



Seth Douglas Hanton

May 13, 1993 - May 27, 2022

Seth Douglas Hanton, 29, a young man of great passion, died unexpectedly on Friday, May 27, 2022. Seth was born May 13, 1993, in Lansing, the son of Dean Jeffrey and Terri Lynn-Marsh Hanton. Dean and Terri remember Seth as a happy child who filled every room with his sunny disposition. Seth graduated from Holt High School in 2011 and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Olivet College in 2015.

While at Olivet, he met the love of his life, Alexis Rae Nichols. They were best friends, and they were head over heels for each other. Alexis just loved how kind he was and how he could light up any room he walked into. They got married on May 27, 2017, and took on the world. Seth and Alexis loved finding new breakfast places where he would enjoy Steak n Eggs or just about anything with steak in it. They would spend their mornings sitting and drinking coffee together. The two of them loved going to comedy shows and concerts. Seth and Alexis shared their love for Cedar Point and any other amusement parks. Seth and Alexis were surrounded by their three fur babies: Roscoe, Piper, and Quita. Seth loved his dogs, but he adored all dogs. He would say to Alexis "Lex, that's the cutest puppa I've ever seen!" She liked to point out to him that he would say that about every dog he came across.

Seth and Alexis recently welcomed their first child, Ellis Leigh Hanton. Ellis is Seth's mini-me. They share the same beautiful brown eyes and adorable

smile. Seth would make up songs and just sing, sing, sing to his precious Ellis. Ellis would look up at his daddy in admiration while he would sing to him. He would tickle Ellis and make that baby laugh. Alexis would pop her head into Ellis's room and watch the two of them rock and snuggle in his rocking chair. Seth and Alexis really enjoyed going on walks while pulling Ellis in his wagon.

Seth worked at Wal-Mart for 4 years, most recently at the Lansing store as an asset protection manager. He was so dedicated and passionate about his work. Seth loved sports. You would find him on the golf course, in any weather. He also played softball. Seth was even the coach of the USC Trojans – in his fantasy football league. Seth loved playing games. As a child through his adult years, Seth enjoyed playing games with his parents, siblings, and friends. On his own, his game of choice was blackjack.

Seth is survived by his wife of 5 years, Alexis Hanton; their son, Ellis Hanton; his parents, Dean and Terri Hanton; siblings, Erin (Nathan Loding) Hanton, Sean (Heather) Hanton, Kyle (Emma) Hanton, and Devin Potter; niece, Lilly Loding; nephews, Garry Hanton, Callen Hanton, and Tavin Hanton; father-in-law, Raymond Nichols; sister-in-law, Hannah Nichols; grandmothers, Ann Hanton and Betty Marsh; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was predeceased by his grandfathers, Douglas Hanton and Murray Marsh; and mother-in-law, Shannon Nichols.

Above all, Seth was the best person. He was passionate about everything he came across. If he didn't know how to do it, he wanted to learn. Seth was someone you could go to with any problem and he would be there with you to figure it out. Seth will be remembered for his kind nature, sense of humor, deep emotional intellect, and the love he had for his family.

Friends are encouraged to support Seth's family by attending services or

sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Memorial Services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3, 2022 at Pray Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3, just prior to the service. Memorial donations would be appreciated to the fund that has been set up for their son, Ellis. People can go to www.ugift529.com and enter code R8Y-68T to contribute. Or, if preferred, by mail: MESP, PO Box 5545, Boston, MA 02205-5451 Account number: A27337728-01 The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial Service

JUN 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Seth Douglas Hanton*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 03, 2022 at 11:40 AM

AT

I knew Seth in his younger years. He was quite the young man. He had his way of making you smile. He will be missed, but forever in our heart.

Angela Thomas - June 03, 2022 at 07:04 PM

KK

“ *Mr. Ellis,*

My name is Kerry Keyton and I'm a long time Coach in the area. Ive had the pleasure of knowing your family, especially your Grandparents for many yrs. I was a wrestling Coach when your Uncles Sean & Kyle wrestled for Holt. While I wasn't coaching @ the time I had the pleasure of watching your Dad wrestle and I'd like to say he was the best versions of his older brothers! An extremely tough young fella who never heard or knew what the word quit was! An outstanding athlete and young man! We are deeply saddened of his passing but know that he loved you and only great things are in store for you! May you be blessed as you continue to grow and know he is looking down on you and will always be there in spirit!

Kerry Keyton - June 12, 2022 at 08:21 PM



“ I remember when I was introduced as the new store manager at Walmart and was told that, "Manager Seth is on vacation, it's his birthday, so you will have to meet him when he returns". I vividly remember wondering if he was going to be someone I could envision working with, would I get along with him, all of the customary rigmarole of wondering who I would be meeting. Knowing what I know now, I could not have asked for a better teammate.

In my first year as sm, the pandemic hit and while that journey was difficult, I came out of it a stronger person and I could not have done it without Seth by my side. Seth was the literal glue that held the store together. I would verify the schedule for the next day to see if Seth and I were working together because if we were, that meant we were in for a long day at work but it would be one filled with inside jokes and laughter...and probably Taco Bell burritos because I think that's all Seth ate for lunch, if he took a lunch. He was a machine.

Seth was always three steps ahead of me. He was that intuitive and intelligent. He made my time at Walmart that much better. Whether it was planning out worklists, helping me with spreadsheets, commandeering events, it didn't matter, Seth powered through with ease and confidence.

As much as I loved Seth, there were fundamental differences in opinion that I could not overlook or forgive:

**Seth preferred the stale sludge of leftover, almost burnt, coffee over a fresh brew*

**Seth denied my choice of who the songbird of our generation was: Celine Dion (there are some hostile text exchanges somewhere in my phone regarding this)*

Seth preferred *The Real Housewives of Atlanta* over my choice of *The Real Housewives of Orange County

He was vehement and vocal about his opinions. Where we did agree was on how much he loved Alexis. There were times when I would jab him with, "it's so gross how much you adore your wife". Alexis could do no wrong in his eyes. He talked her up so much, I remember thinking, "yikes, when I do get to meet her, I think she'll fall short". One day at work, he paged me to let me know that Alexis was in the parking lot and wanted me to meet her. When I walked outside and met her, dammit if he wasn't right all along. I told him afterwards that Alexis was beautiful, almost fairy-like. Seth's eyes lit up and his smile was uncontrollable (now I know what his father-in-law meant by "Koolaid Smile"). I remember thinking, this dude is head over heels.

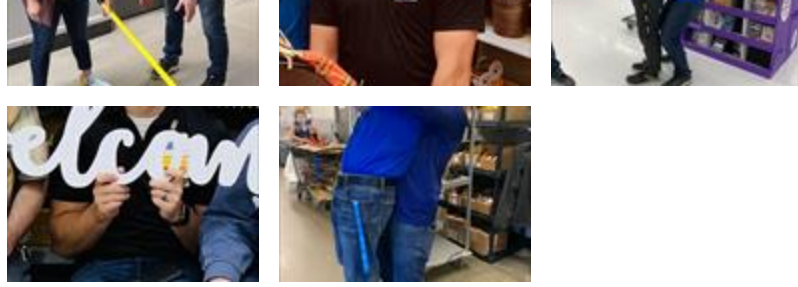
I would relive all of the tough and hard days at Walmart if it meant I was able to work with Seth again. We experienced so much in such a compressed amount of time but I would never give that time back. After I left Walmart, Seth and I stayed in touch and I am so, so grateful, that my husband and I got the chance to visit Seth, Alexis, beautiful Ellis, at their home.

I have a tendency to never delete text exchanges or FB messages. My friends have teased me about this habit often. But this has served me well because now I get to look back and read through all of the silly GIFs, memes, jokes, in Seth's voice. They go back all the way to the first text dated 5/15/19. I get to read the ones where he intentionally misspells my name because one day someone misspelled his as, "Steth", and I never let him forget it. But of all of the past texts and messages, the one I will perhaps cherish the most is from Alexis. After deliberating back and forth on which bassinet to buy for baby Ellis, Alexis wrote what is now the best gift she could have ever given me:

"We appreciate this so much. Seth just loves you."

Seth, I love you too.





Esther Chang - June 03, 2022 at 08:34 PM

MS

“ I’m trying to think of a memory to share of Seth, I couldn’t choose any single one. They say people will always remember how you made them feel and that rings very true. Having grown up with Seth and being blessed with his friendship for over 20 years, I remember so many bits and pieces of our times together. What I remember most, though, is his laugh. His most contagious laugh. Seth is the kind of guy that would light up any room and just makes you feel good in his presence. From summer pool parties, hanging out in the wrestling room, and watching him glide across the dance floor at my moms wedding; when Seth was there, you just knew everything was okay.

When we were in high school, a tragedy happened and we lost a mutual friend. Our Dimondale family was hit hard and as kids, we really didn’t know what to do or think, how to process. Seth reminded me that we didn’t need to, we’re kids. He made sure to gather us Dimondale kids for breakfast at Mikes to just be together because even if we didn’t know what to do, we knew we could eat. When things got hard, he held your hand and walked with you, hugged you, and made you laugh when you were ready. I’ll miss seeing him on my Walmart trips. I’ll miss his hugs and smiles, his presence.

I hope Ellis always knows how much his dad loves him and how he’d light up when he spoke about him and Alexis. I hope he knows his dad was the epitome of a true and good friend. I hope he gets his smile and his loud, obnoxious laugh.

You’ll be missed, Seth. Thank you for being everything you were. The world wasn’t ready to lose you. □

marena swagler - June 03, 2022 at 04:41 PM

KF

“ So very sorry to hear the news of Seth's passing. My heart hurts for his wife, son, the Hanton family and all who loved him, may your memories together give you peace and the strength to move forward. ((hugs))



Kelli Fenstermaker - June 03, 2022 at 11:42 AM

RC

“ I worked with Seth at Wal-Mart in Howell. He was always there to drive me to be a better manager and person! But this one particular thing happened to me because of Seth. I came to work one day with a purple big toe and when Seth saw it, he said "You need to go to urgent care right now!" My plan was to go after work. So anyway, I went and the doctor told me if I would have waited my toe would have been black and need amputation. So from that day forward the joke was, Seth saved my toe 😊

Renee Cole - June 03, 2022 at 12:40 AM

JR

“ I've been so blessed to be someone able to call Seth a brother, and an amazing little brother he was. In high school we performed the Music Man as a musical, which called for a child actor with big heart. Seth stepped into the role effortlessly, making every person he met fall in love instantly.

Wether it was taking clowning classes, acting, singing, wrestling, or being a general goof... the roles were always filled perfectly.

Words will never express the incredible, dedicated, and loving soul that has been lost; but the night sky will forever shine a little brighter.

Joshua Roznowski - June 02, 2022 at 09:47 PM

“ I’m really not sure how to sort through roughly 20 years of memories with someone....because there’s just so many great times.

The Hanton Family has always been present in my life, as long as I can remember. From All-of-us express children's theater, to wrestling, school, football, and so many other things—we were always connected.

When it comes to Seth, my first memories were always from our siblings being on the same teams. It wasn’t until a few years later that he was on the jr high team and I was old enough to be a manager, that we really became friends instead of “forced family friends”. Seth and I would joke that if it wasn’t for Kyle & Rhandi, we wouldn’t be friends, so we had them to thank.

Being around Seth in the wrestling room, then also on the football field when we were in high school, was truly inspiring. Seth was a core part of any team he was on—he was hard working, inspiring, genuine, hilarious, and always had a way to lift his team mates up... usually with humor and his incredible laugh.

As his team manager, Seth was a handful in the best kind of way. Seth was one of a few who made sure I kept score on the same clipboard, using the same pencil for every dual. Some would call it superstitions, I’ll just call it tradition. He had a few others too—before football games there was a specific time during the warm up, every single game, that he would come over to get air in his helmet. The one time I wasn’t where I was supposed to be, he made sure I knew I messed up the tradition—in his typical loving but stern Seth way.

We were only allowed to eat dipping dots together if we were at the state wrestling tournament.

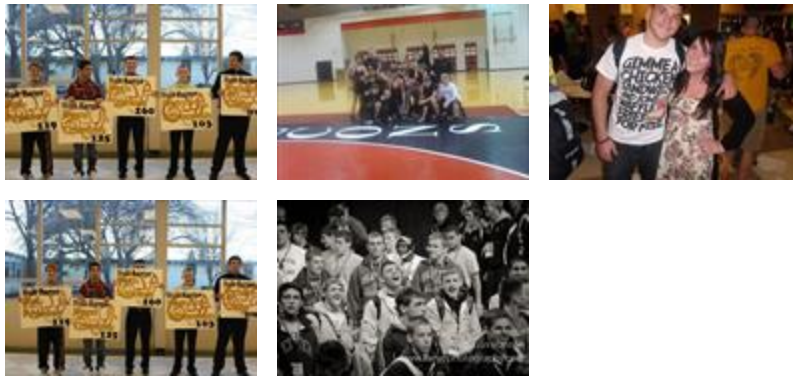
He knew I had shoes that I only wore to wrestling meets, and he would check in every so often to see if they were still “wrestling meet only” shoes, because if they weren’t they’re no longer good luck. (They still are!)

Seth also was right, all the time,. And if by some off chance he was wrong—he wouldn't admit it, and would still win the discussion because he would make some sort of "go make me a sandwich!" Joke and run away laughing.

Because I was lucky enough to be his manager for so many years, Seth was like an extra brother to me, and I knew I could count on him, no matter what. We had each other's backs, always.

After high school, every time I saw him I got the same genuine smile, and the best hugs—and it was always like no time had passed at all.

Seth was everything that's good in a human being. He was genuine, had a heart of gold, and used any and every opportunity to make others smile. I will cherish every memory, hug, "make me a sandwich" joke & tradition that I had with him. He will be so incredibly missed ❤️



Dharbi Hicok - June 02, 2022 at 09:25 PM

TA

“ Although Seth and I never directly worked together, our paths crossed quite often. He never failed to smile and say hello. The last time we talked, he told me how awesome it was being a dad. Ellis, your daddy loves you so much!

Tara - June 02, 2022 at 08:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



June 02, 2022 at 07:55 PM



“ *I was a part of Holt Wrestling for many years as the booster rep. I have great memories of the Hanson family and how they welcomed us. My last year directly involved was 2008 State Champ year. A few years ago, I was a manager at Walmart, I heard this joyful voice yelling out Hi Mrs. Sweet. It was a joy to reconnect with him. He was an awesome young man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love The Sweet Family*

Cindy Sweet - June 02, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



June 02, 2022 at 12:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



June 02, 2022 at 11:25 AM

MM

“ I met Seth while volunteering at Lake Louise middle school camp where we were counselors together for a few years. We instantly became friends and stayed connected throughout the year. He was also so positive and had a great outlook on life, wanted to share God with others, and be a great role model. We had a blast planning camp and making it such a fun experience for the kids! As a father of two little ones myself, I am saddened that Both Seth and Ellis will miss out on so many precious memories. Prayers to Alexis, Ellis, the Hanton's and all who were impacted by his life.

Mike Mueller - June 02, 2022 at 10:10 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.



June 02, 2022 at 09:28 AM

KH

“ A few years ago, not long after he started working at Walmart, I was blessed to have Seth for 4 weeks in Assistant Manager Training at the Owosso 1722 academy. Seth was kind, smart, polite, thoughtful, and a joy to everyone there. He spoke about his beautiful bride often, and in doing so, his eyes twinkled with joy. It was such a pleasure to know him, and I know that he touched many, many lives in his short time on Earth. I'll be praying for everyone who knew him, especially his wife and new little son. I am so sorry for his passing 🙏

Kate Harmon - June 01, 2022 at 09:14 PM

CB

“ Seth was one of the most polite and sweet kids. Cameron looked up to him in wrestling so much. When Cameron was around 9 years old Seth was probably about 16 and it was Freestyle season for wrestling. Cameron didn't like freestyle because he hated gator rolls. Seth liked to tease him about it and bragged saying he wouldn't get gator rolled. He made a bet with cameron that if he got gator rolled in his next match then the next match cameron could coach him and he would have to listen to every single move cam told him to make. Well he got gator rolled and he kept his word and let cam coach him for his next match and he listened to every move just like he said he would. He definitely wouldn't have made those exact moves but he did that for Cam. He did win the match. Lucky for cam lol! He was such a great role model for those young kids in that wrestling room. We will miss seeing him at our Walmart. We were so happy to see his smiling face there as of recently. You will be truly missed 😊 Mark and Crystal Breimayer

Crystal Breimayer - June 01, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.



June 01, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.



June 01, 2022 at 04:57 PM

JS

“ I was lucky enough to know Seth in two different parts of our lives - wrestling and work. Seth was passionate and hard working at both. I remember Seth coming in to the youth practices where my son was and pushing the younger kids to their limits and challenging them. The kids knew Seth was going to push them every time he came to support them.

Years later, I reconnected with Seth at work. There was a huge store visit with multiple levels of leadership and man did Seth steal the show. Seth ran that meeting, shared information, challenged all of those levels of leadership respectfully and help come up with a plan to make that store better. I knew that day that I wanted Seth to be a part of my team some day. A year or so later - that wish came to be. Seth and I worked side by side for the last 2 years and I will miss that partnership that we had. Seth always brought his passion, determination and energy to work just like he did to the wrestling mats.

Most importantly, Seth loved his family. He spoke of all of them often. Whether it was stories of old sibling banter and teasing that had occurred, stories of the families farm he was fond of, stories of his baby boy and all the new experiences that brought to his life and of course his love and passion for his wife. We all knew Seth loved his family!

Seth left his mark on my life and many others. It was a privilege to be a part of his. He is missed dearly.

James Schmaltz

James Schmaltz - June 01, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



June 01, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *Seth was a great kid who had a smile that would always light up the room. Like many, I knew Seth through wrestling. I started wrestling at a young age and ended up wrestling Seth at what seemed to be just about every single youth tournament we were at. He was such a great person both on and off the mat. He was always so nice to me and my family. Prayers to his wife and son.*

Tia Menefee - June 01, 2022 at 11:06 AM



“ *Every time I think of Seth, I picture a tall, handsome guy with a big smile. He and my son wrestled together in high school. My son, Ben, affectionately nicknamed Seth ‘Sir Seth-a-Lot’. They had a lot of fun together. I remember Seth as a great kid to have around. He was easy going when he was with us and went with the flow. He will always have a special place in my heart. ❤️*

Marilyn Matthiesen - June 01, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



June 01, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



June 01, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



June 01, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ *My favorite memory of Seth is one I still talk about to this day. Seth and I had a dance battle at my brother's open house! The song playing was 'Oh My Gosh' by Usher. He picked a battle with arguably the best dancer of the Dyer family but he was positively up for the challenge. It was a cinematic dance off and he was giving all his best moves. I don't remember who won, but that wasn't important to me. What stuck out about that moment was Seth was one of my older brother's only friends and teammates that didn't treat me like "Drew's little sister", like the 8th grader I was at the time. That dance battle gave me confidence, laughter and a memory I'll never forget and I think that is what Seth gave to a lot of people. I'll always cherish that night because of Seth. His light touched the Holt community and beyond and he was loved by so many. Sending my love, prayers and condolences to the Hanton family, his wife and his sweet baby. Rest Easy Seth.*

Terzah Dyer - June 01, 2022 at 09:24 AM

DW

“ Love that smile! I have known his mom's family for many, many years and I was fortunate to have completed my student teaching in Seth's fourth grade classroom. Oh, such a smart, funny, and all around good kid. He once told me that he liked living with a bunch of vegetarians, because that meant more meat for him. We would always share a laugh or two about the fun times we had during that year. I had lost touch with him after middle school, but his aunt Jerri would fill me in on what a great man he had become. I got to meet his sweet, sweet little boy this past weekend....he sure has his Daddy's smile and spirit. It breaks my heart that your time was shortened here on Earth, but your SMILE and all the joyful memories will live on forever. May God wrap you in his arms and show you comfort....your family and friends have each other, but it's not the same without you. May peace be with you and your family and friends during this difficult time. Sending love, Diane Whitney

Diane Whitney - June 01, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.



June 01, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.



June 01, 2022 at 09:16 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.prayfuneral.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.

June 01, 2022 at 09:01 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.



June 01, 2022 at 07:27 AM

“ I was lucky enough to meet Seth and Lex through my husband Jaren. Although I do not remember the exact day or year, I can say for certain that the Marsh/Hanton family welcomed me with open arms .. very open arms and for someone who isn't a hugger, this openness was difficult for me but Seth always got a kick out of teasing me over it. Whenever a get together would come to an end I would slowly make my way to the outskirts of the room to avoiding hugging but Seth would always find me because he thought it was funny but also because that was Seth's nature, to let those around him know how much he cared.

Throughout the years we witnessed each other get engaged, married and even have babies. I can still remember the night Seth and Lex came to our house and we found out Lex was pregnant. They walked in, Lex told me a story about shaving her legs in the doctors office and somehow through that I guessed that she was pregnant. I don't know how I came to that conclusion but it still makes me laugh.

We experienced highs and lows together but it will be the normal moments that I cherish the most. Eating dinner together, playing cards, hearing Seth say “hi kit-ten” to our cats whenever they would come over.

We got to grow up together, your 20s is such a time of change but it was great to have wonderful friends/family to experience it all with.

My last favorite memory of Seth was after Ellis was born. We were leaving the restaurant and Seth started twirling Ellis in his car seat telling Lex and us “see, he likes it!” He was absolutely convinced this was the way to sooth Ellis, in his defense, it did seem like it worked.

Seth was natural at parenthood, at being a partner and being a great friend. He is everything that is good in this world. While I wish we had more years I am grateful to have known him and for the

friendship and love both him and Lex have provided throughout the years. We will miss you more than words could say and we will always always love you.

Chelsea Howell - May 31, 2022 at 10:59 PM

JH

“ I'm not sure how to condense a life time of memories with you into this. I want to say before anything that I love you and your family. You always treated me with such love and respect, like family and then later accepted Chelsea as well and I'm grateful for that.

Seth and I met before I even have memories. Our families were intertwined because of dimondale. You were one of my very first friends I can recall. Your mother always treated me as one of her own. Not afraid to even spank my stupid self when needed and I needed it.

Seth and I had numerous serious talks over the years during our adolescence, one always stands out and I have no idea why but I constantly think about this. We sat in your driveway for longer than we should have, we debated the topic if Murray and John could lift your house up, we came to the conclusion that they could because they were the two strongest people we knew in the entire world (we were six, I'm guessing).

As we grew older you were always that constant friend. We might not have been joined at the hip through Jr high and highschool because I was far to immature, but you were always there. Whether I was failing a class and needed you to tutor me or in biology when I came to you and said "Seth I'm going to fail and this is really going to hinder me on graduating", you said "I got you".

After highschool we weren't as close as we should have been but we would randomly see each other at Murray and Betty's and we could talk and talk. Like we never missed a beat. That's also when I had the privilege to meet Lex. You're wife is such an amazing individual, a beautiful soul. It was clear that she was perfect for you. I'm so very honored to have been apart of lex and your life, chels and I had so much fun in our time spent with you two. Dinner dates, card games and yes Im a way better euchre playing than you. We always enjoyed you two, whenever you'd leave chels and I would comment on how much we loved you two and how much fun we had. We always wanted to see each other more but life seems to get in the way, way to much.

The last time we had gotten together the way you looked at Ellis was beautiful. You loved him so much, you had such a natural

ability to be a father. When we were leaving you were twirling Ellis in his car seat and having a debate with lex on whether or not he liked it. You kept repeating to her "he likes it, he likes it!" Chelsea and I talked on the ride home about how adorable it was. Seth I love you. Lex I love you. You are such an instrumental part of my life, I'm honored to be able to have shared my life with you. I have so much respect for you Seth you are an amazing individual and deeply loved by many. I will miss you forever, thank you for all that you gave me.

Jaren Howell - May 31, 2022 at 10:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



May 31, 2022 at 10:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



May 31, 2022 at 10:00 PM

WC

“ Seth was always the most helpful, kind friend. I could always count on him to help other kids in class. He just got along with everyone. And everyone liked him, too. He could talk to anyone! He also helped with Jr Rams football. He was helped with my son Caleb’s team (Dad and Stan were coaches). At the end of the year, we had a football banquet. When they called Caleb up, Coach Stan said he was the littlest kid on the team but played like a lion...Seth picked him up from behind and held him up high for all to see, clapping and cheering for him. It made Caleb and us feel so happy and proud. That was Seth. Always doing for others. He lived his life in the glow of making others feel better about themselves. We will miss him so much.

wendy Curtis - May 31, 2022 at 09:24 PM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.



May 31, 2022 at 08:28 PM

KS

“ I have so many memories of Seth. Him and I were always going head to head and at each other from the time we were in Junior high wrestling all the way to High School. It did not matter if it was wrestling, weight lifting, or any other competitive event we were going to argue and go at it. At the end of the day though we were always brothers and he was someone I could always count on as a teammate and a friend. I'll never forget being in your grandpas gym one day after we had been fighting and him saying don't mess up anything in my gym and take it outside if you want. After he said that we were all good. You will always be in my eyes the ultimate captain, competitor, and someone I'm glad I shared so many times with in sports and as a friend. I was lucky to call you my main wrestling partner from being young to senior year. Here is a pic of some of us Our junior year of high school I believe.



Kyle Shaw - May 31, 2022 at 08:23 PM

 Emily
Siciliano

“ As so many have said, Seth is an all-around great guy. Working alongside him the last four years, brought us a relationship much like that of siblings, although Seth didn't hesitate to tell me on many occasions that I was “technically” old enough to be his mother! We challenged each other constantly and called each other out when we needed it, doing our best to encourage each other to strive to be the best at what we do. Seth was always there to lend a hand whenever it was needed, and he did so without any hesitation. The store will never be the same in his absence.

Alexis and Ellis – Seth adored the both of you. We chatted often about our families, and nothing made him happier than his and the life you were building together. When his phone rang, and you were on the other end, there was a light in his eyes, and everything stopped around him. He loved the two of you with all that he had and couldn't have been prouder of being Ellis' daddy.

I miss you friend!

Emily Siciliano - May 31, 2022 at 07:48 PM

KT

“ I met Seth and the Hanson family many years ago, when Seth was still a kid. It must be about twenty years ago. Most of the family was performing in Sunsets with Shakespeare. Seth was precocious and always full of energy. A handsome kid, and he never lost that huge smile of his.

I last saw him when he was working for the Ingham county jail. I was there to visit a client and was surprised to see him. He was a great man and I'm so happy he found love and had a child of his own.

You left the world too early and you will be missed beyond words.

Kirk Taskila

Kirk Taskila - May 31, 2022 at 07:24 PM

PL

“ What I remember about Seth was he always gave me a great hug when I saw him. He was always in a great mood. I have sat at wrestling tournament and football game since I moved to Holt in 2002 and watch him and my sons Corey and Justin play together . I even got to see him at Olivet college and he would come to our tailgates and have a meal and great conversation. I'm so sadden that he has past and I will greatly miss him. RIP Seth we loved you.
Patty Leonard

Patty Leonard - May 31, 2022 at 07:16 PM

CL

“ Where to begin with so many memories of countless wrestling tournaments and practices. So many laughs and enjoyment. Seth always had a great attitude and motivation. Always pushing everyone a little more. Seth was always there to listen. The memories on the mat won't go forgotten!!!

Corey Leonard - May 31, 2022 at 07:00 PM

KK

“ Rooming with you for two years at Olivet was such a wild ride haha. We spent freshman year drinking cases of monster and pop that you had. Played endless amount of video games. You had your love for your hats. I will never forget you betting Joey one of your hats in a game of MLB the show.. it didn't go your way, and I will never forget your reaction to that loss haha. You loved your stash of Jameson in the freezer. Your love for your weird rappers like MGK and Chris Webby. The time Payne and I were locked outside of Blair and you couldn't see us knocking on the window when we were right in front of your face. You watched the entire series of Friday Night Lights in like two weeks. You were you.. one of a kind, so many great memories brother!

Korey Knapp - May 31, 2022 at 06:16 PM

EH

“ I’ll admit I didn’t know Seth very well. We served as Middle School Camp Counselors together in 2013, and then stayed friends on Facebook. From the one summer I served with him and the week I got to know him, I got to know him as someone who was incredibly kind, funny, and had a heart for other people. He was a great camp counselor, who made our campers feel important. Even when some of our girls tried to flirt with him, he was kind in letting them down, walking the fine line between drawing a boundary but not hurting feelings. His light in this world will surely be missed. Praying for his family, friends, and loved ones.

Elizabeth H. - May 31, 2022 at 05:11 PM

HG

“ I went to high school and played football with Seth. He was a stand up guy who made friends with anyone he came across no matter who they were. One of the nicest guys I have ever met. Never met anyone who didn’t like Seth or have a bad thing to say about him. Rest In Peace Friend

Halen Garcia - May 31, 2022 at 03:43 PM

YF

“ Your Walmart Market 203 Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.



Your Walmart Market 203 Family - May 31, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



May 31, 2022 at 03:03 PM



“ *Seth was an awesome person and an even better friend. I had the privilege of graduating high school and college with him and through it all we stayed close. You could always count on him for anything, one of the most loyal, hard working people I've ever met. I will never forget his smile or laugh, specially if you got him laughing hard enough!*

Justin Madar - May 31, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ *Seth always had a smile and was willing to help. For many years Seth wrestled with my son Corey. Because of this, we spent countless weekends together with the wrestling family. We also spent many week days and evenings together. Seth never had a bad word to say about anyone. Even his opponents always got a smile. I truly enjoyed the many conversations we had, sometimes about nothing, but always with a smile. He was a great person and had a very worm smile. He will be truly missed...*

Stan Leonard - May 31, 2022 at 02:50 PM

MB

“ Seth will always be remembered for his dynamite smile that could light up the room. He was such a joy to work with. There are too many stories to tell! He was compassionate, kind, goofy and tough when he needed to be. All he ever talked about was his love for his beautiful wife and his amazing family. The last time I saw him, all he could do was show me pictures of Ellis and talk about how wonderful being his Dad was.

Seth met a lot of people and touched lives while he was at Walmart. He will forever be a part of our family.

Until we meet again someday- Mary Jo Bell

Mary Jo Bell - May 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM

TF

“ The Olivet College Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.



The Olivet College Family - May 31, 2022 at 01:24 PM

RH

“ Alexis - my sincere condolences to you, Ellis and your entire family. What a beautiful tribute to Seth. I know I never had the chance to meet him in person but I feel like I know him from your stories and of course all the photos on your desk. I will miss hearing more stories. Your Auto-Owners family is here for you whenever you need us and we mourn this loss with you.

Rhonda - May 31, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



May 31, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



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“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



May 31, 2022 at 11:31 AM

AN

“ When I first moved to Holt, MI in middle school, Seth was one of the first (and smartest) kids that I met. It was obvious he was well known within the community and well liked - even by his teachers! He was kind and nice to me. I honestly can't think of an interaction with Seth where he wasn't nice and respectful. He always seemed to have a good head on his shoulders and a kind heart in his chest. Although we didn't necessarily hangout in the same circles back then and we didn't keep in touch much after high school, I felt passionate enough about my experiences and the respect I've always had for Seth to write this message. He was a good dude all around.
Rest easy, friend.

Antonio - May 31, 2022 at 11:23 AM



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Joseph Corr - May 31, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.



May 31, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ One of my favorite memories of Seth actually caused me quite a lot of pain. Let me explain. As a wrestling coach, it is our job and responsibility to get our young men ready for the challenges of their opponents and often this includes drilling and wrestling with them. Another thing about Seth is he almost never called me Coach or Coach Corr, it was always Joe or Joey. I think he knew it drove me nuts so he did it, well... because he's Seth.

I loved his tenacity and coachability. He reminded me of me and I wanted to help him get to that next level. Seth really had an excellent shot when he would finish it. So I jumped in his group and we practiced hard. I told him we were going to work on his shot and how to finish it. We drilled over and over. We were working on what happens when you double leg someone and end up in between their legs and the opponent drapes over you. We practiced switching to a single leg and then pulling it in to get your points. Well, Seth finishes it perfectly only when he switches to the single leg and my knee decides to go in the opposite direction with a POP! The look on his face was one of disbelief and fear! Now, I could be wrong but the speed at which Seth let go of me and fled the room to go get the trainer could have rivaled Usain Bolt's sprinting speed! He also screamed the entire way out of the room and for Steve the trainer! We later laughed about that part. He only checked on me after he returned with Steve the trainer. He needed to get help and took off to get it. But that is who Seth was, caring and compassionate. We always joked about how he was the “kid” who tore my ACL and how it took him breaking me to find out just how fast he really was! In fact, I would always wish him a happy birthday “to the kid that tore my knee”. We would both laugh. Man his laugh...his smile...his heart.

I am going to miss him so much. It is true what Coach Rocky said, “The fun is in the memories” and it is also true what he said about his wrestlers “they're all my kids!”. I never knew what that meant until I started coaching too. The bond you make with young men is something next to impossible to explain unless you do it. Seth you

were and are loved, and you are so incredibly missed.

Joseph Corr - May 31, 2022 at 10:37 AM

DA

“ *What can I possibly say that hasn't already been shared about Seth Hanton. I met Seth when he was just a little tike and I was coaching wrestling in the Holt community. Seth had the kindest heart and a genuinely silly but always loving smile. I coached Seth for approximately 7years in freestyle then folkstyle, all the while watching him grow up and always enjoying his company. He could annoy me during a practice session but always caused me to smile with him. His ability to bring a lighthearted, warm, positive feeling to any situation made Seth a champion in life. As a human if you are fortunate enough to meet someone of Seth's character, you were blessed and always a better person for it. It's no surprise that Seth became the man that we all loved as a boy. From the time I met Seth until the last time I saw him as a man, he always addressed me as coach. Every time he said it, I was genuinely happy and honored. Seth was a special person no doubt about it. He was as ferocious on the mat as he was gentle in friendship. To the brotherhood established in the room amongst wrestlers, to merging of families off the mat. The Hantons are family to us Ankneys and always will be. I love you Seth and will miss you everyday for the rest of my life. Rest now my friend. Until we meet again keep smiling down on us all.*

David Ankney - May 31, 2022 at 09:39 AM

HO

“ Seth was one of the kindest and most helpful guys I knew back in our school days at Holt. He was always listening to and teaching others. He would always have a smile on his face and could make light out of any situation. I was proud to call him a buddy and a teammate on the football field. One story I will never forget...Seth and I were on the same team in Jr. Rams football (I forget what grade we were in at the time). We all liked to joke and mess around before football practice started. Somehow, someway, the team talked Seth and his mom into wrestling each other right there on the grass. Neither Seth nor Terri backed down from the challenge and they both went at it. I remember Seth tossing his mom over his hip and all of us laughing and giggling. They both seemed to have such a great and playful relationship with one another. I envied that. It's been 10+ years since we've spoke, but it seems Seth never changed. He was a great man. Rest easy Seth. Thank you for your kindness and grace.

Hunter Osborn - May 31, 2022 at 09:36 AM

SK

“ Seth you never walked through my door without welcome and making us all laugh and smile!! Especially when the world turned upside down, when you were all so young! You helped reach Kenz and eased her pain soooo much. I am forever grateful. You loved my coffee, not sure why but you always wanted some and I loved to make you a cup and sit for a while and talk with you. Always precious memories of how you would make us laugh it became a running joke that Seth is coming over for coffee mom. I have many fond memories but my favorite ... Lex liked a boy that Seth wasn't too sure of and well he stepped into the big brother role incredibly well! Lexi has her friend over and Kenz and Seth made sure to be there. All the kids were hanging out in the living room and Dave and I sat in the next room just listening.... Seth is questioning this kid like a dad with a loaded shot gun and Dave and I were giggling. Lex and her friend sat next to each other on a recliner and Seth gets up walks over to them , separates them and says a little sternly “ You better make sure to keep room for Jesus right here!!!” We all laughed hysterically and they figured out that Dave and I were sitting in the next room listening. He laughed and laughed too and threw in an “I'm serious though!” It was fabulous 😂 Lex, Ellis, Dean, Terri and family I don't have magic words for your pain right now but I am praying God holds you all tightly through this incredibly difficult time you are faced with! In true honor of your beautiful boy, my coffee pot is always on and my table open for conversation, tears, hugs and love! Seth I love you kiddo, please have a cup of coffee with Jesus for me and ask him personally to stay in all the right places for your family and friends! Love ya ❤️🙏

Staci Kienitz - May 31, 2022 at 09:28 AM

RA

“ *As a Hanton, Seth was destined to be strong, resilient, smart as hell and, more importantly, a great friend and it's to no one's surprise that he became all those things and more.*

Whether it was on the mat or in life, Seth's smile was contagious, his personality infectious, and his genuinely kind soul inspiring.

Wrestling can be brutal to witness but the camaraderie and compassion found at the heart of the sport was only amplified with Seth in the room.

His love for the sport, his family, and his friends will be missed but never forgotten.

Rest easy, Seth. Tell Coach we said hi.

Racquel Ankney - May 31, 2022 at 09:21 AM

GA

“ Seth and I shared the honor of both being Holt wrestlers as well as friends. My senior year he comes into the varsity room as a freshman but we all already knew who he was because he was a Hanton and the Hantons are wrestlers. I had wrestled with Seth growing up too (see hilarious picture of him crying during team photo in junior high lol). But Seth comes into the room, a room where we went undefeated and won a team state title that year, with the widest grin and most contagious laugh. He legitimately told me he liked when the seniors like myself “kicked his ass” because he knew he was getting better. I found it annoying that he was more difficult to beat up on than every other freshman but his skill level became evident when I followed his career into a runner up finish as a senior. That career just made sense. He pushed himself and others around him by being someone you can look up to for setting an example on working hard and having fun while doing it. I remember reffing down in Jackson NW when Seth was helping out down there while he was in college. We chatted, laughed and caught up that day while being around the sport we both loved that brought us together in the first place. I’m so damn happy that wrestling is part of my life because it allowed Seth and the entire Hanton family to be part of my life and for that I am forever grateful. RIP brother. I’ll miss ya man.



Grant Ankney - May 31, 2022 at 08:50 AM

TJ

“ Although Seth was younger than me, I looked up to him on and off the mat. He was one of the toughest and best wrestlers in the room at all times. Very smart and an absolute stand up guy even with tough times. It's been years since I have seen or talked to Seth but he is someone I'll never forget. Such a fun and happy soul. Rest easy brother!



Tyler Jackson - May 31, 2022 at 08:31 AM

SS

“ Seth Douglas, although we didn't remain super close over the years, there is something to be said about spending nearly every school day for 8 years or more with someone. I am so blessed to be able to say I grew up with you and your siblings. From waiting on your mom's porch in the morning for the bus, having to run down to the next stop when the driver didn't stop for us, watching PBS Kids in the afternoons, "quiet time" during the summer while the babies slept, watching CATS over and over again, making whirlpools in the swimming pool during the summer, to simply snuggling up with Ambrose, Stanley, and Miller when we needed. You are an extra special man, and I hope you are at peace. Love you, Little Brother .

Stephanie Self - May 31, 2022 at 08:08 AM

DF

“ Seth Douglas Hanton was my student in Advanced Placement Chemistry at Holt High School in Michigan. But he was so much more than a student.

He was an encourager to all he met. He would inspire teammates on the wrestling mat. He would uplift classmates when struggling with difficult content. He would cheer athletes at cross country meets.

He was a role model. He demonstrated integrity, embodied friendship, and exuded honesty. He was a citizen, defender, and trusted leader.

He was a mentor. Leading by example, he willingly rose to any challenge. He fostered acquaintances into friendships.

I am proud to say that Seth Hanton is my friend. If anyone knew him, they knew that he had your back.

David Foy - May 31, 2022 at 08:07 AM

MZ

“ Like many of you, Seth and I were friends. We had the extra special bond of wrestlers, growing up together in the same room. For that reason, I'd consider us brothers - all wrestlers that grow up in the same room typically are, in some shape or form. We may not have been best friends, but Seth was the best of people. He had a huge smile (see almost any picture of him), a contagious laugh, and he was just 'good' to the core. Everyone that knew him is better for it.

Seth was kind in a harsh world. He was humble even when our human nature tells us to brag. He was willing to listen when a friend or stranger had a lot to say.

May the road rise up to meet you, Seth, may the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may the God who loves us all, hold you (and your family) in the palm of his hand. Amen.

Mitch Zajac - May 31, 2022 at 12:09 AM

RF

“ Terri and Dean, we're so very sorry to learn this heartbreaking news. I remember Seth as a little guy with his own special name for my husband Russ. Not sure, but We think it was "Fluffy." I wish I knew some way to ease your pain.

Ruby Freed - May 30, 2022 at 09:04 PM

TH

“ I am rarely without words. But since Friday late night, I have been struggling to find the words. Seth was an extraordinary human being. A laughter to fill the world, a smile that illuminated the darkest of days and a heart larger than the known universes. Why he is gone is a pain that only he knows; but we know that pain, at least, has stopped. Those of us left behind are left to remember him, to love him, to forgive him. We are left to bear witness to an extraordinary human who left this planet a better place than he found it; but who also left it far too early.

For now, I will remember the five year old kid who loved being tickled and brought us all to smiles. I will remember the kid who hugged when he wanted, was generous to a fault, and fascinated by the world around him -- particularly the adults. I will remember the five year old who would unleash gales of laughter during a tickle wrestle, then scurry to the other side of the room where with but a simple gesture of the hand as if you were tickling him, he would again collapse in a fit of uproarious laughter.

My dear Seth. Thank you for giving me the memory of that laughter. Forgive me, forgive us all. We just didn't know that the laughter was masking such pain. You are and were adored, and beloved by so many, including me. My heart may be shattered into a trillion pieces right now, but still, the gales of laughter come roaring from the memory to wash away -- at least for a moment -- the sadness and the grief, giving us instead the immortal knowledge that you were here. You were loved and that you were a shining example of love embodied.

Todd Heywood - May 30, 2022 at 08:01 PM

SS

Beautifully said. That laugh was one in a million.

Stephanie Self - May 31, 2022 at 08:09 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*

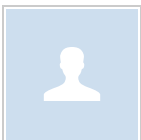


May 30, 2022 at 07:32 PM



“ *When I think of Seth, my first thought is laughter, fun, and kindness and I have so many memories of him where those beautiful traits shined through. But my favorite memory to share of Seth is when he and some HS friends stopped by and stayed overnight in our house in TN on their way to visit his Aunt Kelli in FL for their spring break. My kids were elementary age and a toddler. As you would expect, Seth started a game of tag with 4 high schoolers two elementary kids, and a toddler running all over our house and yard — they were having a blast! Then I hear that I’m being called to the backyard and there is Seth, sitting in the grass holding his toe. In all of the fun, Seth stepped just right on something and sliced his toe very deeply. With many consultations with Kelli and I think Terri too, we decided to superglue his toe! The first time I met Lex, I told her the story of Seth’s superglued toe. Seth, we will miss your kind heart and tough toe 💕.*

Nikki Heur - May 30, 2022 at 06:44 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



May 30, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ *Memories 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



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“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Seth Douglas Hanton.*



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