



Ryan Dale Minor

January 05, 1974 - December 22, 2023

Ryan Dale Minor, 49, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on December 22, 2023, after a valiant battle with cancer. Born on January 5, 1974, in Canton, OH, Ryan's early life was marked by a strong sense of determination and a love for sports that would define his career and touch the lives of many.

A proud graduate of Hammon High School, Ryan's talent and drive led him to further his education and sports career at the University of Oklahoma from 1992-1996, where he excelled as a two-sport athlete in baseball and basketball. He was part of the 1994 College World Series National Championship Team. With the Sooners basketball team, he was a 2-time All-American and named Big Eight Player of the Year in 1995.

His collegiate years were a prelude to an illustrious professional career that began when he was drafted in the 2nd round by the Philadelphia 76ers in 1996. After a short stint in professional basketball, Ryan began his professional baseball career with the Baltimore Orioles in 1997. His baseball career was nothing short of inspirational. He made his major league debut in 1998 and is most remembered for replacing Cal Ripken on the night he ended his consecutive game streak. Ryan continued with the Orioles until 2000, joined the Montreal Expos in 2001, and finished his career with the Lancaster Barnstormers in 2005.

After his time on the field, Ryan transitioned into coaching, where he became a respected Minor League coach and manager. His ability to inspire young athletes and share his love for the game made a lasting impact on countless individuals, both on and off the field. Ryan's legacy in the world of baseball is one of not just talent, but of mentorship and leadership. He was inducted into the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame and is a 2024 inductee in the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame.

Ryan is survived by his mother, Nancy Ellen Minor; his wife, Allyson Minor; his two daughters Reagan and Finley; his brother Damon Minor; sister-in-law, Allison Minor; two nephews Jackson and Easton Minor; and in-laws Robert Freeman, Albanus Phillips III, and Faye Phillips. He is preceded in death by his father Ronald Dale Minor and mother-in-law Lynda Freeman.

Ryan's family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Coastal Hospice, for their compassionate care during his final weeks. Their dedication to Ryan's comfort and dignity was a comfort to all.

Ryan's life was a testament to his strength, courage, and the depth of his character. He faced every challenge, including his final battle with cancer, with grace and determination. His legacy will be carried on in the hearts of the countless individuals he touched throughout his life and career. His absence leaves a void in the baseball community and in the lives of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

There will be visitation from 4:00-7:00 PM on Friday, January 5, at Emmanuel Wesleyan Church, 217 Beaglin Park Dr. Salisbury, MD. A funeral service will be held at Emmanuel on Saturday, January 6 at 2:00 PM, with visitation an hour prior.

The family has established an endowment at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, in Ryan's memory. Donations can be sent to the Ryan Minor Memorial Fund (payable to CFES with name of the fund in the memo), 1324 Belmont Ave Suite 401, Salisbury, MD 21804. You may also donate online to [CFES.org/donate](https://cfes.org/donate).

A second memorial fund was set up in Ryan's name through The University of Oklahoma's Sooners for Life Scholarship Fund

https://soonersports.evenue.net/www/ev_ou/ss/ev/DonationEntry?donationCd=minor&siteId=ev_ou&locale=en_US&linkID=ou%3E

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to either memorial fund.

Cemetery



PARSONS CEMETERY

912 N Division St, ,
Salisbury, MD 21801

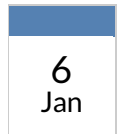
Events



VISITATION

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

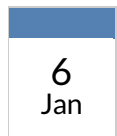
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Church 217 Beaglin
Park Dr, Salisbury, Md
21804



VISITATION

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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FUNERAL CEREMONY

2:00 PM


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Tribute Wall



Your friends at Citizens Bank of Edmond


Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

	<p>"Amazing Arboricola" was purchased for the family of Ryan Dale Minor</p> <p>Tribute Store</p> <p><i>Show your support with flowers</i></p>
<p>🌲 A tree was also planted in memory of Ryan Dale Minor.</p>	



R. Ortiz

Allyson, the girls and the rest of the Minor family. We send our love and our condolences to you. With Love , Russ Ortiz and Family

 <p>FLORIST'S CHOICE</p>	<p>"Florist's Choice Bouquet" was purchased for the family of Ryan Dale Minor</p> <p>Tribute Store</p> <p><i>Show your support with flowers</i></p>
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Patricia Martinez

Ryan was a wonderful person. My son, Bobby Reynolds, has happy memories of being the bat boy with the Shorebirds years ago. We are keeping the family in our prayers during this difficult time. John 3:16.




Jim Brown Jr

My sincere condolences and prayers to the family. May He rest in peace with our Lord and Savior. ???????



Traci (LaFever) Brasuell

Prayers to the family from Gotebo, Ok

	<p>"Baseball" was given in memory of Ryan Dale Minor</p> <p>Leave a symbol</p> <p><i>Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance</i></p>
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K**Karen Wackerly**

Dear Nancy, My heart is saddened for your loss, but your son, definitely was someone to be admired and contributed in many ways to make this world a better place.

S**Sandra Carpenter Jones**

Nancy, you have my deepest sympathy.

**Hammon Class of 92**

Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.

**"With Distinction"**

was purchased for the family of Ryan Dale Minor

[Tribute Store](#)

Show your support with flowers

K**Karen Kennedy**

We met Ryan through Lynda and Bob. I have so many memories of Ryan and Allyson bringing the girls over to trick or treat on Halloween and at our house on Christmas Eve. Ryan was like a gentle giant—always had a hug and a smile. And he loved his girls so so much. Ryan, you will be missed so very much. Rest in everlasting peace. 🙏🙏 Karen Kennedy

G**Gary Cathcart**

Ryan and I worked together with the Tigers managing the two rookie ball teams. We developed a great friendship, and I was blessed to have spent that time with him. I was so saddened to hear from him when he was diagnosed and know he fought so hard to beat this awful disease. Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to all of Ryan's family. God bless you all, Gary and Lisa Cathcart

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Collin Woody

I had the honor and privilege of playing for Ryan for two full seasons in Delmarva and Frederick. I loved my time with him and I will forever cherish the many lessons he taught me over the years. I'm lucky to have many memories of him and with him. To the family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I hope you can find some peace in knowing that his legacy will forever live on through the many many people he influenced over the years.

**B**

Bucky Buckles

When I came to Oklahoma to play baseball the first thing I see is this Oklahoma basketball player on front of all these phone books. First thing I think is man this guy must be special. And they were right!! As baseball started and Ryan joined us I got to get closer to him and realized what a great teammate and friend he was. He was never bigger then anyone and was a competitor just like me and that was special trait to have. I will miss my Sooner brother and will never forget those special moments we had together....Bucky Buckles

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A Memorial Tree was planted for Ryan Dale Minor

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Salisbury