



## Ronan L. Jeannotte

November 24, 2003 - September 4, 2021

Ronan Leon Jeannotte – Maker of Music, Moments and Mayhem (2003-2021)

Ronan Jeannotte, 17, of Maynard, Massachusetts, succumbed to his battle with addiction on September 4, 2021. He was a gifted musician and songwriter, fiercely loyal friend and family member, and proud participant in the fellowship of recovery. Ronan had just begun his senior year at Maynard High School and was preparing to live his dream of moving to Los Angeles to become a music producer.

Ronan was happiest when he was performing and creating music, and this talent was evident early on. At age two he belted out an impromptu “Oh Susannah” at his grandmother’s funeral services. At age seven he found Guitar Hero. When his Auntie Lanie bought him a red Squire Stratocaster beginner pack, Ronan played ‘up to eleven’ every day for the next ten years — eventually graduating up to his beloved purple PRS.

Ronan lived his life immersed in imagination. As a young child he mostly dressed in costume and played with props. As a teenager he also, well, dressed in costume and played with props, mastering his stage presence and musicality with unapologetic flamboyance and finesse. He was recognized for his achievements on guitar and picked up bass, keys and drums along the way. He recently founded his own music production and recording studio, under the name “RJ Beats”.

Ronan was both empathetic and precocious from an early age. He had a wise kindness beyond his years and the unique ability to make everyone around

him feel better, as though they belonged. He could hold a meaningful conversation with anyone of any generation or interest. Those who met him commented that they were fascinated by him and couldn't wait to see who he would become.

Ronan was always the light for those he loved. To his mom, he was her hero. To his dad, he was his partner. And to his sister, he was her best friend.

Ronan loved Nanna Days with his grandparents, talking about new bands with his Uncle Jamie, and snuggling with his Auntie RiRi. In his best friend Carter, he found the perfect music collaborator. Oh, and don't tell Abby but the family cat — Sargent Pepper — loved Ronan best.

Ronan's legacy will live on in his parents, Allison and Seth Jeannotte, and his beloved sister Abigail Jeannotte, of Maynard, MA. He also leaves behind his Nanna and Bup, James and Kathleen McGuigan of Lunenburg, MA; aunts and uncle, James and Korin McGuigan of Auburn, ME, Elena Jeannotte and Angie Shetler of Alexandria, VA, and Rachel Jeannotte of Acton, MA; as well as cousins Caelan, Evie, Asher, Lincoln and Leo. He was met in heaven by Grammie and Grampa Roy and Ann Marie Jeannotte. And is likely by now part of a heavenly super group with Juice WRLD and Randy Rhoads.

Ronan will be missed forever by his heartbroken parents, sister, extended family and friends. His valiant battle is complete.

Sweet boy, we have comfort in knowing that you are now at peace and your pain is gone. We are blessed that we can call you ours.

Ronan's family will receive family and friends at calling hours 2-6 PM Sunday, September 12, 2021 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road (Rte 2A) Ayer. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please see their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, September 13th at St. Bridget's Church, 1 Percival Street, Maynard. Burial at St. Bridget's Cemetery. Because Ronan never had interest in flowers, please instead consider a

donation to Boston Children's Hospital (401 Park Drive, Suite 602, Boston, MA 02215; mark "in memory of Ronan Jeannotte"), whose medical teams cared for Ronan for much of his life. He also wasn't a fan of formal attire, so in lieu of suits, please feel free to join us in wearing your favorite concert or casual attire at his services.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Bridget's Cemetery

Maynard, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP 12. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home  
25 Fitchburg Road  
Ayer, MA 01432  
info@andersonfuneral.com

## Funeral Mass

SEP 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Bridget's Church  
1 Percival; Street  
Maynard, MA

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ We weren't fortunate enough to know Ronan but want to thank his family for having the grace to share his battle with addiction. Addiction touches so many but until more of us feel safe in exposing our own or our family's struggles it's a demon that can't be fought. Peace.

KH - September 28, 2021 at 03:28 PM

GB

“ My condolences and sympathies to The Jeannotte family.

gBoyega - September 16, 2021 at 03:50 PM

MD

“ Ronan was a sweet kid and clearly a talented young man. I am so sad to know he has passed and will never forget him. He was a special guy and will be missed. Wishing peace to his loving family.



Mary Dubon - September 15, 2021 at 09:19 PM

RL

“ I really enjoyed getting to know Ronan. He was very kind and funny - and really cool guy. He will be missed, and my heart goes out to his family and friends.

Regina Laine - September 14, 2021 at 12:46 PM

TF

“ *The Kysiak Family lit a candle in memory of Ronan L. Jeannotte*



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**The Kysiak family** - September 12, 2021 at 09:50 PM

LA

“ *I have fond memories of Ronan. What stuck out to me most was that he was one of the rare kids in middle school who is truly an individual. He did what he wanted to do, but he was so charismatic, so well liked by his peers too. One thing I remember is we had a video project where you could videotape a "Newscast from the Past." Ronan wanted to do it for his extra credit but his partner did not, so he filmed the whole thing himself and played all the parts - with different costumes for each one. He had a great sense of humor and we all enjoyed it so much!*

*My heart goes out to the family and friends as you grieve. I can not imagine the loss you must feel.*

*My deepest sympathies,  
Lauren Giunta  
7th Grade History Teacher*

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**Lauren** - September 12, 2021 at 02:56 PM

SG

“ We're so very sorry for your loss. Those words just seem so inadequate. We didn't know Ronan well, but it was obvious what a sweet, kind boy he was. We had the privilege of seeing Ronan perform. My husband couldn't wait for one of his shows! Yes, he was extremely talented, but he was so much more than that. He was pretty special. Whenever he saw us at SoR or at one of his performances, he always took the time to acknowledge us and stop and talk and joke with us. And we're old! That's not a common thing with someone that age. He touched our hearts. His light shown brightly, and will continue to shine in all the memories of those who loved him. You're all in our thoughts and hearts. My heart aches for you. Love, Sue and Lou Glein (Nicole's parents)

Sue and Lou Glein - September 11, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronan L. Jeannotte.



September 11, 2021 at 03:10 AM

JS

“ What a privilege and honor to get to know Ronan. We traveled a difficult road together. From that journey, I will remember him as he was - Daring and courageous, creative, sensitive and passionate.

Jen Sayler - September 10, 2021 at 01:26 PM

TK

“ I wish I had spent more time with this fine young man .

Tim Kelley - September 10, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – White* was purchased for the family of Ronan L. Jeannotte.



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September 10, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Ronan L. Jeannotte.



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September 09, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes* was purchased for the family of Ronan L. Jeannotte.



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September 09, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray* was purchased for the family of Ronan L. Jeannotte.



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September 09, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ronan L. Jeannotte.*



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September 08, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ *Our hearts break for you all. You have been in our thoughts and prayers and will continue to be!*

*Love,  
Casey Shetler & Peyton Hinton*



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**Casey Shetler** - September 08, 2021 at 06:42 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Peach, Orange and White was purchased for the family of Ronan L. Jeannotte.*



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September 08, 2021 at 03:46 PM

CA

“ *When we visited Kate and Mike. it was always a delight to see Ronan coming across the yard for Claire. He was such a joy both by entertaining or by his costume of the day. Claire's PopPop liked him so much and looked forward to his visits. He was always fun. After I moved here, I went to events at the school and was so impressed with his musical ability and his presence. I remember him sitting casually behind Abby and her tuba tapping his foot to music and strumming just at the right time.*

*It is not possible to imagine the depth of loss you all must feel. I am overwhelmingly saddened for you and for all the people who will not get to know Ronan.*

*Charleen Alderfer (Kate's Mom.)*

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**Charleen Alderfer** - September 08, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ronan L. Jeannotte.*



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September 08, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ To me, Ronan made it a challenge to get to know him, but opened up as beaming as a sunflower in full daylight when you accepted and succeeded in that challenge. We would kid around at the high school, and I occasionally called him, "Ronan the Barbarian." There was a light that entered the room when he did. I am so old, and he was so young. I mourn for him and his friends and family, and for all that brightness he could have shared with the world. "Tiger, tiger, burning bright." :William Blake. My sincerest condolences to his family. Lawrence R. Schultz, J.D., Ed.D., retired educator.

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**Lawrence Schultz** - September 08, 2021 at 10:27 AM

TE

“ Taylor Elliott lit a candle in memory of Ronan L. Jeannotte



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**Taylor Elliott** - September 08, 2021 at 01:49 AM

CS

“ When I first met Ronan in kindergarten I was struck by his red hair - I later came to realize that it was because he was so full of fire. Fire for life; fire for his family; fire for music and fire for humor. I had not see Ronan much until he was about 10 or 11 ish. It was the town Christmas parade. I could hear my jam playing on a float about a block down. Imagine my surprise when I see Ronan on the float rocking out on his guiter. The Talent!!! I was blown away! That is when I became a member of the Ronan fan club. I had the pleasure of teaching him in Sunday School. Even though most kids really didn't like to be there - I always had his attention. Well almost always. He made me laugh and he was so kind and respectful. It was my pleasure to be able to teach him about Catholicism, God, and faith. I will miss him dearly - he always has a special place in my heart! Every time I saw him "Hey Mrs. Stearns" with that smile and warmth. Someone that I did not see often enough, really left his mark on me.  
Caroline Stearns

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Caroline Stearns - September 07, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Ronan L. Jeannotte.



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September 07, 2021 at 03:03 PM

WB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Whit Balliett** - September 07, 2021 at 02:19 PM

WB

*Playing for Mom and Dad*

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**Whit Balliett** - September 07, 2021 at 02:22 PM

BC

*I knew Ronan through Faith Formation at St Bridget. Ronan always had a twinkle in his eye and would greet me with a big smile. My fondest memory is going to Tennessee with Ronan and his friends to work at Catholic Heart Work Camp for a week.*

*Ronan played his guitar at one of the services. I will miss him*

*Barb Cole*

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**Barbara cole** - September 07, 2021 at 05:14 PM

KW

*I'll always remember the little boy with red hair who came to the circulation desk at Maynard Public Library with a question about a book.*

*Rest In Peace, Ronan 🙏*

*Karen Weir*

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**karen weir** - September 07, 2021 at 10:45 PM

PA

*I feel fortunate to have met this young man and been afforded the privilege of having had many conversations about life, challenges, and Eddie Van Halen. Despite the obstacles he had been forced to face, that would have brought many to their knees and chosen to live a life of isolation, Ronan decided to say "nah, don't think so, I'll be a Rock Star instead."*

*Rock Star indeed*

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**Pat Antonios** - September 10, 2021 at 12:42 PM

RW

*While we didn't get to know Ronan very well, it is clear from reading his obituary and all these posts what a wonderful impact he had on so many lives. Rock on in heaven, Ronan!*

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**Rob and Tracy Williamd** - September 11, 2021 at 04:52 PM

SS

*I always remember seeing Ronan being dropped off at ITC . My son was two years older. I remember later talking to his sister and the sitter and they were telling me that he got a guitar and that he could play it all day everyday!! I always thought there was something special about him. My heart goes out to the whole family.*

*Suzanne Selig*

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**Suzanne Selig** - September 12, 2021 at 09:15 AM

AF

*My best friend. Somebody who's presence I'll treasure forever. Always could rock a stage or humor a crowd. If anybody can take away anything from his life. It's to appreciate it. Let's collectively carry on the legacy! let's play music, make jokes, make others smile, and never lose that spark we all saw and felt in Ronan. Lets keep his spirit alive.*

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**Adam Fowler** - April 13, 2023 at 11:14 AM

AH

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Anderson Funeral Home** - September 07, 2021 at 12:12 PM