



## Ryan W. Riddle

May 15, 1971 - April 1, 2014

Ryan W. Riddle, 42  
New Orleans, LA

Ryan W. Riddle, 42, of New Orleans, LA died Tuesday, April 1, 2014 in New Orleans, LA. Funeral Services will be 10:30 A.M. Monday, April 7, 2014 at the First Lutheran Church of Kearney with Rev. Eric Leshar officiating. Interment will be at a later date. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 pm Sunday at the Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation.

Condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com).  
O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ryan Wayne Riddle was born May 15, 1971 in Denison, Iowa to Myron and Diane (Kiepe) Riddle. He grew up in Hartington, Nebraska and received his education from Hartington Public Schools. Following his graduation, he attended Minnesota State S.E. Technical School to build and restore string instruments. Ryan lived in Minneapolis, San Diego and most recently, New Orleans. He owned and operated the "Wood Shop" in New Orleans, in which he did millwork and built beautiful furniture. He also made custom louvered shutters, doors and windows, spiral staircases and much more helping to restore plantation sights such as the Laura Plantation. Ryan enjoyed music, fishing, cooking for his friends and family, woodworking and the New Orleans Saints. Ryan also enjoyed traveling. He had recently traveled to Cuba, Belize

and Argentina. He had such a kind heart and is survived by many wonderful friends in New Orleans.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Myron and Diane Riddle of Kearney; sister, Renae Zimmer and her husband, David of Kearney; Nephew, Nolan Zimmer of Maryville, MO; niece, Kamryn Zimmer of Kearney and many aunts and uncles. Ryan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Brady and Ernestine Riddle and Martin and Therma Kiepe.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 233-3244

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 234-3500  
info@osrfh.com  
<https://www.osrfh.com>

## Funeral Service

APR 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
3315 Ave G  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ryan W. Riddle*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I was deeply saddened to learn of Ryan's untimely demise. Ryan was a gentle soul and a real music enthusiast. He lent me some record by Spider John Koerner, who soon became one of my favorite musicians. I recall meeting Ryan's father as well, a very nice man. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

**Jeremy Lyons** - May 03, 2014 at 12:02 PM



“ *Rick And Kathy Noecker, Hartington, NE lit a candle in memory of Ryan W. Riddle*



**Rick and Kathy Noecker, Hartington, NE** - April 09, 2014 at 10:22 AM

GC

“ Dear Mr. & Mrs. Riddle - how shocked we were to hear of Ryan's passing. He was a special young man with an exceptional talent. He made a kitchen table for us that will be in our family for many years to come! He was a bright intellegent young man that all of us trying to rebuild New Orleans will miss.

*Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. We will continue to remember Ryan in our prayers!*

*Debbie and George Cundiff*

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**George Cundiff** - April 09, 2014 at 09:44 AM



Margery  
Brown

“ *With my deepest sympathy to the Riddle Family. Ryan fashioned a beautiful island top for my kitchen, by sanding down and seamlessly glueing the charred, century old wood that we salvaged from our house after it caught fire. The hope and significance of that act was not lost on him. I pray that likewise, from the ashes of this tragedy, you and all of Ryan's loved ones can burrow down to the pure heart and joyful memory of this kind, gifted and beautiful soul. I will remember him every time I touch and see the art he left behind.*

*Margery Brown  
New Orleans, La.*

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**Margery Brown** - April 08, 2014 at 06:26 PM



“ I'm forever thankful that I met and got to know Ryan over the years when I worked at the corner of Louisa and Chartres. He'd always refuse my daily offer to get him coffee, but when I'd get back from the cafe, I'd pick his brain about what he was working on, what type of wood shipment he got in that week, the steak houses in south america, what his passion was at the moment (and it was often about him learning more about japanese style furniture- the kind that would never break!). As a midwesterner myself, I always respected that Ryan was up with the sun and self-driven, never EVER taking the easy way out of a project garnered him a sense of pride and self-fulfillment...a twinkle in his eye. He himself was a rarity.

He taught me so much about woodworking, now I only regret that I do not have a piece of his beautiful furniture to cherish. He was a kind and patient man - always loved a good joke and the opportunity to "nerd out" - I'm so sorry for the world that he's left us.

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**Erica Dudasz** - April 08, 2014 at 12:57 PM

MI

“ Sending our deepest sympathies to you at this extremely difficult time. Your loss rings throughout Ryan's hometown of Hartington. What beautiful stories of his life's work just as St. Joseph the carpenter did. Warm thoughts and prayers. Rob & Brenda Miller family



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**Miller** - April 08, 2014 at 11:18 AM

SM

“ Dear Mr. & Mrs. Riddle & Family,  
We can't begin to tell you how saddened we were to learn that Ryan has passed away. As the Managers/Owners of Laura Plantation, we have worked with Ryan for years on the restoration of the plantation. Only a few weeks ago he finished a beautiful set of doors for the house and we had already discussed our next project with him.  
Please accept our deepest sympathy and know that Ryan's work will forever be appreciated by the thousands of visitors to Laura.  
Sincerely,  
Sand & Norman Marmillion

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**Sand Marmillion** - April 07, 2014 at 07:31 PM

JK

“ Jackie And Kevin Kathol lit a candle in memory of Ryan W. Riddle



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**Jackie and Kevin Kathol** - April 07, 2014 at 02:15 PM

RE

“ Randy & Cathy Evans lit a candle in memory of Ryan W. Riddle



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**Randy & Cathy Evans** - April 06, 2014 at 03:45 PM

RE

“ *Myron, Diane & family,  
Our deepest sympathy to you on the loss of Ryan. We know this is  
a difficult time for you all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.  
Randy & Cathy Evans*

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**Randy & Cathy Evans** - April 06, 2014 at 03:43 PM

TF

“ *Myron, Diane, Dave, Renae and family,*

*We are sorry to hear of your loss. Know that  
Ryan and your family is in our families  
thoughts and prayers. May God give you  
strength and perseverance at this difficult time and welcome Ryan  
into eternal happiness.*



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**Tim & Judi Kuchta & Family** - April 06, 2014 at 11:08 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family  
of Ryan W. Riddle.*



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April 06, 2014 at 07:38 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the  
family of Ryan W. Riddle.*



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April 05, 2014 at 10:50 PM

CB

“ *Mr Riddle and family--I was deeply saddened to hear about Ryan. My prayers are with your family. I live in Louisiana,just 3 hours from Ryan. Ryan is part of my high school memories. He was always very kind and gentle. Christine Fleming Bailey.*

Christine Fleming Bailey - April 05, 2014 at 09:06 PM

SD

“ *Shawn, Lauri, Kiel, Dante purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Ryan W. Riddle.*



Shawn, Lauri, Kiel, Dante - April 05, 2014 at 07:00 PM

JV

“ *Myron & Diane, My deepest sympathy to you and your family, You are in my prayers. I know the Lord will help you in this difficult time. Joanne vlach*

Joanne Vlach - April 05, 2014 at 03:39 PM

DD

“ *DAWN DINGLE lit a candle in memory of Ryan W. Riddle*



DAWN DINGLE - April 05, 2014 at 03:38 PM

SH

“ *Myron and Diane you have my deepest sympathies for your loss. Know that many are thinking of you.*

*Sue Wohlman Heese*

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**Sue Heese** - April 05, 2014 at 02:07 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Ryan W. Riddle.*



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April 05, 2014 at 01:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ryan W. Riddle.*



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April 05, 2014 at 12:12 PM

SF

“ *Renaë, Dave, Nolan and Kamryn & Diane and Myron~*

*My heart is deeply saddened by the loss of Ryan. Without our knowledge, our lives touch and impact each other in so many ways.... know that as a stone is dropped into a lake, a series of ripples broaden and reach across the water.....Ryan's ripples too, have, and will continue to reach out to others beyond our comprehension. God Bless.*

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**Sue Feilmeier** - April 04, 2014 at 11:30 PM

MF

“ *Myron, Diane, Renae, Dave and Family,*

*You have our deepest sympathies during this very difficult time.  
Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Mike and Jackie Flakus*

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**Mike Flakus** - April 04, 2014 at 10:04 PM

CJ

“ *Christi Kathol Janssen lit a candle in memory  
of Ryan W. Riddle*



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**Christi Kathol Janssen** - April 04, 2014 at 09:43 PM

CL

“ *Ryan was admired and loved by so many in our New Orleans  
Bywater community. He was an incredibly gifted craftsman whose  
work restored many historic homes here, including mine. I loved  
walking past his workshop and catching a glimpse of some beautiful  
piece he had crafted. He was the eyes and ears of our little  
riverfront building which made us all feel safer. I will miss his gentle,  
humble kindness. I am grateful for the lasting beauty of his wood art  
by which to remember him.*

*Carolyn Leftwich*



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**Carolyn Leftwich** - April 04, 2014 at 09:32 PM

BB

“ *Barb & Rollie Becker lit a candle in memory of Ryan W. Riddle*



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**Barb & Rollie Becker** - April 04, 2014 at 09:21 PM

GK

“ *Myron and Diane,  
I am so saddened to hear about Ryan. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.  
Greta Kraemer*

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**Greta Kraemer** - April 04, 2014 at 07:54 PM

KR

“ *Kari Robinette lit a candle in memory of Ryan W. Riddle*



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**Kari Robinette** - April 04, 2014 at 06:57 PM

KR

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Kari Robinette** - April 04, 2014 at 07:40 PM

DE

“ *Myron, Diane & Family,*

*I am so SORRY for your loss. Praying for your family in this difficult time.*

*Denise Dooley Steffen*



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**Denise** - April 04, 2014 at 06:06 PM

 Jenny  
Becker

“ *Jenny Becker lit a candle in memory of Ryan  
W. Riddle*



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**Jenny Becker** - April 04, 2014 at 05:36 PM

GS

“ *Myron and Diane,*

*We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your son Ryan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Gene and Birdie Shipley*

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**Gene & Birdie Shipley** - April 04, 2014 at 04:23 PM

GF

“ *Gayle And Barb Hochstein Family lit a candle  
in memory of Ryan W. Riddle*



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**Gayle and Barb Hochstein Family** - April 04, 2014 at 03:31 PM



“ *Michelle Hirschman lit a candle in memory of Ryan W. Riddle*



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**Michelle Hirschman** - April 04, 2014 at 02:04 PM



“ *Krystal lit a candle in memory of Ryan W. Riddle*



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**krystal** - April 04, 2014 at 02:02 PM



“ *Thoughts and Prayers are with you today and in the days and weeks ahead  
Krystal ( Bohlken) Rice and family*

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**krystal** - April 04, 2014 at 02:00 PM



“ *Myron and Diane; Renae and Dave and family. Our hearts go out to you all at this difficult time. I remember the times we shared our hopes and dreams for our sons, Myron and I felt like I knew him. We wanted you to know that we are thinking of you and hope that all the love and care of your friends and family will give you the strength and comfort that you will need in these dark days.*

*Our love in sympathy,  
Bob and Malena Diede*

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**Malena Diede** - April 04, 2014 at 01:45 PM

SD

“ *Myron, Diane, Dave and Renae:  
My sincere sympathies to your family and so sorry to hear about the passing of Ryan. I have good memories of playing with Ryan in the yard as neighbors. Your families will be in our thoughts always,  
Scott Dunn and Family*

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**Scott Dunn** - April 04, 2014 at 01:40 PM

SB

“ *Myron, Diane and family.....May God's loving and healing arms hold you and your family close during this difficult time. I pray for strength and acceptance for you all.*

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**Sharon Bartz** - April 04, 2014 at 01:33 PM

MM

“ *Renae, Dave, Myron and Diane:  
My heart goes out to you at this difficult time. Ryan was a great friend to Sheila and everyone in that class. He will be missed.*

*Thinking of you,  
Mickie Rossiter Mueller*

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**Mickie Mueller** - April 04, 2014 at 12:23 PM

RB

“ *Myron, Diane and family,  
We are deeply saddened and sorry for your loss. I met you both briefly at Ryan and Rebecca's place a few years back around Mardi Gras. Ryan was a true friend of mine and a beautiful person. He made my world a better place in every way. We will all miss him, but I am truly grateful for the time that we had with your son. He was one of a kind.*

*Love,*

*Randy Brown  
New Orleans, LA*

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**Randy Brown** - April 04, 2014 at 11:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ryan W. Riddle.*



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April 04, 2014 at 11:16 AM

HB

“ *Myron, Diane and Ranae,*

*Sorry to hear about Ryan's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*The Beckerbauer Family*

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**Hazel Beckerbauer** - April 04, 2014 at 10:43 AM

MJ

“ *Myron, Diane, Renae, Dave and family. So sorry to hear about your loss. I only met Ryan one time, and I'm very happy that I had the opportunity to meet him. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Mike Johnson  
Hartington NE*

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**Mike Johnson** - April 04, 2014 at 10:40 AM

DO

“ *Dear Myron, Diane & family,*

*Please know that we are thinking of you & your family and will keep you in our prayers.*

*Debbie & Steve Orwig*

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**Deb Orwig** - April 04, 2014 at 10:29 AM

RJ

“ *Myron, Diane, and Renae,*

*Sorry to hear about Ryan's passing. I have so many fond memories of him from school, even though Ryan was a year older in school. He will be missed.*

*Robert Beckerbauer, Jr.*

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**Robert Beckerbauer, Jr.** - April 04, 2014 at 10:07 AM

MJ

“ Mike Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Ryan W. Riddle



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**Mike Johnson** - April 04, 2014 at 09:48 AM

MJ

“ Myron, Diane, Renae, Dave and Family. I am so sorry to hear of  
your loss. You are in our prayers.

*Mike Johnson, Hartington NE*

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**Mike Johnson** - April 04, 2014 at 09:45 AM

AN

“ Myron, Diane, and Renae,  
My deepest sympathy to you and all of your family. What a shock to  
hear of Ryan's passing. I will never forget what a kind and wonderful  
person Ryan was. Good memories of him from high school and all  
of you.

*Amy (Newton) Nicolas*

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**amy nicolas** - April 04, 2014 at 09:06 AM

MB

“ So sorry to hear of Ryan's passing.  
We will keep him and your family in our prayers.  
*Mike & Carla Becker*

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**Mike Becker** - April 04, 2014 at 08:17 AM

TF

“ My deepest sympathies go to your entire family. May god comfort and sustain you in your loss. My prayers are with you during this time of grief. God bless you!

*Troy Fluent*

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**troy fluent** - April 04, 2014 at 08:03 AM

KF

“ Ken Kneifl Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Ryan W. Riddle.



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**Ken Kneifl Family** - April 03, 2014 at 04:58 PM

JD

“ Myron, Diane, Renae, Dave and Family, although no words can really help ease your loss, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer of mine. Ryan was such a kind, gentle, thoughtful, and fun classmate/friend.....so many great memories.

*With sincere sympathy,*

*Jill Dietrich*

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**Jill Dietrich** - April 03, 2014 at 10:35 AM

BG

“ *Diane, Myron, Renee, Dave and family,  
Our hearts go out to you at this difficult time.  
May God's grace comfort you and keep you in  
his care. Ryan touched many hearts and  
those hearts touched many more. In that way,  
he will always remain a part of you and everything we do.  
With our deepest sympathy,  
Bob and Rhea Geary*



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**Bob and Rhea Geary** - April 03, 2014 at 10:20 AM

BG

“ *Bob And Rhea Geary lit a candle in memory  
of Ryan W. Riddle*



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**Bob and Rhea Geary** - April 03, 2014 at 09:59 AM

BG

*Diane, Myron, Renee, Dave and family,  
Our hearts go out to you at this difficult time. May God's grace comfort  
you and keep you in his care. Ryan touched many hearts and those  
hearts will touch many more. In that way, he will always remain a part  
of everything we do.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Bob & Rhea Geary*

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**Bob and Rhea Geary** - April 03, 2014 at 10:06 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ryan W. Riddle.*



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April 03, 2014 at 09:54 AM



“ *Myron & Diane Riddle  
Renaë & Dave Zimmer & Family*



*Our hearts & thoughts go out to you and your family during this difficult time. We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief. We will keep your family and Ryan in our prayers. It's the little things, the small, everyday occurrences that you'll remember. The laughs, the stories, the smiles. And even though it seems like you can never recover from your loss, it is these very memories that will help push the pain away and bring back the smiles.*

*With heartfelt condolences,*

*Wendy & Brennon Eickhoff & Family  
Hartington, NE*

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**Wendy Eickhoff** - April 03, 2014 at 08:55 AM