



Ryan Michael Lohrey

August 24, 1986 - July 10, 2017

“Never above you. Never below you. Always beside you. Brothers forever.”
HM1 (FMF/MCD/PJ) Ryan Michael Lohrey, a Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsman, died Monday, July 10, 2017, along with his Marine Raider teammates in a plane crash in Mississippi. He was 30 years old.

Ryan was born August 24, 1986, in Anderson, Indiana, the son of Michael and Teresa (Davis) Lohrey.

Ryan was patient, even-tempered, humble, hard-working and had a winning smile. He was a 2005 graduate of Shenandoah High School where he played Tackle on offense and defense for the Raiders. He loved working out, food, the New England Patriots, and especially spending time with his wife and children, family, and friends.

During high school, Ryan developed a deep desire to enter Special Operations, with a budding interest in trauma medicine as well. He entered basic training in 2007. After completing the grueling reconnaissance training pipeline, he deployed with 2d Reconnaissance Battalion, and later with 2d Raider Battalion. He was a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq. His warfare qualifications include Enlisted Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist, Marine Combatant

Diver, and Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist. In addition to receiving a Purple Heart for being wounded in battle, his dedication and sacrifices on the battlefield earned Ryan the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and a Combat Action Ribbon with gold star in place of a 2nd award.

Those left to cherish Ryan's memory include his loving wife, Cassie (Coaster) Lohrey of Hampstead, North Carolina, whom he married, on June 3, 2017; his two children, Gavin and Maelyn Lohrey; his parents, Michael and Teresa Lohrey of Middletown; grandparents, Barbara Lohrey of Middletown and George Lohrey of Sulphur Springs; aunts and uncles, Mark and Penny Lohrey, Dana Lohrey, and Rosemary and Dick Fredenburg all of Middletown, Andrea and David Foley of Fishers, Eric Lohrey of Middletown, Steve and Mary K. Davis of Denver, NC and Rhea and Joe Minnick of Pendleton; in-laws, Robert and Cheryl Coaster of Clio, MI; two sisters-in-law, Courtney (husband: Marcos) Lambaria of Hampstead, NC and Tiffany (husband: Scott) Wise of Clio, MI; nieces and nephews he loved spending time with, Kelsey, Katie and Avery Wise and Ivy and Austin Lambaria, as well as a friend who was like a brother, Greg (wife: Jacque) Norman of Jacksonville, North Carolina and many cousins and special friends.

Ryan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Roy and Georgianna Davis.

Funeral services will be held at 4:00 pm Monday, July 31, 2017, at the Middletown Church of the Nazarene, 698 N. 5th St. Middletown, Indiana, with Rev. Thomas L. Sproles, officiating. Military Funeral Honors will be conducted by contingents from the US Navy. Cremation will follow.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Monday, July 31, 2017, at the church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral

Home in New Castle.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made payable to: Wish For Our Heroes, 4979 E. 216th St. Noblesville, IN 46062 or www.wishforourheroes.org. Envelopes will also be available at the church. All donations will go to support Ryan's family. The family wishes to thank the Wish For Our Heroes organization for all of their support.

You may send the family a personal condolence or share a memory at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are deeply honored to serve the family of HM1 Ryan Michael Lohrey, an American Hero.

***Sproles Family Funeral Home will be receiving HM1 Ryan Lohrey into our care on Thursday, July 27, 2017, at the Indianapolis International Airport.

Those wishing to honor HM1 Ryan Lohrey upon his return home and support his family should be along the procession route listed below around 7 pm. Let's all come out as a community and give this American Hero the honor he deserves and the respect he earned.

The procession route:

Interstate 70 East to the Knightstown exit. We will go North on St. Rd. 109 into Anderson, turn right and go East on St. Rd. 236 into Middletown. Turn right on 8th St. Go down to Locust St. and turn left. Go down to 5th St. and turn right. Proceed down 5th/Raider Rd. to St. Rd. 36 and turn left. Go to St. Rd. 3 and go south to arrive at Sproles Family Funeral Home at 2400 S. Memorial Drive,

New Castle.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Middletown Church of the Nazarene
698 N. 5th Street
Middletown, IN

Service

JUL 31. 4:00 PM (ET)

Middletown Church of the Nazarene
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Middletown, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ryan Michael Lohrey*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - July 23, 2017 at 08:53 PM

SD

Excellent tribute, R.I.P.

Sarah Denney - July 24, 2017 at 03:48 AM

RB

*Mark please accept my deepest condolences on your loss. I felt the loss you feel today , many years ago. May peace be with you .
Randy Bertram*

Randy Bertram - July 24, 2017 at 07:36 AM

SC

Thoughts and prayers are with the Lohrey family.

Shellie Crowe - July 24, 2017 at 07:17 PM

SM

Beautiful family! Such wonderful memories. Hold onto them.

Sherie McClure - July 24, 2017 at 10:00 PM

DR

Lohrey Family. Please accept of deepest sympathy and condolences. Ryan was a great kid. He was a joy to know. Thank you for raising such a wonderful son and his ultimate sacrifice for his country. We will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers in the coming months.

Don and Kathy Radaker - July 24, 2017 at 10:16 PM

SM

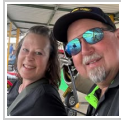
What an incredible example of pure LOVE and sacrifice. All our hearts and prayers to Ryan, family and friends. Peace be with all of you. Words are not enough for your sacrifice

Sheryl McFarland - July 25, 2017 at 01:10 AM



Beautiful, stunning tribute of one of Middletowns finest sons...our sincere and deepest condolences to the Lohrey family... May God bless you all with the understanding that you will all be together again in time. Blessings of peace and love with wonderful memories of Ryan to help diminish the sorrow and grief of this time... Merle, Rosemary, Dwain, Lisa and Lori Adams

Rosemary Adams - July 25, 2017 at 02:04 PM



My Condolences and Prayers to the entire Lohrey family and all the other families that lost loved ones in this terrible accident.

Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate.

*Greg Alderman
MTC (SS), USN Retired*

Greg Alderman - July 27, 2017 at 09:32 AM

SU

Lohrey Family: Accept my heartfelt sorrow at the loss of Ryan. He was a great kid to have in class. I cannot imagine how you feel, but know that Ryan touched a number of people who will always remember him with a smile. It is for certain I will.

Sherry Underwood

Sherry Underwood - July 27, 2017 at 01:09 PM



My deepest condolences may he RIP. God Bless

Myra Madden-Razor - July 27, 2017 at 03:51 PM

LW

Fair winds and following seas, HM1 Lohrey. May God bless you, and provide peace and comfort for your loved ones, and your brothers in arms. God bless, and thank you sir for your service.

Lisa Witham - July 27, 2017 at 04:07 PM

GM

Beautiful tribute to this young man fly high Ryan!!! Thoughts and prayers for his parents wife and children.

Gary and Donna Matthews - July 27, 2017 at 05:16 PM

TN

Beautiful tribute. Our deepest sympathy. R.I.P. Ryan Michael Lohrey.

Tom & Barbara Nipp - July 27, 2017 at 10:15 PM

LK

Thank you for your service,I didn't know you personally, Welcome Home Hero,Lisa Koontz and Timothy Ginn of New Castle

Lisa Koontz - July 27, 2017 at 11:13 PM

DC

Teresa my thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Debbie Coy

Debbie Coy - July 29, 2017 at 09:36 AM



As others have said...no words can be express our sympathy for you..just know our hearts grieve for your loss. We thank Ryan for his love and sacrifice for our Country. We wish we could have known him personally. Our prayers will continue.

Zeta and George Carter

Gordon Carter - July 31, 2017 at 08:09 AM

KS

“ I recently found out you were on this aircraft. You were one of the Corpsman who ran Patrick out to my helicopter after he was wounded in Mosul. I always wanted to meet you guys and tell you how impressed I was. Rest in Peace, fair winds and following seas...

Kirk Spradley - April 08, 2024 at 09:04 PM

JF

“ The Marine Corps does not have corpsmen. They are taken care of by Navy Corpsmen like Ryan Michael Lohrey. The Marine Corps owes much to men like Ryan as they risk their lives to assist Marines in combat. The Marine Corps could not exist without Corpsmen like Ryan.

Marine Corps League Detachment 1090 of Evansville, IN wishes to express its condolences to the family of Navy Corpsman Ryan Michael Lohrey. May he rest in peace.

*Joseph E. Filipczak, USMCR
Chaplain*

Joseph E. Filipczak - August 05, 2017 at 03:25 PM

S#

“ With heartfelt appreciation of Petty Officer 2nd Class Lohrey, we thank him for his ultimate service to our country. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends and pray you will be comforted knowing he has joined the ranks of others throughout our nation's history who were willing to give their all so that others may know freedom.

*Semper Fi,
Southwest Missouri Unit #386
Marine Corps League Auxiliary
Springfield, MO*

SW MO Unit #386 - August 04, 2017 at 07:25 PM

EC

“ Mike and Teresa,

It is not supposed to happen like this. Parents are not supposed to bury their children. I am so very sorry that you have to bury Ryan. He was a great kid. I know that you are so very proud of him.

No one ever had a bad word to say about him. Well maybe who ever that kid was that tried to choke Ryan that time I don't know if you remember that or not. I would say Ryan was about 10 or 11. Chad Becker knocked on my house one day to tell me that Ryan was in a fight. Of course, I thought he meant my Ryan (LaFlash). When I went outside, some big kid had his hands around Ryan's throat. I got between them, and pulled the kids hands off of him, and yelled at him. He would not tell me who he was, and to this day, I do not know who he was. I told him to go home and to stay away from him. Theresa came over to talk to me about it later when she got home.

Anyway, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you find comfort in knowing that Ryan was so loved by everyone, that your community mourns the loss with you, and that his memory will live on. Cherish his little ones every chance that you can.

God Bless,

Beth Comstock (formerly LaFlash. I went back to my maiden name.).

Elizabeth Comstock - July 31, 2017 at 08:01 AM

CL

“ I began caring for Ryan at six weeks of age when Teresa went back to work. I kept him for three years and loved him like one of my own. When Mike and Teresa decided to put him in a Montessori school, I went back to work in the Shenandoah School system. He loved "meatwoaf", and always asked for it, so I made extra meatloaf fairly often. He also was afraid of the "bunder" when it stormed. I lost track of him after high school until I ran into Grandma Barbara at an auction, and she told me about his military career and that he had two children, one a new baby. I had hoped to see him sometime when he was back in the area, but it never happened. My memories of Ryan will never be forgotten, and I always think of him with his thumb in his mouth!
Carol Lee

Carol Lee - July 30, 2017 at 04:04 PM

DM

“ Daniel & Amanda Mullins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ryan Michael Lohrey.



Daniel & Amanda Mullins - July 30, 2017 at 02:50 PM

JL

“ THANKS DOC !!!

We have watched you working long into the night, hours after the Marines under your care had completed their tasks.

We have seen you too, on those long marches and pushing through the jungles. While we made the trip only once, we have watched you make the journey time and time again helping each man in need from the front of the column to the rear, and back you came again.

When you were almost out on your feet, you still found time to care for the rest of us before you rested. It didn't matter who made the call,

you were always there.

Those jibes which we seemed to hurl in your direction at every opportunity were really given with an inward smile. If we were prone to joke and razz you to much, it was only because the feelings

of tough Marines are hard to put into words.

Each of us knows that the pills you are always pushing and the shots you make sure we get, are important. But still we have a hard time letting you know how we really feel.

Did you know that most of the time we forget you wear a brand which reads United States Navy? You see Doc, in that helmet and dungarees, with that five day old beard and mud covered face, you don't look any different from the rest of the platoon.

We know more about you than you think, Doc. The times you risked your own life to help us are not recorded, but we remember.

We have seen you braving rains of death- seeking lead to to reach the side of our wounded. You were watched as you used your skill to stop our pain and then stood watch over us untill we were safe again.

There were tears in your eyes when we fell and happiness if you discovered we were not seriously hurt.

We can't count the times, Doc, but we remember you were there on the hill, in the jungle, by our side in the foxhole and sitting with us waist deep in the water of a rice paddy.

Many times we were blind with pain, but we knew you were

cares for us. We felt your hand grasping ours, and grew stronger because of your touch.

You were there yesterday, just as you are today and will be tomorrow, and though we can never seem to find the right words, there will always be a special place for you in our ranks and in our hearts.

So thanks, Doc, for being so many things to all of us, but most of all for being our friend and our Corpsman.

By GySgt. Tom Segel

This was written during the Vietnam war and it explains how we Marines feel about our

Corpsmen. I was raised in Knightstown and had many friends in Middletown. I served in the USMC in Vietnam and was in a plane crash 25 July 1966 and was hospitalized for several months at Balboa Naval hospital, San Diego . It hurt me to read of the crash your son was in and I owe my life to Corpsman and their knowledge and commitment to duty.

May you be blessed with the peace that passes understanding-God bless each family member and friend.

Sgt. James M. Lindsay (1966) and wife Karol

James lindsay - July 28, 2017 at 01:48 PM

CJ

“*Thank you Ryan for your service to our country. I am sad for your family and friends. I pray that God will provide them with peace. Michael, I haven't talked with you since high school, your son looks so much like I remember you looking. I am sure you are so extremely proud of him. Blessings to all of you and again, thank you Ryan. Cindy Griffin Jacobs, Shenandoah class of 1982*

Cindy Griffin Jacobs - July 27, 2017 at 08:22 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ryan Michael Lohrey.*



July 27, 2017 at 07:47 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family and friends. Thank you for your service. Rest in peace.*

Tony & Rebecca Wilkinson - July 27, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ *Kevin Hill lit a candle in memory of Ryan Michael Lohrey*



kevin hill - July 27, 2017 at 06:41 PM



“ *Tari Flynn lit a candle in memory of Ryan Michael Lohrey*



Tari Flynn - July 27, 2017 at 06:34 PM

JE

“ Thank you for your service. God bless you and your family. Lifting them up in prayer. 🙏



Jenifer - July 27, 2017 at 05:21 PM

Vickie
Hughes
Swanson
Robinson

“ Thank you for sharing these beautiful memories of Ryan ... my heart is heavy for your devastating loss. May God wrap each of you in His arms and comfort you in the days ahead...grateful Middletown neighbor, Vickie Robinson



Vickie Hughes Swanson Robinson - July 27, 2017 at 04:25 PM

TC

“ Lohrey Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. You have our deepest sympathy.

Trent and Tina Conyers

Trent Conyers - July 27, 2017 at 11:24 AM



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - July 27, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ *Michael,*

Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of great loss. May God give you strength and insight while you grieve for your son.

*Tim Hamilton
US Army Corps of Engineers
Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm*

Tim and Shellie Hamilton - July 26, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ *Father - Large Memorial Stone was purchased for the family of Ryan Michael Lohrey.*



July 26, 2017 at 09:50 AM

SW

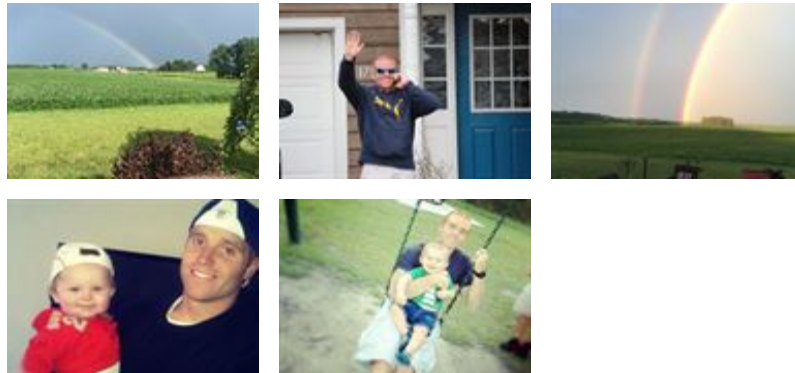
“ You do not know me, but I was born and raised in Anderson. I am a Mother of a wounded warrior whom I was gifted with having come home to me. I understand how it feels when you say goodbye and watch them leave for war. I thought it couldnt get much harder than that. I was so wrong. I thank you for watching him leave you to go to protect me , those I love and our country. I never had the privledge of meeting or knowing him, but by the tasks he fought so hard to accomplish, his strength and fearlessness, and his love of family, I know that he is a hero and the finest man a soul could be. I will continue to pray for you and all who loved him and will be lighting a new white candle in his honor. " God Speed Warrior "and thank-you for you.

Suzanne Wyper Austin Texas

suzanne wyper - July 24, 2017 at 01:47 AM



“ 159 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - July 23, 2017 at 08:37 PM

JT

“ Teresa & Mike. There are no words to say how sorry I was to hear about Ryan. Prayers for you both and Ryan's family and friends during this difficult time. Judy and Steve Taylor

Judy Taylor - July 23, 2017 at 04:12 PM

DM

“ Our prayers are with the family.

Family of Opal McKinley, and Schafalia Wise




Debby McClain - July 23, 2017 at 01:19 PM

CS

“ Teresa & Mike, I know your hearts are broken. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Cindy Stephens

Cindy Stephens - July 22, 2017 at 08:19 PM

 Wilma Royer Massengale

“ Wilma Royer Massengale lit a candle in memory of Ryan Michael Lohrey



Wilma Royer Massengale - July 21, 2017 at 04:12 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Shafer lit a candle in memory of Ryan Michael Lohrey*



Cindy Shafer - July 21, 2017 at 11:09 AM

DC

“ *Diana L Clapp lit a candle in memory of Ryan Michael Lohrey*



Diana L Clapp - July 21, 2017 at 06:50 AM

BG

“ *My deepest sympathies to Ryan's family and friends. Thank you for your service to our country. May you Rest In Peace.*

Beth Gallien-Stone - July 21, 2017 at 02:11 AM

AN

“ *Anna sent a virtual gift in memory of Ryan Michael Lohrey*



Anna - July 20, 2017 at 08:14 PM

AN

Thank you for your services to help keep America Free.

Anna - July 20, 2017 at 08:16 PM

MG

“ *Melinda Grounds lit a candle in memory of Ryan Michael Lohrey*



Melinda Grounds - July 19, 2017 at 05:54 PM

TC

“ *To Ryan's family and friends who loved him dearly, thank you for sharing your loved one and allowing him to serve and protect us and our country. I did not know Ryan but I wish you peace and comfort in the days to come.*

Toni Hobbs RNC, CHA - July 19, 2017 at 01:58 PM

M(

“ *Michele Dotson (Hartnagel) lit a candle in memory of Ryan Michael Lohrey*



Michele Dotson (Hartnagel) - July 19, 2017 at 09:54 AM

SM

“ *I never had the pleasure of meeting Ryan and I consider that my loss. My family has deep appreciation for his service. We are deeply sorry for your families tremendous loss.*

Sherie McClure - July 18, 2017 at 09:44 PM

GK

“ *Prayers for you and your family Michael.*

Greg & Katie - July 18, 2017 at 09:12 PM



“ Michael and Teresa, we want to send our love and prayers for both of you and for Ryan's wife, children and the rest of your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time and in the days to come.

Jason & Kellie McCrocklin

Kellie McCrocklin - July 18, 2017 at 07:05 PM



“ My son is a Corpsman who had the highest regard for "HM2 Lohrey" despite only having brief contact with him. I would say that speaks volumes about Ryan. From one Corpsman family to another, you have our deepest sympathies and have been on our minds constantly.

Jody Mason
Redkey, IN

Jody Mason - July 17, 2017 at 12:24 PM



I never knew Ryan; however, I sincerley appreciate his service and sacrifice to keep the United States the "the land of the free."

Janice & John Morris - July 18, 2017 at 07:30 PM



Michael and Teresa, May god wrap his arms around you and comfort you during this difficult time . Rick Cindy and Jason

cindy /or rick hodson - July 19, 2017 at 06:36 AM



As a former Marine, I was deeply saddened by his loss. We loved our Corpsman, they were always there to take care of us in the worst of situations. Ryan will be missed.

Jerry Eaton - July 19, 2017 at 07:06 PM



What a beautiful smile and spirit that could be seen in almost every photo. Thank you Ryan for your service.

Lori - July 25, 2017 at 09:06 PM