



## Harper PEPSI Romei

August 14, 1997 - June 24, 2020

HARPER PEPSI ROMEI, 22, of Louisville passed from this world on Wednesday June 24, 2020. He was born to Christopher Romei and Dawn Thayer August 14, 1997 in Cleveland Ohio.

Harper worked for UPS and volunteered his time with the Humane Society. He was an avid activist for civil rights and social justice. He taught those around him to be accepting, loving and open to others regardless of where they are in life. Harper was a percussionist and artist. His indelible touch will forever remain with us.

In addition to his parents, Harper is survived by his brother, Alex Thayer as well as extended family and friends.

A memorial visitation will be held Friday July 3, 2020 for Harper from 3 – 6 p.m. at Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory; 3800 Bardstown Road.

Memorial gifts may be made in Harper's honor to either the Human Rights Campaign ([HRC.org](http://HRC.org)), [Translifeline.org](http://Translifeline.org) or [Suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://Suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

# Events

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**JUL** **Memorial Mass** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

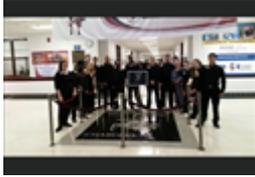
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Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home - Bardstown Road  
3800 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY, US, 40218

# Comments

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“ Harper, I will never forget all the amazing and funny memories we shared in band together. You always knew how to make anyone smile and brighten up their day. You were an amazing percussionist, and an even better friend. I wish that I hadn't stopped talking to you and everyone else after graduation. I wish that I could have been there for you, the way you were there for me numerous times. You will be missed terribly!



Lora Lunsford (schlenk) - July 02 at 11:28 PM

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“ Harper is a blessing in my life. I will cherish the silly times, the sad ones, the victories and the now defeat. He was such a force for good and a voice of love and reason. We had a kinship in our mental madness and I hoped a safe person to talk to at times. I'll miss our late night conversations and discussions on his path to self actualization. I'll miss his unwavering faith in my ability to mother his "lil' bro." He may not be with us on this earth, but he will always be a member of the family I choose. One regret will be to not have taken enough pictures with this amazing creature, the mental pictures will stay with me forever. I won't stop missing him

Patricia Leisten - July 02 at 04:59 PM

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“ Harper, I wish I expressed this to you sooner. You shared your joy with me when I needed it, and I feel like I never properly thanked you. Your creativity, humor, ideals, and passion all inspired me to keep going after all the hardships. We laughed, we argued, and we cried; even when our friendship dimmed, I couldn't forget what you meant to me. I am glad that we reconnected and I got to see how you expressed your steadfast beliefs. And for that and a lot more I thank you. You weren't afraid to let your thoughts be known to the world, and in these times of tragedy and turmoil, you were a bastion of change, kindness, pride, and laughter. When you showed me signs of darkness, I didn't take the time to understand what you were going through, and even arrived at the wrong conclusions. I once was in that darkness, and I was too much of a coward to step back in to talk with you. My biggest regret was not taking the initiative to understand you better. I will never be that coward again. And for that and a lot more I am sorry. Harper was a fan of fantasy and an avid dreamer; if there is an afterlife, I hope that he gets to live in the world that he fought so hard to sculpt in ours. A world where all races, genders, and nations live in harmony; a world with no violence or strife; and a

world where he gets to live with the magic he shared with us. I hope that we are able to carve your dreams into our world one day. This will be a world where your life and ideals shall not be forgotten. We will keep your flame, we will remember you, and we will keep telling your story. Rest In Power.

**Sebastian Llaguno** - June 27 at 02:44 AM

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“ Harper, I haven't stopped thinking about you leaving us. You were a bright light in my class at J-Town and a brighter light on this world. You didn't just post, you meant what you said and acted on it. I'll never forget our discussions in class, the stories you wrote and how we would laugh about both feeling we were nerds. I'm so proud of you and I hope I told you enough.

**Terra Greenwell** - June 26 at 11:56 AM

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“ 22 files added to the album Photos of Harper



**Chris Romei** - June 26 at 10:17 AM

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“ Harper, I first met you when you took my piano class at JTown. I learned very quickly that you were intelligent, witty, kind, hilarious, and talented. I looked forward to seeing you in class and the interesting things you would bring up. Two years ago, our pipes and drums band was going to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade, but our bass drummer couldn't be there. We needed a bass drummer and I thought to myself, "I know someone who could do this!" So I messaged you and you agreed! You fit right in like a champ, played and marched perfectly (because you were amazing like that) and saved the day for us! Most recently I was so impressed and proud of how passionately you were working to make our community a better place to be. And I know it sounds like a little thing, but I will so miss seeing your posts come across my newsfeed. You were a beacon of light to so many people in this oft dreary world. I suppose we just have to look for your shining light up in the night sky now. You will be greatly missed.

**Tamara Stewart** - June 26 at 09:35 AM

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“ My heart hurts..I have known you all your life, and know the joy you brought to your parents and your family. You had such a beautiful soul. You will be so missed.  
Auntie Dawn

Dawn Lovell - June 26 at 09:08 AM

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“ Harper, you were my best friend. I love you and I'll never forget all the time we spent together. From when I first met you in high school, to the trip to get Boris, to when we stood side by side staring down cops in riot gear. I'm sorry this life wasn't good to you. I hope it's better in the next one.

Alexandria Miller - June 26 at 08:38 AM

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“ Harper, we didn't have much time together but it didn't take much time for me to see how kind, funny, caring, selfless, just to name a few adjectives that describe what an amazingly human being you were. I've said it before but you were always so unapologetically yourself and that's something that I admire to this day and try to emulate even just a little bit. You really were everything that is good in the world and honestly, the world is a darker place without you in it. But I understand. I hope you find or found peace. I'm thankful that I got to share existence with you. Godspeed, my dude. Godspeed.

Parker Dever - June 26 at 12:26 AM

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“ Chris and family. I first met Harper in Jeffersontown High School Band he was always smiling and so very talented. Ty for being my daughter's ( Megan) friend. RIP.



Sharon Wesley Werner - June 25 at 11:48 PM

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“ Hey Harper, you were one of the most selfless, amazing, honest and loving man I had the blessing of knowing. I don't like that your time with us has been cut short but I am grateful for all the awesome moments we had together during and after high school. You were one of my true friends. You never stopped growing and learning and you

were always unapologetic about being yourself. You were truly one of a kind, I'll miss the light and laughter you brought to my life. I love you forever and always. I will continue to fight just like you did. my ally my friend may you rest. My Love and thoughts go to those who love and cared for Harper, friends and family alike.

**Racquel Causey** - June 25 at 09:52 PM

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“ I have known you for more than half your life and have been so proud of the man you had become. Spirited, opinionated, strong, selfless, even caring! Thank you for allowing me into your life. I hope you can find the peace you could not find in this world that could never be ready or deserving of you. My heart goes out for your family. You will be greatly missed by many. I love you, my adopted son.

**Cris "Merm" Elek** - June 25 at 09:37 PM

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“ Harper, I don't even know where to begin. You were the definition of selfless. Your spirit, drive and insatiable desire to make this world a better place, were just a few of the qualities I loved most about you. You were unapologetically you. A ray of sunshine on the darkest of days. Your sense of humor, ingenious use of puns and comedic banter were enough to have me laughing for days! This world is a much sadder place without you. They say it is those that are left behind that truly suffer and I understand that now. I know you are finally at peace, but I would give anything, to just see you one more time, hear one more blonde joke (at my expense) and discuss all things nerd related. I miss you and love you endlessly, and I will carry you in my heart until the day we meet again

**Meghan Mikulski** - June 25 at 08:31 PM

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“ Harper was my firstborn grandchild. He was one of the kindest people I've ever met. I grieve for his loss to our family, but I grieve his loss to the world. He would have been a brilliant force for good. I will never forget. Never.

**Lura Romei** - June 25 at 06:36 PM