

## **Grant Samuel Wishard, 23, Austin, TX**

May 30, 1993 - Nov. 12, 2016

Grant Samuel Wishard was born May 30, 1993, in Denver, CO.

Grant was curious, passionate, generous and loyal. He related to and defended underdogs, and was outspoken about injustice. He was a deep-thinker who enjoyed provocative conversations, and a maverick prone to questioning and challenging rules. Grant also was a giver. He knew love was the only language that matters in the end, and he spoke it fluently.



At different ages, he was into trains, Legos, skateboarding, guitars, and motorcycles. He attended Austin Community College. He worked hard and took pride in work, most recently at Harbor Freight Tools and as a crew member on special concrete finishing projects around central Texas.

He wore his Texas pride well, and was a natural at "42." Grant's steaks were ordered on the rare side; he took the "moist" at Rudy's, and had his Whatburger on Texas toast. He rooted for the Texas Rangers, and was a fan of Max Verstappen in F1 and Valentino Rossi in Moto GP.

He drove too fast, offered help to those who didn't (or wouldn't) ask for it, and dearly missed his faithful dog, Dusty. Grant lived in Austin all his life, and cherished green spaces like the Barton Creek Greenbelt and Bull Creek. He explored state and national parks, including Big Bend, Enchanted Rock and Tres Ritos, NM, with Boy Scout buddies. He was active in the Westover Hills church youth group and especially enjoyed his time as a camper, KP kid, and junior counselor at VIP Camp.

Grant had many passions, but nothing surpassed his love for family. His sisters would tell you he was smart, funny, kind and passionate. He was always there when you needed him, and he loved people like nobody else did.

All who cared deeply for Grant have these and other precious memories, but his early exit leaves us with hearts that will never beat the same. We are grateful Grant's battles have been fought, and he is now in the arms of God, whom Grant loved and served in quiet ways by offering many a hand up.

Grant died Nov. 12, 2016 at his home of undetermined causes. He is survived by his parents, Tammy and Kevin Wishard of Austin; his sisters, Lauren (Chris) and Jaclyn; his grandparents, Bill and Helen Wishard of North Richland Hills, TX, and Donald and Marilyn Dahlof of Kirkman; his birthmother, Erin Ronlov May; and other extended family members and friends.

A memorial service was held Nov. 22 at Westover Hills Church of Christ.

Memorial contributions can be made to Austin Harm Reduction Coalition, National Public Radio, or The Boy Scouts of America.