

Garrett Robert Moody

June 19, 1989 - June 2, 2017

Garrett Robert Moody, born June 19th 1989, of Point Marion died June 2nd 2017, of an accidental overdose after battling addiction for over half of his life. Outwardly, it looked like Garrett had it all: support, love, intelligence, talent, amazing family, loving girlfriend, working at a job that he loved.

He enjoyed watching the Pittsburgh Penguins, getting together with family and friends, spending time with his girlfriend and their puppy daughter Lola. He was an active member in the NA community and was working the 12 steps with his sponsor. He hoped to help others fighting addiction, to travel, to have a family of his own, and to own a food truck. He loved playing with yo-yos and doing research on new technology. He especially loved hiking and randomly climbing rocks and walls, making everyone around him nervous. He was adventurous with a big sense of humor.

Garrett had a very opinionated personality that showed his individualism and intelligence. He was open-minded, thoughtful, and accepting. He did not judge others; because he knew everyone is fighting their own battles; just like inside he was fighting his battle against addiction and anxiety.

He tried so hard, and fought for so many years. He was in many rehab facilities and even jail. Garrett was a good person, with a horrible disease.

The disease did not let him out of its sight for one minute- he was constantly fighting. He lived in a world of chaos for many years. He had so many brushes with death, that we are lucky to have had him this long. At one point, Garrett was clean from drugs and alcohol for 3 years. It was then that he really began to shine and more people could see the person he truly was, aside from his addiction. He was resilient and loved people unconditionally.

It's important to not allow addiction to define a person. An addict is a person with a disease. They are someone's child, sibling, significant other, best friend- they mean something to someone. Addicts also love and care about others, they do not want to hurt their loved ones or commit crimes and more times than not, it's the shame and guilt of their behaviors that keeps the vicious cycle of addiction continuing. They don't want to leave their loved ones behind, grieving, asking themselves what they could've done differently or how they could've saved them. Garrett did not want to hurt us.

Garrett losing his life to addiction is not because of his "lack of strength" to "just quit using." Most recently Garrett was clean from drugs and alcohol for 1 year, but the relapse after having so much clean time is often deadly, because tolerance is lost. We thought that Garrett was winning the battle and enjoying life again in recovery.

Love alone is not enough to heal addiction. Garrett's family and friends loved him through it all. If love could've saved him, he would still be with us today. And addiction does not discriminate. Addiction does not care how well you were raised, or how intelligent and successful you are.

Garrett was so thankful to have the loving family and friends that supported him every step along the way. He never took anything for granted throughout his recovery. Garrett is not just another statistic of a life claimed by addiction. He fought the demons inside him for so many years, that although he will be

missed so dearly and the thought of life without him brings unbearable pain, it is comforting to know he is finally in peace.

Although we are mourning the loss of Garrett's beautiful life, we hope that bringing light to his struggle with addiction may help others- whether that is seeking treatment for yourself, supporting a loved one struggling, trying to understand addiction and mental illness, or just being more empathetic and compassionate to addicts and the people that love them.

Garrett is survived by his parents Michael and Kim Moody of Point Marion PA, brothers Ryan Moody and wife Kelley (Stewart) Moody of Point Marion PA, Blake Moody and fiancée Hailee Brown of Collier PA, sister Natalie Moody of Point Marion PA, and girlfriend Brittany Walters and puppy daughter Lola Monroe of Morgantown WV. Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Robert L. Sr. and Patricia Butterworth of Point Marion, paternal grandmother Donna Moody and great-grandma Verna Krause both of Greensboro PA and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Deceased is his grandfather Robert A. Moody, and great-grandparents, Charles K. Krause, George and Susanna Butterworth, Joseph and Rachael Linkovich, and Charles and Ann Moody.

The family will receive friends in the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, on Tuesday from 2 – 4 and 6 – 9 P.M., and Wednesday from 10 – 11:00 AM, the hour of service, with Pastor Beverly Roscoe officiating.

The family requests memorials may be offered in Garrett's name to "Save Our Lives" % Cheat Lake Animal Hospital, 286 Fairchance Road, Morgantown, WV 26508.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Herod-Rishel Funeral Home
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<https://www.herod-rishel.com>

Visitation

JUN 6. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

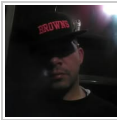
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Tribute Wall

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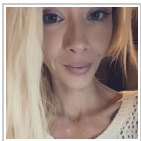
“ I had the pleasure of knowing Garrett for only a short while. I met him in rehab six months ago and knew right away he was a special soul, he was funny with a twist, he was so smart he mad me feel stupid and I feel like I know a lot most of the time, he was talented and loved playing cards, I never played cards till rehab and he thought me how and then got mad at me because I sucked...it was funny...but he got over it....he hated losing at spades and would alwAys say if you don't get caught it ain't cheating....its part of the game....he was one of the best dude's I have ever had the opportunity to get to know.....i love him and I miss him....i will never forget Garrett and he will forever be an inspiration in my recovery.....forever indebted, Joshua Landon Owens

Joshua Landon Owens - June 10, 2017 at 12:52 AM



RIP celly !!! You will always have a spot in my heart bub shout out to friends and family sorry for ur loss he was a good hearted soul we will hang out sometime again on the other side till then keep your head up bro bro and save me a seat at the spade table love ya bro

Billy Villegas - June 13, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Words can not explain. From kindergarten on Garrett was my best friend. He was so many people's everything. So many people loved him for who he was and he loved everyone for who they were. No one in this world who knew him will ever forget him. I know I won't. He will always be in my heart. I know the pain is unbearable but Garrett would want his family and friend's to remember the good times the happiness he emitted was amazing. We will always love you always.

Danielle Borsodi - June 09, 2017 at 05:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.*



June 08, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ *PRAYERS for God's Comfort and Reassurance of His promises and His Divine Mercy and Grace!! That is the most profound and moving and beautiful obituary I have ever read. I hope and pray others that suffer from the diseases of depression, addiction or any other social or mental struggles allow Garretts memory and fight speak to their hearts and help others. I've battled Cancer twice and it is no different ..perhaps if anything easier ..than the battle of the Disease of Addiction.... my heart breaks for the family and friends that knew him and I pray God showers them with His Peace. Garrett ..i didn't know you personally ..but as a mother ..I can't get you off my mind and your family will have prayers going up ..lots of them..... R.I.Peace..... till you all meet again.*

Tomi Kirk - June 07, 2017 at 01:53 PM



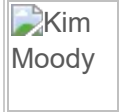
Thank you

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:14 AM



“ *I did not know Garrett or his family, but this is the most thought-provoking and beautiful obituary I have ever read. You have my sincere sympathy. May all of your happy memories bring you peace and joy. Gloria J. Calabro*

Gloria J. Calabro - June 07, 2017 at 09:36 AM



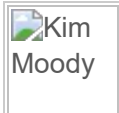
Thank you

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:11 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to Garrett's family. "WARRIOR!" comes to mind when I read about Garrett. He "fought a good fight", and how proud his family must be of the battles Garrett fought in his short life upon the earth. The greatest fighters get tired, and deserve to rest. Knowing this family's love, and ability to pray and move God, I sincerely hope they know God heard their many prayers. May they find peace in knowing God loved them so much that he made the ultimate hard decision with everyone's best interest in mind. The best reunions are with those we didn't have the chance to say our goodbyes to - yet another sign of God's love, that he would save something of such great value in store for such a great family of faith, love and devotion. Blessed thoughts, and comforting prayers sent your way from your respected community of friends! - LC

LC - June 06, 2017 at 11:35 PM



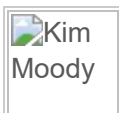
Thank you,

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:13 AM



“ Prayers for the family, this is the most Beautiful, Heart touching Obituary I have ever read. You are all in my prayers

Donna (Schiffbauer) Gimnick - June 06, 2017 at 10:22 PM



Thank you

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:13 AM

JC

Yes this obituary was absolutely beautiful I don't know who wrote it but kudos

jamie corob - June 18, 2017 at 06:54 PM

LC

“ *Kim & Mike and family - there are no words. Praying for God's peace for all of you at what has to be such a devastating time. Rest In Peace Garrett! With love, Scott & Lesa Carlier*

Lesa Carlier - June 06, 2017 at 07:35 PM

KM

Thank you

kim moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:20 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.*



June 06, 2017 at 11:48 AM

EP

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family as you mourn the loss of your son, Garrett. May he rest in peace.*



Elizabeth Peace - June 05, 2017 at 11:00 PM



Thank you Liz

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:24 AM

Lee
Ann
Shaffer

“ *Kim, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. I pray that all of the beautiful memories you have of Garrett, help you through this most difficult time.*



Lee Ann Shaffer - June 05, 2017 at 09:17 PM

Kim
Moody

Thank you Lee Ann

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:25 AM

RF

“ *Rickey Ferland & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.*



Rickey Ferland & Family - June 05, 2017 at 08:38 PM

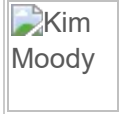
VB

“ *An angel opened the book of Life and wrote down Garretts birth. Then she whispered as she closed the book, “He’s too beautiful for earth.”*

We mourn with you. Love you very much, sorry we could not be there.

Vance and Rosie

Vance Burbridge - June 05, 2017 at 08:21 PM



Thank you, love you both

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:26 AM



“ You are free Garrett fly high! We'll take care of your loved ones until you meet again.



Tina, Amy, Dan Harvey and Kay-Kay Dean - June 05, 2017 at 08:14 PM



Thank you

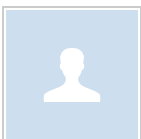
Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:27 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.



June 05, 2017 at 08:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.



June 05, 2017 at 08:04 PM

DA

“ *Very sorry for you loss.
I didn't know Garrett . But I know what you went through and will be going through. We also lost our son to this terrible disease recently. He was the same age as Garrett and went through the same things. It is very hard to accept but they are free.
God bless you for sharing your story. I know that was very hard.
Hopefully it can help other people. I hope you find peace.*

Dave - June 05, 2017 at 07:48 PM

 Kim
Moody

Thank you, my We all find comfort in the arms of god.

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:29 AM



“ *It doesn't seem that long ago that this little boy with a sheepish smile, being full of energy would wander over from across the street to play in the backyard or to take a bike ride with Joe and Kristin Frankenberry . He was one of several of the neighborhood kids that spent their time playing at our house. Even though Joe and I had no children of our own at the time, our house was always full of laughter and the sound of little feet coming through the front door only to run right out the back door. Lol Sadly, All of our "kids" have grown up and some have babies of their own, but hopefully when Garrett looked back on his childhood memories, he and the others remembered all the fun times in our little back yard, and we will always remember the sweet, energetic little boy from across the street. 😊 Rest in peace, Garrett, for you are now free. Sending many prayers of comfort to Mike and Kim and the whole Moody family. 💙*

Esther Rankin - June 05, 2017 at 07:23 PM



Thank you for sharing

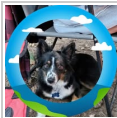
Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:31 AM



“ *Sally Manchester lit a candle in memory of Garrett Robert Moody*



Sally Manchester - June 05, 2017 at 03:50 PM



May the Lord comfort and be with you always!

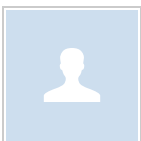
Sally Manchester - June 05, 2017 at 03:51 PM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.*



June 05, 2017 at 03:33 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.*



June 05, 2017 at 03:02 PM

JD

“ *Jeanie Dianne Douglas lit a candle in memory of Garrett Robert Moody*



Jeanie Dianne Douglas - June 05, 2017 at 03:02 PM

JD

I did not know Garrett but some in my family did. I know on a close level how addiction can affect our children and grandchildren. I tell each one I love them at every opportunity as I know you did with Garrett. What an awesome legacy of love for a child. May God be with you and yours as you go through the coming days and beyond. Dianne Hawkins Douglas

Jeanie Dianne Douglas - June 05, 2017 at 03:09 PM

CT

“ *Cameron Drilling Larry, Terry and Tom purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.*



Cameron Drilling Larry, Terry and Tom - June 05, 2017 at 01:43 PM

JM

“ *So very sorry for your loss Praying for the family.*

Judy and Susan Moreland - June 05, 2017 at 11:48 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.*



June 05, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ *Your Chestnut Ridge Center Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.*



Your Chestnut Ridge Center Family - June 05, 2017 at 10:41 AM



“ *Buckhalter & Sisk families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.*



Buckhalter & Sisk families - June 05, 2017 at 10:28 AM



“ *Wildcat Oil Tools Pa purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.*



Wildcat Oil Tools Pa - June 05, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.*



June 05, 2017 at 07:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.*



June 05, 2017 at 07:27 AM



Lynda Weaver

“ *Loved so much! He was his mother's heartbeat! This family is so amazing and loving! The story is a tragedy! If love alone could have saved him! He would be here today! My heart is broken for them! Nobody is immune to this type of tragedy! Bad things do happen to amazing people! I'm sorry I'm not with you physically Kim! I'm with you in heart and soul!*

Lynda Weaver - June 05, 2017 at 07:25 AM



Kim Moody

Thank you

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:33 AM

CL

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. We pray for strength and healing.*

Cindy

Cindy Leek - June 05, 2017 at 07:08 AM



Thank you Cindy

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:41 AM

NL

“ *Thank you for sharing Garrett's journey. We share your pain and loss and pray for God's peace. The Family of Matthew C. Linn 1985-2015.*

Nancy Linn - June 05, 2017 at 07:07 AM



I remember Matt, at the elementary school he was such a cute little redhead.

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:37 AM



“ *Emily Ross lit a candle in memory of Garrett Robert Moody*



Emily Ross - June 05, 2017 at 12:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.



June 04, 2017 at 10:52 PM



“ *Thomas and Jamie purchased the Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.



Thomas and Jamie - June 04, 2017 at 10:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.



June 04, 2017 at 10:20 PM



“ *Norma Roderick lit a candle in memory of Garrett Robert Moody*



Norma Roderick - June 04, 2017 at 10:13 PM

SG

“ God Bless the Moody family and hundreds of others in our area who have had this devastating disease take their loved one...its not the families fault ...its a powerful horrible disease that is extremely deadly... No words can be said to fill the void...but thru Christ we can endure until we meet again with Garrett and the rest of our family members.

Skipper Groover - June 04, 2017 at 09:34 PM



Thank you Skipp

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:38 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.



June 04, 2017 at 08:40 PM

JS

“ Here was just a boy I watched grow up on "the hill" in Point Marion. He was cute and funny and visited our home now and then and was always sweet and polite when he did. He ALWAYS would wave and say "hello" when he saw us out and about ...he had a kind nature and a big smile. I cant think that I won't see him again....He fought hard and Im so very sad that he lost this battle. He didnt mean to end up here, now ,like this and I KNOW he hasnt meant to hurt anyone . God love you Garrett.

Jane a Stewart - June 04, 2017 at 08:14 PM



Thank you Jane

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Garrett Robert Moody.*



June 04, 2017 at 07:59 PM



“ *Thinking of everyone in the Moody family.*



Paula Thorn - June 04, 2017 at 07:38 PM



“ *Comfort for the Moody Family*



Donna cottrell - June 04, 2017 at 07:15 PM



Thank you Donna

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:44 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Moody family.
Rest east Garrett.* ”



Sandy Morris - June 04, 2017 at 06:37 PM



Thank you Sandy

Kim Moody - June 08, 2017 at 07:45 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Garrett Robert Moody.* ”



June 04, 2017 at 05:46 PM