges, hitting Canon with a lacrosse stick, cutting the cord on a pair of hair-cutting clippers, sneaking in my room to wake me up on vacation, wedgies, dessert time, football games, fishing, wrestling with him, road trips, bouncing him on the trampoline, snowball fights, him hitting me in the nuts out of nowhere, pillow fights, so many stories.....this one hurts. Love u Esmays. Sorry we weren't there with u guys today.

*Love,
Mike & Krisha Dillard*

Mike Dillard - August 15, 2023 at 11:21 PM

CS

“ Manning was a happy go lucky kid. He always had a smile on his face and was a joy to be around. He spent many hours playing at our home with our son, Luke and had a vivacious spirit. We love the Esmay family and will miss Manning. We are grateful for Jesus and His atoning sacrifice for us and the peace His Gospel brings.

Cindy Strong - August 14, 2023 at 10:09 AM

RU

Manning is an incredible young man and had an explosive zest for life. He will be missed until we meet again. Say hello to my Christian.

Ron Ulberg - August 15, 2023 at 02:03 PM

Steve
Smith

“ *Steve Smith lit a candle in memory of Manning Robert Esmay*



Steve Smith - August 13, 2023 at 11:03 AM

TZ

“ *Tammy Zamora lit a candle in memory of Manning Robert Esmay*



Tammy Zamora - August 12, 2023 at 07:03 AM