

Riley James Shea was born in Willmar, Minnesota, on October 7, 1989, the son of William and Janis (Myrin) Shea. He grew up in Atwater and graduated from ACGC High School in 2008, where he spent his entire education. Later Riley attended St. Cloud Tech college for one semester and Ridgewater College in Willmar for one semester. Riley then ventured out by joining the U.S. Armed Forces in 2010 for two years. Following his service, Riley was employed for Sparks Construction (formally S&L Construction) out of Atwater for nearly 10 years and a period for D & D Ventures.

Riley was a great father, uncle, brother, son and friend who had a smile and laugh that was so contagious. Throughout his youth and into his adulthood, he played basketball both organized and for fun. Riley enjoyed passing his love of basketball on to his daughters, nieces and nephews. Riley enjoyed not only basketball, but all sports and shared his love of sports with everyone around him. In the summer months, he often spent time on the course playing golf with his dad, brothers or his friends. He also spent many evenings and weekends playing softball, throwing the football around with the kids in his life, and playing many games with his girls. Riley loved Brooke and Brynlee with his whole heart. Riley truly enjoyed being a dad, music and sports. Riley spent much of his free time writing and creating with words. He never forgot to leave or end a conversation without saying "I love you". His goal was to always make people smile and laugh. This is the Riley that we all need to remember.

He is survived by his parents, William Shea and Janis Shea; his two children, Brooke Shea and Brynlee Shea; his three siblings, Richard Shea, Rory (and Cassie) Shea and their children, Gabi, Emma, Ean and Grayson Shea, Robyn (and Joseph) Sullivan and their children, Wendy, Leo and Millee Sullivan; besides many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded by his grandparents, Leo and Irma Shea and Duane and Yvonne Myrin; and two sisters, Wendy Shea and Suzanne Shea.

Celebrating the Life of



Riley J. Shea

1989 - 2022

We Can ...

*We can shed tears because he is gone,
Or we can smile because he lived.*

*We can close our eyes and pray he will come back,
Or we can open our eyes and see all the things
He's left for us to remember him by.*

*Our hearts can be empty because we can't see him,
Or we can be full of love he shared with us over the years.*

*We can turn our backs on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or we can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*We can remember only that he is gone,
Or we can cherish his memory and let it live on.*

*We can cry and close your mind and feel empty,
Or we can do what he would want:
Smile, open our hearts, love, and live on.*

Arrangements By
Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

In Loving Memory of

Riley J. Shea

October 7, 1989
Willmar, Minnesota

February 13, 2022
Granite Falls, Minnesota



Celebration of Life Service

Monday, February 21, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Atwater, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Christa Forsythe

Music

Organist: Corinne Hable
Vocalists: Becky Myrin & Rob Myrin

Honorary Pallbearers

Richard Shea Rory Shea Joseph Sullivan
Dylan Hoerchler Ryan Roush

Military Honor Guard

Willmar American Legion Post #167