



William Joseph Rawlings

September 14, 1990 - April 19, 2017

Frankfort " William Joseph Rawlings, age 26, passed away on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home with Rev. Todd Lester officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Monday, April 24, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. prior to the service.

Will was born in Frankfort on September 14, 1990, to David and Sharon Tharp Rawlings of Frankfort.

He was a security guard at Buffalo Trace Distillery. Will loved spending time outdoors, specifically enjoying fishing and playing baseball. His selflessness was continuously shown through his loving and giving personality. He never wavered to help anyone in need, including donating a part of his liver to his nephew, Eli, without hesitancy. He was an advocate for organ donation, proving that generosity gave him a larger purpose in life. Along with his huge heart and caring nature, he also had a uniquely great sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his beloved sister, Kelli Rawlings and by his grandparents, Milton Joseph Tharp, Charles E. Rawlings and Ann Katherine Rawlings.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his siblings, Matt (Stephanie Turner) Rawlings and Charlie (Rachel Moore) Rawlings; his grandmother, Inez Sanders Tharp; nieces and nephews, Grace Kelli Rawlings, Jacob Brennan Newberg, and Charles Elliot Rawlings; and by his girlfriend, Maggie Crepps. Will was also blessed with his baseball family and special fishing buddies, as well as many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Proudly serving as pallbearers will be Matt Rawlings, Charlie Rawlings, Michael Rawlings, Kent Rawlings, Hunter Fry, Matt Freire, and Andy Fisher. Honorary bearers will be the 2009 Western Hills Baseball Team and their families, his fishing buddies and his lifelong childhood friends.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Ronald McDonald House of Cincinnati, 350 Erkenbrecher Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45229 or the Liver Transplant and Biliary Atresia Research, P.O. Box 5202, Cincinnati, OH 45201-5202.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Joseph Rawlings*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Dearest David & Sharon,*

I am so very sorry for the loss of your son Will. My heart and prayers go out to you and the family. We have never met, but we are distantly related through the Hunt/Sanders/Tharp side of the family which I am just finding out today. (I was doing research and came across this news.) May God bless you and give you comfort during this time of incredible loss. Again, I am so very sorry. My love and blessings to you all.

Debbie Hunt Maddox

Debbie Hunt Maddox - April 24, 2017 at 05:59 PM



“ *We are former owners of Lawrenceburg Flower Shop and business partners with Charlie. Although we did not know William we did hold his dad, grandparents, and great Uncle Oren and the family in high regard. Please accept our deepest condolences.*

Robert and Sondra Stakelin - April 22, 2017 at 09:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. He was a very outstanding young man and the family has so many wonderful memories. Sending hugs and prayers to all that loved him.*

Beverly Salchli - April 22, 2017 at 08:48 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Will through Maggie. He came to our house with Maggie and my daughter Emily. I knew right away that he was an amazing young man. He was a great conversationalist and so caring to Maggie and her friends. It was obvious how big of a heart he had and that he had a caregiver type personality. As a mom, I wanted to let you know how much he touched my heart in just a very short time. I am so sorry for your loss.

Alison Davis - April 21, 2017 at 06:25 PM