



Ryan Leighton Esser, 24, of Waterford, passed away Thursday, August 30, 2018.

He was born on August 7, 1994 in Erie, son of Jennifer Leigh (Esser) Luczak and Michael Eugene Orr.

Ryan was a graduate of Fort LeBouef High School, class of 2012.

The pride and joy of his life was his son Leighton. He had many hopes and dreams for his future and wanted so much to be part of it. He looked forward to Leighton wrestling, playing football as he once did. His love extended to the many pets he brought home over the years from the rabbit in the fish tank, to Snoopy the cat and Lilly and Bella, the family dogs. He enjoyed golfing with his uncles. He attended McLane Church in Edinboro, PA.

Ryan looked forward to graduating from the Fortis welding program and obtaining further certification in his field. Other interests including the outdoors and hunting when able. He was much loved and will be sadly missed.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John Esser and Paul Hart.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his stepfather, Gregory Luczak; son, Leighton Scott Esser; brothers, Christopher Pytlarz and Hayden Luczak; grandparents, Judy "Nana" Esser, Judy Hart, Betty and Tom Orr. He is also survived by cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Merle E. Wood Funeral Home, Inc., 845 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street at Pine Avenue, within the Brugger Funeral Homes and Crematory; with visiting hours on Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 until the time of the funeral service at the funeral home at 8:00 p.m.

Private burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made towards a scholarship fund for Ryan's son, Leighton.

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