



## Mason Lynn Mayes

October 23, 2004 - March 26, 2022

A loving son, and great friend, Mason Lynn Mayes, 17, passed away on Saturday, March 26, 2022, in Roswell, New Mexico. Please take a moment and share a kind word or memory with Mason's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

A Memorial service will be held at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Friday, April 1, 2022, at 10:00 AM, with Jason Perry conducting the service.

On October 23, 2004, Mason was born to Gary Lynn Mayes and Christine Faith Tonkin in Roswell, New Mexico. Mason enjoyed hanging out with friends or just hanging out. He had many hobbies such as mountain biking, skateboarding, playing video games, and baseball. Mason's most memorable moments were when he would help his father cook delicious meals.

Mason has joined his mom in heaven, where he will be "Momma's Mason" again. His kind and gentle spirit made the world around him a better place. Being a great worker, Mason was an instant friend to anyone he met. He liked helping around the house and would always be cooking and making sure everyone was fed.

Those left to cherish memories of Mason are his father, Gary Mayes; siblings: Adam Mayes, William Mayes, and Cliff Riley; aunts and uncles: Pete and

Myrna Tonkin, Michael and Bonnie Mayes, Sharon Woods, Dennis Mayes, Jim Mayes, Vernon Mayes, Nora George, Mavis Wilson, and Melba Graveline; nieces and nephews: Josie, Katie, and CJ Riley; close friends: Illiana Sosa, Noah Doerr, Michael Graveline, Angelo Montano, Ruth Tonkin, Faith and Jessica Tonkin, Gideon Perry, Danny Ramirez, Danny Cooper, Kaiden Smith, Thomas Evans, Kaleb Johnston, Anthony Sullivan, Ben Baxter; as well as all his skatepark friends.

Mason was preceded in death by his mother, Christine Faith Mayes; grandparents: William Melbourne Mayes, Winifer (Vicky) Morrison Mayes, James Ira Tonkin, and Mary F. Pifes.

Special thanks to Noah Doerr and his mother, Danielle, for organizing the candlelight vigil on Monday, March 28, 2022, at the Roswell Skate Park and to all that attended. It really meant so much to his grieving family. Thanks to Jason Perry, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Artesia, NM, for conducting the service.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the City of Roswell Parks, 1101 W. 4th, Roswell, New Mexico, 88201. ATTN: Roswell Skate Park, Mason Mayes Fund.

Mason's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Miss you bro, it's been a bit man grown up so much dude. Love you mason.-b*

**Brad** - July 29, 2023 at 03:45 PM

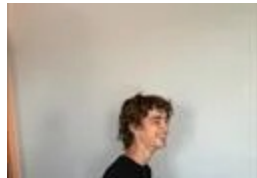


“ *Mason Lynn Mayes*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Anyone that knew Mason knew that he was special. He touched the hearts of everyone that had the pleasure of knowing him. He invoked uncontrollable laughter, and created an environment where time was no longer a concept, I could truly live in the moment with him. It was never a dull moment. Mason and I were just 9 days apart, and were inseparable since. We always felt as if we were more than uncle and niece but siblings. My heart aches thinking about how much I miss him. Although we didn't get to complete our goals together everything I accomplish will be for the both of us. I love you Mason.*



**Josie Riley** - September 26, 2022 at 02:42 PM

LC

“ Just found out what happened. So sorry for family’s loss. Keeping you all in my prayers

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**Lisa Czechorski** - April 12, 2022 at 03:56 PM

LI

“ I met Mason at work. We were both working at McDonald’s at the time. I had already been working at McDonald’s when Mason first started so I knew a little more. I was asked to work with him at the counter. I knew that it was his first day and he was new and he looked very nervous, so I talked to him because I had been in that position before. We talked for hours about countless things and from there we became friends. In a way Mason was like a younger brother to me, he may have not seen me like an older sister but he was like a little brother to me. Mason was the type of person to always take care of other peoples needs before his own and he was the type that was always there for people. He was there for me countless times. He was always that one person I could talk to and he wouldn’t judge me. Mason would never failed to make me laugh or smile even though I didn’t really want to. Seeing Mason at work and being around him was the highlight of my day. He is and always will be like my little brother.

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**Lia** - April 01, 2022 at 11:01 AM

CM

“ No words can express the pain I feel right now. Mason, truly a good and loving soul that left happiness everywhere he went and he touched so many others lives while he was here with us. I met Mason when he was very young @the skatepark he loved skating with all of his friends getting hyper and listening to music. We've spent so many good and bad times together I'll never forget those times. I'm going to miss you dearly my friend. This death leaves a heartache no one can heal, but the love leaves memories no one can steal. Love you Mason! Forever



Cisco Martinez - March 31, 2022 at 08:29 AM

Arthur  
Meincke

“ A beautiful young man cut down in the prime of his life...a tremendous loss to his family and the community. My sincere condolences to his family members.

Arthur Meincke - March 30, 2022 at 09:41 PM

DF

“ Daniel And Autumn Fuentes lit a candle in memory of Mason Lynn Mayes



Daniel and Autumn Fuentes - March 30, 2022 at 01:38 PM

KJ

“ When Mason was around there was never a dull moment. He could make a bad day turn into a great one. He brought so much happiness and joy to everyone, a true real friend. Mason never judged anyone, had such a pure soul, and the biggest heart. One of the most respectful people i’ve ever met in my life. He cared so much for his friends and family and would always do anything to help them. He is an example of the best friend you could have. I can’t say a single bad thing about Mason because there was none he was full of greatness. He was taken way too soon from us. Mason is and will always be loved by so many and he will never be forgotten. R.I.P to a all around terrific person and one of the best people i knew. LLM🕊️❤️🌐



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**Kaleb Johnston** - March 29, 2022 at 10:42 PM

OF

“ I can recall more than a handful of times hanging out with Mason at the skatepark thinking he was going to be a pro skateboarder. He first started coming out when he was around 5 and we bonded over making our own skate wax company. To me it was a really funny idea but to him I’m sure it was a moment of feeling accepted. The next day he came out he had an original drawing for our wax logo. I hope he always felt accepted just being him. I love you mason, rest easy brotha.

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**Ozriel Flores** - March 29, 2022 at 09:13 PM

RA

“ I first met mason when he was a little kid and first started going out to the skatepark. I am thankful that I was able to see him grow up into the great young man he was and had the privilege to call him my friend. Mason was a naturally talented skateboarder who loved joking around and spending time with his friends.He was an all around good and genuine person. Love you Mason. ❤️❤️

Rowan Allen - March 29, 2022 at 08:21 PM

SD

“ Shauna & Troey Daffern lit a candle in memory of Mason Lynn Mayes



Shauna & Troey Daffern - March 29, 2022 at 04:25 PM

AC

“ A.K. Sales and Consulting Staff & Crews purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mason Lynn Mayes.



A.K. Sales and Consulting Staff & Crews - March 29, 2022 at 01:43 PM

AA

“ I just want Mason's parents to know what a nice young man they raised. I live at Spring River Apartments and spoke with the boys as I was unloading my car after a shopping trip. He and his friends were so nice to this old lady, me, and went out of their way to speak to me. When Mason and another friend were leaving, they made it a point to tell me to have a great day, smiling, genuinely caring. I'm so sorry for your loss. You, your family and friends are in my prayers.

Angela Adams - March 29, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mason Lynn Mayes.



March 28, 2022 at 11:15 PM

MB

“ Mason was one of my sweet babies in the nursery at TBC. He had a smile that would light up a room. My daughter Leila and Mason were best buds and loved each other dearly as Christine and I were too. Your family is in my prayers.



Melissa Bezouche - March 28, 2022 at 11:11 PM