



## Ryan Leighton Barganier

August 28, 1978 - January 12, 2019

Ryan Leighton Barganier, age 40, of Blountville, TN, passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Duke University Hospital. He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Bennet Barganier; stepfather, J. Fred Lunsford; and grandparents, Frank Patterson Day, Sr. and Betty Day.

Ryan was a loving father, brother, son and friend, and was a dedicated Christian with a deep abiding love for his God. Everyone loved him. From the age of 4, he had endured numerous medical conditions and pain. He fought through the adversity of it all because he enjoyed life. Ryan was an avid University of TN fan and movie goer.

He is survived by his son, Ryan Leighton Barganier, Jr.; brother, Les Vannoy; mother, Janie Day Lunsford; stepdaughter, Victoria; and uncles, The Rev. Dr. Tom Day and Dr. Frank Day, Jr.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Friday, January 18, 2019 at Gravelly Baptist Church, 647 Gravelly Road, Kingsport, TN. The funeral service will follow at 7:00 PM with Pastor David Salley officiating. The committal service and entombment will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Glenwood Cemetery in Bristol, TN.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, you give the gift of life by donating in memory of Ryan Barganier to the American Heart Association, 10 Glenlake Parkway NE South Tower, Suite 400, Atlanta, GA 30328; at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org); or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Janie's Hilton Hotel family in Durham, NC.

Arrangements especially for Ryan and his family have been made through Oakley-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery

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## Glenwood Cemetery

839 Bluff City Hwy  
Bristol, TN, 37620

# Events

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**JAN 18 Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM**

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Gravelly Baptist Church  
647 Gravelly Road, Kingsport, TN, US, 37660

**JAN 18 Funeral Service 07:00PM**

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Gravelly Baptist Church  
647 Gravelly Road, Kingsport, TN, US, 37660

**JAN 19 Committal Service and Entombment 11:00AM**

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Glenwood Cemetery  
839 Bluff City Hwy, Bristol, TN, US, 37620

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Oakley-Cook Funeral Home** - January 18, 2019 at 01:04 PM

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“ Tammy Meade lit a candle in memory of Ryan Leighton Barganier



**Tammy Meade** - February 02, 2019 at 01:09 AM



“ Thank you Tammy!

**Janie Lunsford** - February 16, 2019 at 03:40 AM

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“ nurse4u89@yahoo.com...Tammy Meade

**Tammy Meade** - February 02, 2019 at 01:08 AM

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“ For Ryan's mother, my name is Tammy Meade. I'm a retired nurse who very early in life was pregnant with a child, was working as a nurse in private duty, maybe 30 yrs ago. I was sent to the old hospital to care for a sick little boy who was in the hospital & his lovely, young mother had to work. You wanted him to have his own nurse, for a week. This boy changed my life forever, Ryan made me realize I couldn't work with sick children, it hurt too much, I worked in other fields. I wondered for years what had come of him, hoping he'd made it....when I saw in the paper, a Ryan Barganier had wrecked a car but was ok, he might've been 18? I really smiled that he'd pulled through in life, I couldn't forget his name. In the same paper, I see he made it to 40. Mrs. Lunsford, I pray from my heart for you, to have solace. You showed me a mother can work & be protective, to hire her boy his own nurse. I don't know his life, but he as well as you, had an impact on me. My heart goes out to you & God bless you.

**Tammy Meade** - February 02, 2019 at 12:56 AM



“ Thank you so much Tammy for your kind words. I do remember you. Ryan was diagnosed with T-Cell Leukemia at Duke on his 4th birthday. Then when Ryan was about 5 years old, he was hospitalized for chicken pox; which can be deadly for a child with Leukemia. He was kept in isolation to make sure Ryan wasn't exposed to any bacteria. I had to work to pay the bills and keep my medical insurance. I was a single mom. You took such good care of Ryan when he was in the hospital.

**Janie Lunsford** - February 16, 2019 at 02:51 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Ryan. My family and I talked to Ryan at his dad's funeral. You are all in our prayers. Glenn Barganier and family

**Glenn Barganier & Family** - January 22, 2019 at 05:35 PM



“ Thank you Glenn for saying that. Ryan had always wanted to meet the Barganier family. Now he can get to know his dad in Heaven.

**Janie Lunsford** - January 29, 2019 at 11:18 PM

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“ 70 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Oakley-Cook Funeral Home** - January 18, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ Thank you Oakley-Cook. You did an outstanding job on my son's tribute!

**Janie Lunsford** - February 16, 2019 at 03:43 AM

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“ Janie I am so sorry for your lost. Ryan was a part of our family during his childhood and always going places and doing things with us. He was a special little fella who endured more in his childhood than most folks in a lifetime. I will never forget taking him with us to Parris Island when Sean graduated boot camp. You so kindly helped us rent the deluxe can and Ryan loved when the 18 wheelers would respond to his arm signal them to blow their air horn. He loved that and anywhere or anyplace he was always a trooper and excited to go. You were such an awesome Mom, sharing him with us, letting him do things, creating lifelong memories! I know Candy, Mom, Dad, and my brothers, Mark and Sean all are rejoicing with Ryan. I can't wait to join them too!

Many thoughts and prayers always, Chris



**Chris Dover** - January 17, 2019 at 09:00 PM



“ Thank you for saying that about Ryan. I am sorry I didn't know that you had lost your mom & dad and both of your brothers. Was Candy your wife? If so, I am truly sorry for your loss. I lost my husband 2 years ago. I thought that was hard but losing Ryan was devastating. I know that I will never get over losing him. And I too can't wait to be with them in Heaven.

**Janie Lunsford** - January 29, 2019 at 11:27 PM

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“ I had just met Ryan the year before his heart transplant at the Outer Banks. You can definitely tell he was full of life and loved his mom and son more than anything! He always had the biggest smile on his face and acted like a kid with his son which is awesome Dad should be able to have fun with the kids! He will be missed dearly! He was definitely full of life and was proud of his family and his Lord and savior! I'll continue to pray the family now in the days ahead he will truly be missed by all! Love your all!!

**Dawn** - January 17, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ Thank you Dawn. I am so glad that Bryan found you. Ryan and I really liked you when we met you at the Outer Banks in 2017. I miss Ryan so so much and loved him more than life itself.

**Janie Lunsford** - January 18, 2019 at 01:25 AM

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“ Janie and family, I am sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts, prayers, and love.

God bless you all.  
Lisa Quiggle

**Lisa Quiggle** - January 17, 2019 at 08:29 AM



“ Thank you Lisa. Ryan was loved by all.

**Janie Lunsford** - January 18, 2019 at 01:26 AM

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“ Gerri Brewer lit a candle in memory of Ryan Leighton Barganier



**Gerri Brewer** - January 16, 2019 at 11:08 PM



“ Thank you Gerri!

**Janie Lunsford** - February 16, 2019 at 03:01 AM

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“ Ryan was my neighbor for 25 years plus. I remember he would get the youth of the subdivision together usually in my front yard and they would have camp meeting !! This is all I ever knew of him!! He was a precious Godly man!! Always serving and telling others about his savior!! Heaven truly has gained a precious angle!! Until we meet again my friend, I will look for you when I get there. I love u Ryan

**Vicki Salyers** - January 16, 2019 at 09:12 PM

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“ Ryan loved you too, Vicki, as do I.

**Janie Lunsford** - February 16, 2019 at 03:03 AM

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“ Robert Lunsford purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ryan Leighton Barganier.



**Robert Lunsford** - January 16, 2019 at 12:20 PM

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“ Ryan was such a blessing and inspiration. The last time I spoke with Ryan he was so excited about his one year anniversary of his transplant he gave God all the glory and it really gave me such a thrill to hear him speak about his faith in the Lord. I hope to have that kind of faith when I'm faced with hardships in my life. Ryan will be missed! God bless the family you're in our prayers. Lanny Mullins and family.

**Manny Mullins** - January 16, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ Janie, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers  
Teresa & Ron Allgood

**Teresa Allgood** - January 16, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ Thank you so much Teresa and Ron. I will miss hearing his voice and laughter every second of every day for the rest of my life.

**Janie Lunsford** - January 16, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Janie, Ryan's son and all his many friends. I met Ryan while he was very young. We all enjoyed "UNITE" Christmas parties together. He always had a smile on his face. When we had dinner just a year ago, he still had that smile and disposition. He seemed to not be down about anything. I know he was a true inspiration to many. May God be close to his family now with comfort and peace. I know Ryan is one young man in God's arms.

**Linda Reed** - January 16, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ Janie, our hearts are broken for you! I remember Ryan when he  
was young and such a sweet kid! Always happy and cheerful.

May God comfort you in knowing he is in heaven and rejoicing

with the lord! We always have fond memories of seeing him at

the UNITE office during Christmas Holidays and at various times

throughout the year.

Love to you at this time!

Connie, Charlie and Rachel Brown

**Connie Brown** - January 17, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ Janie, our most heart felt sympathy go to you at the going home of Ryan to be with the Lord. I thank God for the years you had Ryan to be part of you and joy of your life. Every good and perfect gift comes from above and they are on loan for a time, but then the Lord calls them home. We know the vacancy you are feeling in you're heart and the pain your feeling today, but day we all we be united with our Lord where there is no pain, no sickness, no sorry and no death! Allow God's grace to comfort you in your time of grief and hold tight to the memories of a life time that you and Ryan shared, for you have treasuries in Heaven!

Allen and family

**allen barganier** - January 17, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ Dear Janie,  
We are so very sorry that your dear Ryan has lost his brave struggle. I cannot imagine the hurt you are feeling. Your strength and devotion to Ryan is impressive. Our love and prayers to you and your family.  
Sara and Eric Reese

**sara reese** - January 17, 2019 at 08:33 PM



“ I was blessed to get to meet Ryan at our reunion. I saw how you obviously loved and protected him while being so proud of him. My sympathy to you and the family.

**Garry** - January 17, 2019 at 09:08 PM



“ Thank you Garry. That means a lot to me.

**Janie E Lunsford** - January 21, 2019 at 01:12 AM



“ Thank you Lanny, Linda, Connie, Allen and Sara. All of your kind comments about Ryan, mean so much to me. God bless each and every one of you.

**Janie Lunsford** - February 16, 2019 at 03:14 AM



“ Thank you Robert for the beautiful flowers for Ryan!

**Janie Lunsford** - February 16, 2019 at 03:45 AM



“ Trina Bowen lit a candle in memory of Ryan Leighton Barganier



**Trina Bowen** - January 16, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ Thank you Trina for the kind thought.

**Janie Lunsford** - February 16, 2019 at 03:18 AM