



## Ryan Essex

June 2, 1975 - August 2, 2019

Ryan Newton Essex, 44, passed away August 2nd, 2019.

Ryan was an amazing son, brother, and friend. He was a lover of all things football, but especially his Carolina Gamecocks. He was an avid musician and always enjoyed a good conversation. He was loved by his family and friends and will be greatly missed. A native of Greenville, graduate of Furman University, son of Bonnie Gay Beals Essex of Taylors and the late Robert Lee Essex, he was an employee at Netalytics in Greer.

Also surviving is his brother, Mark Essex (Karen) of Greer.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 10th, 2019 at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Rev. Ken Vickery.

Visitation will be held 12:30-1:45 p.m. Saturday, August 10th, 2019 at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home of his brother, Mark Essex.

Memorials may be made to Greer Relief, P.O. Box 1303, Greer, SC 29652, or online at [www.greerrelief.org/donate](http://www.greerrelief.org/donate)

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 10. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Memorial Service

AUG 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL  
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# Tribute Wall

FK

“ A love of music brought Ryan and me together in the early 2000's. We'd spend hours discussing stuff online, introducing each other to new things, new thoughts. He gave me a greater understanding of life & love.

A strong bond was formed over the following years, something i never thought was possible without actually meeting.

So, it was a highlight of my life when, in 2010 we did meet, in Ireland, for a series of shows by Will Oldham. We spent an intense week together, laughing mostly & putting the world to rights, it felt like we'd known each other forever.

Ryan felt like the brother i never had, a gentle, kind & very special person. i value the precious times we shared together.

Sending my deepest condolences to Family and friends. with love,  
Frankie

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**Frankie Keen** - August 10, 2019 at 08:57 AM

 Mark  
Essex

I am so glad you know and posted this. Ryan spoke of you many times and I didn't know how to let you know. He loved music, Will Oldham, and that trip. Thank you for your friendship with him. Mark (his brother)

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**Mark Essex** - August 10, 2019 at 10:32 AM

BE

Frankie, I also am so glad to know you received word about Ryan b/c, like Mark, I didn't know how I would find someone in England! Ryan and I literally had spoken of you within this past month which I believe shows you his feelings echoed much of yours! That trip with you was a paramount event to him. Thank you so much for your thoughtful post which is so comforting to us.

Bonnie, Ryan's mother

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**Bonnie Essex** - August 11, 2019 at 07:32 AM

AF

“ *Amy Vance and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ryan Essex.*



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**Amy Vance and Family** - August 09, 2019 at 12:36 PM

JW

“ Ryan is my cousin by marriage. He was ALWAYS welcoming and sweet to me, giving me bear hugs at family gatherings. He would seem a bit shy at first, then if we got him talking he would be off and running! Telling us about interesting tidbits in his life. A few Friday ago I had the privilege of sitting next to him poolside at Mark and Karen's house. Here a few things he talked about:

*he'd had a stray cat decide to live with him for a while - it mawed so loudly at night, he was losing sleep and had to unadopt it!:) we were chuckling over a cat that loud!*

*he bought an old-school amplifier and he was spending hours trying to develop a new sound for his music*

*he asked had I ever heard of a Theremin? he got out his phone and showed me a photo of a musical instrument which I as a musician had never heard of before. Look it up - you might learn something. You could tell he enjoyed teaching Kathy and I something new:)*

*He spoke about Aunt Bonnie on a personal matter revealing his love for his mom.*

*the last thing I remember him telling me was, looking across the table at his big brother Mark and telling me Mark was amazing - that he, Ryan, couldn't believe everything Mark could get accomplished in a day. He listed the many things Mark was involved in: church, community, work and Ryan had only admiration for his brother.*

*Mark and Aunt Bonnie - he loved you both so much!*

*Joy*

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**Joy Weiss** - August 08, 2019 at 11:10 AM

BE

*Joy, thank you for this sweet and insightful post of our Ryan and your recent chat with him!*

*I am so thankful you were able to share that evening with all of us and especially Ryan.*

*Our family gatherings always include much laughter and pure joy!*

*Love,*

*Aunt Bonnie*

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**Bonnie Essex** - August 11, 2019 at 07:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ryan Essex.*



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August 08, 2019 at 10:55 AM

TK

“ *Ryan was an awesome guy. I remember my first day when he trained me on Methasoft - he was hilarious! I could always find him out back when on my way to run an errand and get into a (often uncontrollably laughing) conversation about current events, his hatred of Dabo Swinney, or any other topic you mention! He was also a good person and did not hesitate to donate to the food bank whenever we ran the food drive. He will be missed. May God bless his family and friends.*

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**Tim K** - August 07, 2019 at 07:24 PM

CS

“ I always enjoyed spending my lunch at Netalytics and staying after work with Ryan having intriguing conversations. He always had a unique point of view on so many subjects. Ryan influenced me by opening my eyes to so many different perspectives. He always said that we were on the same 'wavelength' in our thinking. He was so brilliant and will be missed. My thoughts are with the family.

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**Coleman Suttles** - August 07, 2019 at 06:13 PM

TC

“ Ryan will be sincerely missed here at Netalytics and beyond. He had a kind heart with a ready smile. I will truly miss him and our discussions about anything and everything.

To Mark, Karen , Bonnie and family my heart goes out to you. May God Bless all of you and give you peace in your time of sorrow.

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**Thomas Coats** - August 07, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ Ryan was a brother I never had. He was an uncle to my daughter. He was one of the best musical artists I have ever worked with. He was as real as you can get. He was easily the most kind person to strangers I ever knew. I saw him give to people because he hated seeing people struggle. He had my back in a lot of serious life situations when many did not. He was gracious to me and my family. I don't think he ever met a stranger. He loved his family and he just wanted the best for everyone. Gonna miss talking to him every day. Going to miss football Saturdays with him and playing our music. He taught me a lot of things with compassion for others being at the top of that list.

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**Travis McCauley** - August 07, 2019 at 11:41 AM

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*Travis, thank you for this kind and very reflective insight of who Ryan was! He loved you, Shannon and Hollis and spoke often of you. Watching Hollis growing up was a delight to him! I am so thankful for the very strong friendship you shared for so many years!  
Love to your dear family,  
Bonnie*

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**Bonnie Essex** - August 11, 2019 at 08:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ryan Essex.*



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August 07, 2019 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Ryan was just a unique person. He was always easy to talk to, and I often times got caught outside the back office door talking to him after my work day. I'd have to explain to my wife why I was late coming home; I usually just told her that I had some extra work that needed to be done that day but it was actually Ryan and I just chatting about what ever topic was important to me or him at the time. He always managed to captivate you with some statement and talk about it endlessly. Ryan was just one of those random spark of life kind-of-people that made boring everyday life infinitely more interesting. He will be missed.*

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**Stuart Nottingham** - August 07, 2019 at 09:38 AM

AS

“ Ryan was always the biggest smile in the room. He always had an amazing story or some incredible insight to every conversation. I'll never forget the late night hangouts or the BMore trip! Take it easy my man! I'll do my best to hold it down for ya.

*"I'm not saying I'm gonna change the world, but I guarantee that I will spark the brain that will change the world." ~ 2Pac*

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**Anthony S.** - August 06, 2019 at 06:29 PM