

Memorial Book



In Loving Memory of

Ryan Roy Franchetti

(October 29, 1984 - March 27, 2006)



As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so life well used brings happy death.

Leonardo da Vinci

This memorial website was created to remember our dearest **Ryan Roy Franchetti** who was born in Maine, USA on October 29, 1984 to his loving parents, Shelley and Steven. Later, he was joined by a younger brother, Derek. Ryan passed away suddenly in his sleep from natural causes on March 27, 2006 at the age of 21.

Ryan was a unique individual with a warm heart and a wonderfully random sense of humor. He found laughter in most everything and was well known for making people giggle at inappropriate jokes.

He was thoughtful and would often bring his friends flowers "just because." He was also famous for being late or not showing up at all but it was always OK. How could anyone stay mad at someone so sweet?

He exuded charm and could win just about anyone over in 5 minutes flat. He was smart and it showed. He was a camera fiend who somehow always got his face in the shot. He was "Ryan" and we loved him.

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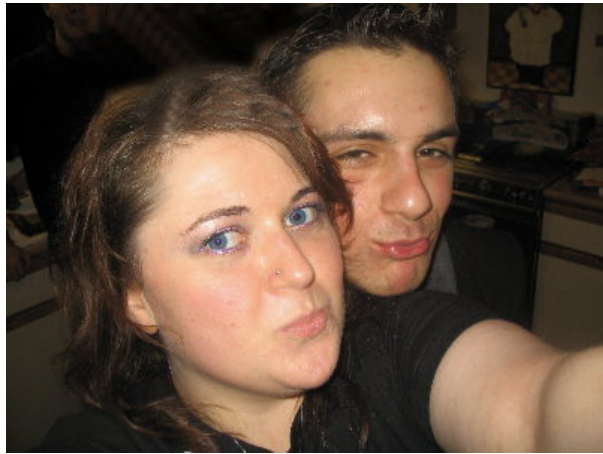
Ryan, you will live forever in our memories and hearts.

If you knew Ryan and would like to add stories, pics, videos, voice clips, etc... please email them to kerri@wildstreet.net or visit the "shared memoirs" section to add them yourself. Please keep this site PG-13 out of respect for his family. Thank you!!

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Gallery

so sweet, so unforgettable...



Ryan and Kerri, tilt and pucker. New Year's Eve.



Ryan and Larry. New Year's Eve.



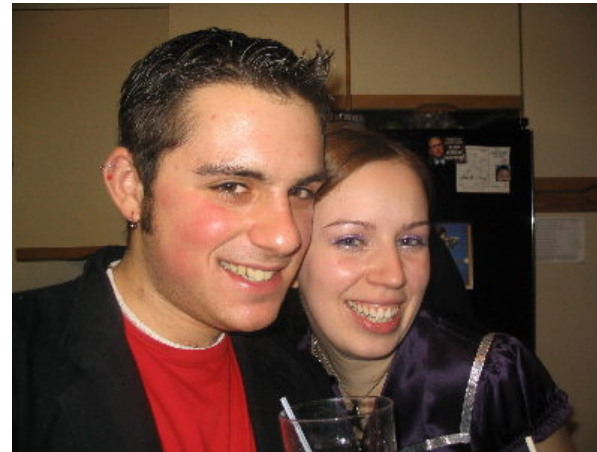
Hard cold facts Ryan DID like kids if they were cute enough.



Ryan liked to sleep with dollies.



Ryan at Maya's house.



Ryan and Maya. New Year's Eve.



Ryan, Maya & Roxeanne enjoy Santa's company. New Year's Eve.



New Year's Eve gang. Kerri, JB, Ryan, Maya, Roxeanne and Nate.



Romance in the air? Ryan and Steve on New Year's Eve.



Ryan and Roxeanne celebrating drinking day. New Year's Eve.



Ryan and Maya being just plain weird. New Year's Eve.



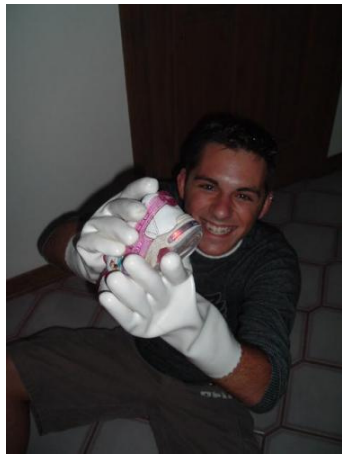
Ryan getting his party on.



Ryan wearing Kerri's glasses



Gin and Tonic and one lucky straw.



Ryan with his famous light up shoes.



Maya, Ernie and Ryan.



Ryan looking like his sexy self.



New Year's Eve, Ryan, Maya and Roxanne.



Ryan, Yukiko and Maya visiting Maya's Mom.



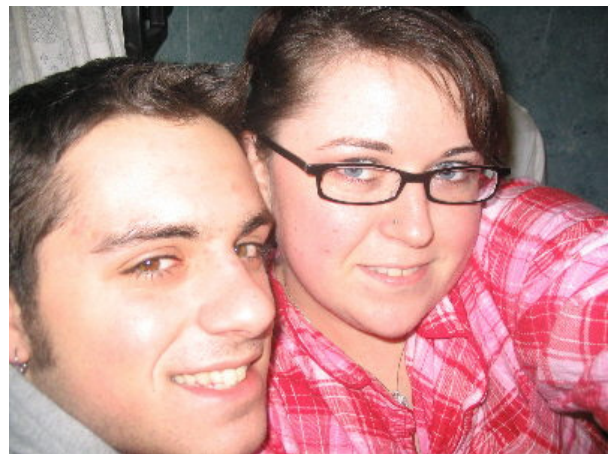
Ryan and Maya on New Year's Eve.



Ryan and Roxanne.



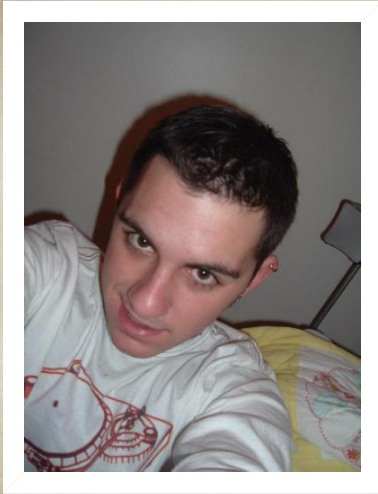
Ryan enjoying Kerri's world famous Lasagna.



Ryan and Kerri at their PJ Party.



Ryan and Maya snoozing it up.



Ryan being his usual Myspace angle self.

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Memorial Candles

our words, your light...

10/27/2007

**Maria^j^mum 2 Pieta,
Amore,**

*Cara & Teresa ~ Happy
heavenly birthday angel
Ryan.*

10/26/2007

**Tonya~Mommy to
Jaydon & Jordan**

*Hoping you have a Heavenly
Birthday celebrating with
Jesus. Shine down on your
friends & family, they love
and miss you.*

08/24/2007

Anonymous

*I still think about you all the
time Ryan . I miss you so
much, its just not the same
without you around. It never
will be.*

08/01/2007

Roxanne Butler

*You'd be so proud of me
Ryan. I miss you everyday,
your silly jokes and warm
hugs. I wish for both of those
so often.*

03/28/2007

Chris Merrill

*One year ago today. Still
very hard to believe. I will
never forget you buddy. You
will always be
remembered...*

03/27/2007

Momma Liz

*One year today! Time passes,
and we all grow older but
you will always remain
forever young in our minds
and hearts.*

03/27/2007

maya-jade

*Still missing you as much as
the day you left. You'll
always be my closest Farm-
town friend.*

11/19/2006

Random Person

*I dont know you but i am
here for your loved ones and
every body misses you like
crazy Ryan*

09/05/2006

Anonymous

*Thinkin about you all the
time. Miss you much.*

08/06/2006

Lianne

*Miss you rizza, i know you're
up there "gnoming around"
watching over all of us down
here...rest peacefully ryan*

07/27/2006

Sarah Peters

*"Just wait and see, someday
I'll be, part of your world"
Just for you, Ryan. Love you
forever...*

07/25/2006

you know

*Darling, i miss telling you
there's gum on your lip, and
wearing your brown
sweater. we'll share the
safety pins up there.*

07/11/2006

Ashley Pelletier

I couldn't help but cry when I saw this. I miss you like crazy. The summer just doesn't seem the same without you here.

07/11/2006

You know who I am

I was listening to "here's a love song" by Syd and i stummbled across this page. To hear your voice again... I wept.

06/20/2006

brianna

I wish we could play "Would you rather" and listen to Madonna while drinking in your car. We miss you, Ryan.

06/01/2006

SS

As life grows we learn to love. Love he had. Why so soon its really bad. You'll be missed. Never forgotten and always loved

05/22/2006

Kelly Luger

Ryan- I feel honored that i knew you. What a handsome, lovable and super funny guy. You were so loved by many and will be missed.

05/21/2006

Anonymous

Ryan I miss your smile and kind heart. I can't wait to see your face again. I love you and miss you.

05/21/2006

Sallie Lu

*Ryan, Its so sad that you had to leave us. Im sorry for all the things you missed. Glad for all the things you did not.
*hug**

05/16/2006

Nik

You will always be a part of me, in thought and in my heart. You changed my life.

05/14/2006

Lindsay

Ryan, you were one of the first people I met at UMF, and you made me feel so welcome. I miss so much.

05/12/2006

Taylor Hodgdon

You were a promising young man with a heart of gold. You truly are and always will be an inspration. Rest in Peace.

05/09/2006

Nate

I started to write this then realized nothing I could say would sound right. I miss you, I'm lucky to have gotten to know you.

05/09/2006

Ed

Wow i knew ryan a while back and i would never have thought this could happen to him. I will miss him alot.

05/09/2006

Sarah

Ryan, I always thought we'd have more time to sit freezing in the park with our hands cupping hot mugs of coffee. I miss you!

05/08/2006

Chris Merrill

Ryan, we had a lot of good times at UMF. Thank you for everything. I miss you a lot. You are always in my thoughts...

05/07/2006

Kerri Jensen

The world will never know what they lost, you were potential in motion, I love and miss you Ryan!

05/06/2006

lizzle

Ryan, missing you more and more every day. i'll remember you always. i think of you when i'm in the city! love you!

05/04/2006

Sarah

I can't believe you're gone, been thinking about you a lot. I always knew you'd come visit me in CA, now I know you r

05/02/2006

matt white

Man i memorial site for you??? so hard to grasp so so comforting in the same way i love you buddy. your voice sounded so good hear

05/02/2006

Vanessa

The way you helped others inspired me so much and always will. I won't ever forget your laugh and smile Ry. Watch over us.

05/02/2006

Mary/Nicki Cronin

Ryan, though we only met a few times, I thought the world of you. RIP. You are your friends and family are in my thoughts...

04/30/2006

Sarah Vickers

Ryan, You are an amazing person and I am so thankful for the time I got to have with you. I will miss you, see you again! Love ya

04/30/2006

Melissa

Ryan, I love you so much! Same a spot for me up there next to you! I miss you every minute! Love your mu mu!

04/26/2006

Dr. Robichaud

Ill never forget the unconditional love, there are so many memories..hard to think how many more could have been..goodbye my friend

04/26/2006

you'll know....

It's not fair Ryan! How could someone so good be gone in such a hurry! I hate that it was you... I hope to see you in heaven!

04/26/2006

anonymous

Ry, You are missed, more than you could have ever imagined. You are my inspiration always, I love you. Sleep well dear friend.

04/25/2006

ANONYMOUS

*Ryan, I never knew you personally, but what I did notice, is how all the people who did know you, were always seemingly happy!!
RIP*

04/25/2006

Victoria Plumpton

Your priceless smile will forever bring a smile to my face. I can't wait to see you again! Love you!

04/25/2006

elizabeth anthony

Thinking of you everyday ryan, remebering what a dork you could be, your sense of humor...hysterica l...God be with you

04/25/2006

Randi Sencabaugh

I was thinking about you this morning and just wanted to let you know..... I miss you and I will see you again soon....

04/25/2006

Danielle Grard

Ryan-When I think of you I can still hear your beautiful voice and I know I will see you again. I miss you every day.I love you!

04/24/2006

Erin Pelletier

I still can't believe that you are gone. You will always be in my memories. I'll never forget you, dear friend.

04/23/2006

Meghan Thompson

You were one of my first friends at UMF, and the only one I told everything too.. I love you and will miss you always...

04/23/2006

Linda

I am so sorry for this young life

04/23/2006

Anonymous

You helped me feel okay about myself by being yourself. Thank you for the gift, though you didn't know you gave it to me.

04/22/2006

Kerry Brown

Here's to late night convos, summers at camp, & the good time you brought. You will always be on my mind and in my heart.

04/22/2006

Meagan Berry

I love you.. & I miss you so much. it's not the same without you.. i think about you every day & i will forever.

04/22/2006

brianna cunningham

You were more than a friend.. i love you so much.. one hour hasn't gone by that i havent thought about you..

04/21/2006

Alyssa Franchetti

I'm sorry that I never knew you very well. My Dad, Alex, Thomas, and I miss you so much. You will not be forgotten.

04/21/2006

Kerrin Aucoin

I only knew you for three years but I will never forget you and all the good times we had together I love you

04/20/2006

Big Mike

Ryan you were such an awesome friend. The great times we had at my dads house, and at McD's will be with me forever. I love you

04/20/2006

Roxanne Butler

The last five years spent with you are always in my heart. Nothing compares to the memories I have of you and me. Dreaming of you.

04/19/2006

maya-jade

My fondest memories of you replay through my head each day. I always smile when your name is mentioned.

04/19/2006

Kerri L McCafferty

You're always in my heart. It's finally sinking in you're gone and I can't wait to see you again in my dreams.

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Condolences

from the deepest of our hearts...

Mommason Liz

Lives on in Hearts & Minds

March 27, 2007

Enjoy your new world on the other plane. Rest well Sweet Prince.

Kerri McCafferty

To Ryan's Friends and Family

April 21, 2006

My sincerest condolences to Ryan's family, especially his Mother, Father and Brother. No family should lose a member so suddenly and so young. My thoughts are with you.

To his friends, my thoughts are with all of you as well. Ryan was a wonderful person and touched so many. He will remain in my heart and memory and I'm sure he will be in yours as well.

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Shared Memoirs

all the gray you turned into colors...

Sarah Peters



Hello, my name is Sarah Peters and I used to know Ryan. I saw him last on June 4th, 2005 at a Mindless Self Indulgence concert in Portland. He didn't recognize me at first, but then I was 9 months pregnant at the time, when he did in came the hugs.

I wanted to take this time to tell you first how deeply saddened I was to see his obituary in the paper and second how truly spectacular Ryan is and was during the short period of time I knew him.

About 5 years ago I was working for Rite Aid in Auburn, one night in November I made 2 mistakes... Mistake number 1: I accepted a date from a Rite Aid customer (bad idea)... Mistake number 2: agreeing to go to McDonalds for coffee on that date (yuck). However if it hadn't been for those two mistakes I never would have been given the opportunity to meet Ryan. When we walked in to McDonalds there were a group of kids sitting at a table... I noticed them right away, between their brightly colored hair, piercings and plaid pants, they were hard to miss. I think they kinda sensed how uncomfortable I was with my "Rite Aid" date so as I walked by to throw my coffee away Ryan asked "Hey do you want the raisins from my muffin?" ... what? raisins from his muffin? ok that was weird, but it broke the ice and they all came and sat closer to me and we began to talk... How much we all had in common was pretty impressive... however my "Rite Aid" date didn't seem too impressed. Needless to say I ended up going home with Ryan, Olin, Becky and Nate that night.

Ryan, Olin and I really clicked and became good friends and from that point on for a little over a year or so, we hung out every weekend. We'd go shopping, to concerts, hang out with Liz in Waterville, out to Pizza Hut... whatever we could... we were bored and always looking for fun. One of my favorite memories of Ryan is how every night I'd go to bring him and Olin home, he'd make me sing for him. The funny part is that what he always wanted to hear wasn't what most people would expect. The one song Ryan would always make me sing was "Part of that World" from the Disney movie, The Little Mermaid. Sometimes he'd make me sing it twice... :) Then I'd get a big hug, wet kiss on the cheek and an "I love you, Sarah!" before he hopped out of my car.

Before this past June, it had probably been a good two and a half years since I had last seen him. He had grown up so much. No more blond in his hair, no glasses. But that deep voice and quirky personality were ever present. I loved Ryan, as I'm sure many did. How could you meet him and not love him? He lived with passion and empathy, I recall several talks we had about my brother who passed away when I was 16 and how sympathetic he was to me even though he never knew him. I will miss him always...

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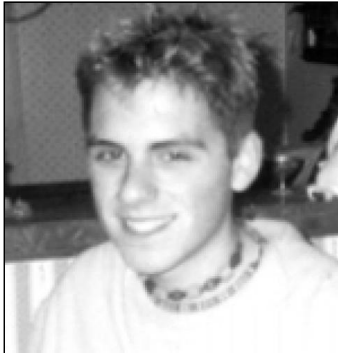
Life Story

every hour, every thought, every smile...

October 29, 1984

Born in **Maine, USA** to his loving parents, Shelley and Steven on **October 29, 1984**.

September 25, 2002



Quotation from the Healthy Maine 2010 Newsletter

Ryan Franchetti, 17, Board Member, Healthy Community Coalition- “I still see a lot of teens smoking and most have no interest in quitting. The health messages only seem to get through to kids involved in sports.

Another problem is the shortage of mental health services. There aren’t enough places teens can go to for counseling on various family problems. They don’t have anyone to talk to but friends who might not offer the best advice.”

“Youth are under-represented in the community. Maine makes a good effort to talk to groups of kids through various programs and conferences. But those groups don’t fully represent teenagers of Maine and all the health issues they face. When I attend conferences, I see the same kind of kids – the ones who do well in school and excel in all aspects of their lives.”

“The kids who need help aren’t the type to step forward or go through a visioning process.”

May 15, 2003



Newspaper Article and Scholarship Award

Ryan Franchetti is the 2003 recipient of the \$500 Lou Fontana Scholarship Award. He was presented a check and a special memento by David Stockford of the Department of Education at the Annual Awards Dinner of the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC). The dinner was held at the Augusta Civic Center May 15th.

Ryan was born in Farmington, Maine on October 29, 1984. Growing up with a mother, Shelley Franchetti, a teacher in the field of Special Education, as well as an aunt, Michelle Roy, also involved in Special Education, Ryan was, at an early age, exposed to the differences children with disabilities live with.

Growing up in Jay, Maine, Ryan entered the Jay school system and was involved in a number of activities including Student Council, ski team and the National Honor Society. Though it was these activities which helped him develop positive leadership qualities, it was Ryan's experiences tutoring in his high school's special education room, as well as volunteering at the Special Olympics Winter Games, which helped steer him in the direction of choosing to study in special education.

June 1, 2003

Graduated from Jay High School.

March 27, 2006

Passed away suddenly on **March 27, 2006** of natural causes at the age of **21**.

March 29, 2006

Newspaper Article Published

FARMINGTON -- Nikolas Neale spent Tuesday morning getting a tattoo on his rib cage, not far from his heart. In black ink it reads, "In loving memory of Ryan Franchetti." The tattoo was just one of the many ways grieving students and faculty at the University of Maine at Farmington marked the death of Franchetti, a 21-year-old UMF junior who was found dead in his family's North Jay home on Monday morning.

"He would tell me I was crazy to do that," admitted Neale, a UMF junior from Yarmouth who shared Franchetti's major of Rehabilitation Services as well as a close friendship. "But he would have loved it. He was very sentimental."

Students and faculty on the Farmington campus struggled on Tuesday to make sense of the surprising death of a man who was described by friends as leading a purpose-driven life. The cause of death is unknown but Franchetti's obituary attributed it to natural causes.

"He lived to help," explained Neale. "We need more people in the world like Ryan."

An honors student at UMF, Franchetti also worked full time as a direct care professional and advocate for adults with special needs at LEAP, the Farmington based agency that provides support to people with developmental disabilities.

"The biggest loss for me is thinking about all the people he could have and would have touched," said Dr. Karen Barrett, associate professor of rehabilitation at UMF. "This is just a tremendous loss not just to the college but to our profession of rehab."

His commitment to service started early and as a student at Jay High School, he was involved in Jay Active Youth, a group coordinated by the Healthy Community Coalition that worked to create after-school opportunities for teens to reduce their likelihood of abusing substances.

Franchetti worked with his peers to design and develop a new community park in Jay where kids could hang out and just be themselves, said Nicole Ditata, HCC's program coordinator, who remembers him as "quick-witted" and devoted "to always working to make things better for other people."

That commitment to caring was how many on campus, particularly the 110 students who shared his major and knew him best, remembered Franchetti.

While pausing to reminisce about him and recall his infectious grin, students in the program also showed a renewed vigor toward their promise as Rehabilitation Services majors to help others, Barrett said.

"It is what Ryan would have wanted and this is the best way for us to pay tribute to his legacy," she explained. "He did more for others by the age of 21 than most do in an entire lifetime."

Two full time counselors at the UMF Center for Human Development were available to speak with mourning students, and college spokeswoman Jennifer Eriksen said several students had used the counseling services.

Eriksen confirmed that this was the first student death of the 2005-2006 academic year among the 2,000 or so university students.

"We all had a great respect of his devotion to helping others," said rehabilitation professor, Dr. Robert Pullo, who was also Franchetti's adviser. "He would have been a tremendous asset to the field. He was a tremendous asset -- he was already out there and he only would have contributed more."

A funeral will be held for Franchetti at the St. Rose of Lima Church in Jay at 11 a.m. Friday.

Barrett confirmed that a university van has been reserved to take students to the service. And in class tonight, Neale said, a vase full of fresh flowers, including red roses symbolic of the love Franchetti's friends and family had for him, will sit at his friend's former seat.

"He would laugh at all this," Neale conceded, chuckling as he recalled his friend's unwavering sense of humor and humility. "He would not believe that he affected as many people as he did."

March 29, 2006

Obituary Published:

NORTH JAY -- Ryan Roy Franchetti, 21, of North Jay, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes

Monday, March 27, 2006. He was born in Farmington on Oct. 29, 1984, a son of Stephen and Shelley (Roy) Franchetti. Ryan was a graduate of Jay High School in the class of 2003 and was attending the University of Maine at Farmington, majoring in rehabilitation and social services. He was an honor student while working full time at LEAP, Inc. He acted as a direct care professional and advocate for adults with special needs. Ryan spent many summers working as a counselor at Pine Tree Camp and as a Special Olympics volunteer. Ryan's dream and life's goal was to assist people with special needs.

Ryan loved his family, jogging, and spending time with his friends. His passion for life and his ability to always see the glass as "half full" will always be in our hearts. Ryan was a special young man and always made his friends and family proud. He touched all our lives with joy and happiness and never forgot his mother with fresh flowers and a smile. His sense of humor and love of life will be sadly missed.

Ryan is survived by his parents; brother, Derek of North Jay; his paternal grandmother, Beverly Franchetti of Wilton; paternal uncles, Peter and his wife, Jane Franchetti, of East Wilton and their children, Mica, Garrett, and Anthony, John Franchetti of Stockton, Calif., and his children, Alyssa, Alex, and Thomas, and David and his wife, Kary, of Turner; and paternal aunt, Betsy and her husband, Jim Harvey, of Millinocket and their son, Adam. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother, Joan Roy of Winslow; paternal aunts, Diane (Roy) and her husband, William Keelan, of Portland, Michelle Roy and her companion, Charlie Dodge, of Buckfield and their children Amanda and Justin; paternal uncle, Michael and his wife, Kristin Roy, of Peru, N.Y., and their daughter Katharine.

Ryan was predeceased by his paternal grandfather Robert Franchetti; maternal grandfather Honore "Babe" Roy; and a cousin, Travis Strout.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday from St. Rose of Lima Church, Jay. Following Mass, all are invited to a reception at the Parish hall. Relatives and friends are invited to call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Wiles Remembrance Center, 136 High St.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to the Leap Recreational Fund, 118 Anson St., Farmington, ME 04938. Messages of condolences may be e-mailed to wilesfuneralhomes@verizon.net.

March 30, 2006

Relatives and friends were invited to call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. for a viewing and wake Thursday at the Wiles Remembrance Center, 136 High St.

March 31, 2006

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday from St. Rose of Lima Church, Jay. Following Mass, all were invited to a reception at the Parish hall.

April 10, 2006



Mitchell Institute Makes Donation

Mitchell Scholar Ryan Franchetti — a graduate of Jay High School and a junior at the University of Maine at Farmington — passed away of natural causes in late March. The Mitchell Institute extends its heartfelt sympathy to Ryan's family and friends.

We have made a donation in Ryan's memory to LEAP, Inc. — a nonprofit organization where Ryan worked full-time during school as a direct care professional and advocate for adults with special needs.

Our Deepest Sympathy
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