



Derek R. Harmon

April 17, 1987 - March 11, 2025

Derek Harmon, 37, of Fair Haven, died on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from a sudden illness. Derek was a loving son to Cynthia and Greg Harmon, loving brother to Breanne Ryan, and the world's greatest uncle to Daniel, James and Jack Ryan.

He was born April 17, 1987, in Dearborn, Michigan. In 2002, at age 15, Derek's life was irrevocably changed by the discovery of a massive brain tumor. The lifelong consequences of the tumor altered the trajectory of his life, leaving permanent visible and invisible scars, but did not dim his light or his love.

Derek was a gentle giant. His quick wit and sense of humor brought much laughter into the lives of those around him. He loved his family fiercely.

He had a heart and empathy for anyone who was struggling, a love for animals (especially dogs), baseball, traveling, painting (a la Bob Ross), and the San Francisco 49ers. His heart for his nephews was unmatched. He loved to play baseball, video games, and any other game with them—and they sure loved to play with “Uncle.” He would do just about anything for them (short of changing their diapers as babies).

Derek worked for Variety Food Services where he was the money room clerk—

of course he'd joke that he was the "Lead Clerk," even though he was the only one. He often referred to himself as a ".com" (a Crabby Old Man), but inside he was sweeter than his favorite Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

He was a member at First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in New Baltimore where he taught Sunday school.

He is survived by his parents, Cynthia and Greg Harmon; sister, Rev. Breanne Harmon Ryan; nephews, Daniel, James and Jack Ryan; and a beloved family of aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, uncle Dale Harmon, and cousin Stephanie Harmon.

We do not grieve as those without hope—we grieve as those with the sure and certain hope in the resurrection to new life in Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 4:13).

Visitation will be held from 3-7 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at Wasik Funeral Home, 35259 23 Mile Rd, New Baltimore.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 17, 2025 at First Congregational Church, 36223 Alfred St, New Baltimore, with visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Reverend Breanne Ryan and the Reverend Bill Davis will officiate.

Derek's family prefers memorial contributions be made to First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 36223 Alfred St., New Baltimore.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Instate in church

MAR 17. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Congregational Church
36223 Alfred Street
New Baltimore, MI 48047-2106

Funeral Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Congregational Church
36223 Alfred Street
New Baltimore, MI 48047-2106

Tribute Wall

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“ *You will always be with us in our heart. We will miss your sweet smile and gentle spirit. Sending y'all BIG HUGS. Love you, Theresa and Gerry*

Theresa - March 16, 2025 at 02:00 PM

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“ *Love, Ben, Maddie, Reese, & Dane purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Derek R. Harmon.*



Love, Ben, Maddie, Reese, & Dane - March 15, 2025 at 09:46 PM

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“ To the dear Harmons - I'm holding so much space for you in my heart. Derek - big D! Anytime I have thought of Derek over the years, some very specific memories come into view, such as at Camp Wakanda, playing baseball with all the kids and everyone amping up with countless enthusiastic shouts of "come on, big D!" and that then-little boy getting into his hitters stance for his turn at bat. Or, walking out of the sanctuary one day, must have been in my late teens, he and Mr. Harmon in the balcony, I looked up, said hi and waved, and I can remember Derek looking down and waving with that sweet and kind smile of his. Or, playing with Breanne in her room or maybe we were in Derek's, and Derek running all around, jumping onto the bed, just having a grand ol' time. Or, simply the many times at the Harmon's house, Wakanda, or wherever, that it was always a fun time with Derek around. This is just incredibly sad and I send all of my love to you, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon and Breanne.
-Emily Edwards

Emily Edwards - March 15, 2025 at 03:28 PM

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“ The Gallaghers purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Derek R. Harmon.



The Gallaghers - March 15, 2025 at 01:35 PM

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“ The Gallaghers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Derek R. Harmon.

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“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Derek R. Harmon.*



March 14, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derek R. Harmon.*



March 13, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Derek R. Harmon.*

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