



Patrick Theodore Payton

September 18, 2005 - August 19, 2023

Patrick Theodore Payton unexpectedly passed away at home from a seizure-related accident at the age of 17 on Saturday, August 19th. Just a month shy of his 18th birthday, he was getting ready to start his senior year at Southwest High School in Minneapolis.

Patrick lived a happy life surrounded by uncompromised love and support from those that knew him. He was diagnosed with epilepsy at age seven and years later diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder that caused countless trips to see specialists, doctors, and surgeons; he also dealt with accommodations at school to aid his education. Despite these ongoing health and developmental struggles, he displayed an upbeat attitude and never wanted people to feel sorry for him. Patrick's courage and toughness through years of seizures and setbacks were inspiring to many.

Spicy food, movies with popcorn, video games, biking, listening to music, watching sports, and being with family brought him the most joy. He was incredibly supportive of his siblings and loved his dogs. He cracked jokes, kept track of sports stats, teased his siblings, sometimes forgot deodorant, smiled freely, embarrassed easily, and laughed contagiously.

The family appreciates the relationships and experiences he enjoyed in his short, but full life. For his last, grand experience, nothing would delight him

more than knowing his name will be a part of Kansas State University. If you feel compelled to honor Patrick, please consider a donation to have his name become a part of Bill Snyder Family Stadium with an engraving:

ksufoundation.org/give/payton

Patrick is survived by his parents Brett and Tara Payton; his sister Kate and brothers Henry and Jack; his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and many cousins. Patrick's brain finally gets to rest, but his spirit will forever live through us.

Visitation will be held at Heartland Community Church (12175 S Strang Line Rd, Olathe, KS 66062) on Thursday, August 31st, from 12:00-1:30pm. Service to celebrate his life will immediately follow visitation at the church. Afterwards, close family and friends will gather at 3:00 at the Olathe Memorial Cemetery (738 N. Chestnut Street, Olathe, KS 66061).

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall

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“ To the Payton Family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. I taught Henry last year, and he is a pleasant and wonderful young man. I know that Patrick was equally amazing. Blessings and prayers to Henry, Jack, and the Payton family. Teri Ricks



Teri Primm Ricks - September 01, 2023 at 08:51 PM

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“ Patrick had beautiful expressive eyes and a very genuine smile!

Galen Conrardy - August 30, 2023 at 05:18 PM

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“ Sherry D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick Theodore Payton.

Sherry D. - August 23, 2023 at 11:00 PM