



Raymond Leonard McGavin

January 27, 1999 - June 18, 2018

Raymond Leonard McGavin, born January 27, 1999, passed away June 18, 2018 near his home in Alexandria, VA. A loyal son and devoted brother, Raymond is survived by his parents, Annemarie (Gilmore) and Travis McGavin; his younger brothers, Sean and Elias; his maternal grandparents, Joan and Leonard Gilmore; his paternal grandparents, Carol and Glenn Giles; his aunts and uncle, Joanie Gilmore, and Heather and Jon Hallett; his great-grandmothers, Joan Ryan and Joanne Dillon Lichty; and his many cousins, great-aunts and uncles, and other family members and friends.

Academically gifted, Raymond attended Gonzaga College High School, graduating in 2017. While at Gonzaga, Raymond participated in Chamber Choir and was a member of the wrestling team. A talented musician and singer, he played bass for the West Potomac Choir Concert. He was the lead guitarist and vocalist for his own band, Civic Duty, which is on the verge of releasing its first album. He was also an excellent writer and published four poems in the Gonzaga literary magazine, "The Phoenix."

But Raymond's most singular quality was his great compassion for all. He set such an exemplary example as a member of his high school's wrestling team that the team named a sportsmanship award after him --- The McGavin Men for Others Award. He performed in multiple fundraisers, including Music for McKenna. As an employee of Chili's, he used his fluency in Spanish to help Spanish-speaking customers. More than one customer would return to tell his supervisor how much they appreciated Raymond's patience and kindness.

About to matriculate at the College of William and Mary in the fall, Raymond was on the cusp of a brilliant future. And the beauty of his humble, poetic soul lives on.

Raymond's memorial service will be held at St. Aloysius Church, 19 Eye St. NW, Washington, DC 20001 on Wednesday, July 11th at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the ConnerStrong Foundation at <http://www.connerstrongfoundation.org/> or the Gonzaga Scholarship Fund, 19 Eye St. NW, Washington, DC 20001.

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Leonard McGavin*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Miss you*

January 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Love you*



Candle of Peace - January 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Raymond Leonard McGavin*

Music Note - December 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Raymond Leonard McGavin*

Cards & Dice - December 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hiya mate its Lee from Wales in the UK. A member of the U2 family sending my condolences. Sleep well and have a safe journey. Lee Cook*

July 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for Ray's family and many friends. Love and prayers to all.

July 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Raymond, I didn't meet you in this life, I was so touched by your story and mutual love for music that I bid and won a glass art piece based on the band U2. I will commemorate this art in hopefully an ongoing auction to pass it from person to person in our giant U2family. All proceeds will go to the charity your Father selected The Conner Strong Foundation. Until we meet one fine day, Peace, Love & U2. Rob Leingang #U2forU

Heart - July 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ When I met Raymond he was just a toddler, but I knew he was an old soul. He was the coolest, most unperterbable kid around (I'm not sure that's a word but it should be) Ray-ray would sit with us and his parents after softball games, content to hang with the adults, while we watched sports and ate.
I watched him grow up to be a great big brother, smart and insightful. Suddenly I saw him playing guitar, singing and finding his voice. He brought such joy to Annemarie and Travis, and their pride and love for him showed in every post. I will always remember you as a five year old looking at us adults like we were out of our minds and you were glad you had the keys. Love and peace to you Raymond, Travis and Annemarie,

July 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM