



## Ryan Snell

October 11, 1979 - June 2, 2008

Ryan Chad Snell, 28 year-old lifetime resident of Colcord, Oklahoma, died June 2, 2008, near Watts, Oklahoma. Born October 11, 1979, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, he was the son of Jerry D. Snell and Cheryl Jean Roberts Snell. He graduated with honors from Colcord High School in 1998, and played on the Colcord High School basketball team. He was vice president of his high school class, and a member of the student council, serving as president for two years. He attended Northeastern State University as a scholarship recipient. He had worked for Baldor in Westville, Oklahoma, and Gates Rubber, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Ryan attended Colcord Church of Christ, Colcord, Oklahoma. He was preceded in death by one sister, Jerra Snell; one brother, Cash Snell; and his paternal grandparents, Curley and Ruby Snell of Kansas, Oklahoma; and his maternal grandfather, Jay Roberts, of Colcord. Survivors include one daughter, Alanna Loren Snell of the home; his mother and father, Jerry and Cheryl Snell of Colcord, Oklahoma; one brother, Jerry David Snell and wife Leonie of Keys, Oklahoma; one nephew and two nieces, Trey Snell, Kylee Snell, and Kenzie Snell, all of Keys, Oklahoma; and his maternal grandparents, David and Ruth Cross, of Colcord, Oklahoma. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 6, 2008, at The Freewill Baptist Church, Leach, Oklahoma, with Mr. Larry Ellis officiating. Burial will follow at Row Cemetery, near Colcord. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 5, 2008, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, a fund has been established for Alanna Snell at

the Bank of Siloam Springs, P.O. Box 827, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *In searching for my past, I read about your son today. I can not tell you how your loss has touched my heart. I am so very, very sorry. My heart grieves with you. I want you to know, that this stranger, with the same last name, has prayed for you today. I care, because He cares.*

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**Jo Snell** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

SR

“ *We were so sorry to hear about the death of your son, Ryan. Although we didn't know Ryan personally, we have heard wonderful things about him. To help identify who we are, Cheryl was our daughter Jennifer(Richie)Benjamin's fourth grade teacher at Jay(1986-87)) It was Jen's first year in Jay and she didn't know anyone at the school. We had previously lived in Saudi Arabia. Cheryl made Jen feel so welcome and Jen still speaks about Cheryl being one of her favorite teachers. We, along with Jennifer who lives in Washington state, ask that God will comfort you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Clark & Shirley Richie Jennifer(Richie)Benjamin*

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**Shirley Richie** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

MS

“ *Im sorry to miss the funeral, i was out of town, but i wanted to show my respects to the family. its been a long time since i saw ryan but he was always such a great guy. it was such a tragedy to lose him so early. i hope the sorrow will not be too much for the family, and hope for peace to be in their hearts. lindsey lewis*

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**Michael Swaim** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

T(

“ We are so sorry to about Ryan. He was a great person and had a good heart and could always put a smile on your face. There are no words that can make this time easy. Just know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers and may God give you strength to make it through this difficult time.

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**Tia Dill (Glenn)** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

DZ

“ We are sorry to hear of your lose and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Dennis and Donna Zimmerman** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

DT

“ Jerry, I just wanted to express my deepest sympathy for you and your family during this time of loss and let you know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Dena Tucker** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

DM

“ My love and prayers are with you during your loss. Your family means so much to my family.

*Love - Jane*

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**Donna Jane Mickel** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

TV

“ I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your beautiful son. Parents should never have to let go of their children this way. For some reason GOD needed to call Ryan home and some day we will all be together again. Until then you have your faith, love and memories that can never be taken away. I attached one of my favorite poems that seem to help me in times of sorrow;  
*Do not stand at my grave and weep*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep  
I am not there. I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there. I did not die.*

*By: Mary E. Frye*

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL IN THIS TIME OF SORROW!**  
*Love - Tracy (cousin)*

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**Tracy Vochatzer-Hayden** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

SS

“ I just wanted to let you know how sorry I am for your loss and that all of you are in my prayers.

*Sharon Swepston*

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**Sharon Swepston** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

KB

“ I remember when you became the blessing in your parents eyes. I watched as you grew into a young man going to school with my daughter. You were always so happy and full of robust. You will be dearly missed. May God wrap his arms around you and bless your family in their loss, knowing you will always be with them in spirit.

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**Kim Bishop** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

IC

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to your family for the loss of Ryan. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this time of healing.

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**Issac Cochran** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

KA

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Kim Alberty** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

SC

“ Jerry, I'm sorry to hear about your brother. Our family has your family in our prayers through this tough time.

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**Shawn Chopper** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

R{

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son,Ryan.He is in GODs care now and I know Ryan is in the best of hands. I pray for you as a mother, We should never witness the death of our own child. Please GOD bless this family and comfort them in this time of need. This family needs your healing hands more now than ever. GOD BLESS to you and your family, you are in our prayers. The Blevins Family, Rhonda Blevins {Vochatzer}

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**Rhonda Blevins {Vochatzer}** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

BM

“ Dear Jerry and Cheryl,  
I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your whole family at this time.

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**Bevra Mickel** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

YM

“ keeping you in our thoughts and prayers

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**yolonda mikeska** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

RV

“ Cheryl and Jerry, Ron and I was so sorry to hear about Ryan's death. We pray that you both will trust God as he had a plan for Ryan's life and also in his death. We just don't understand what God has in store for us. Praying that God will see you both through this difficult time. Love, Bonnie

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**Ron and Bonnie Vochatzer** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

GD

“ Cheryl, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Gayle DuBois** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

DW

“ *Jerry, Cheryl and Family*

*You are in our thoughts and Prayers*

*Proverbs 3:7*

*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;  
and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

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**Darlene Walker** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

DH

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We will be lifting you and all the family up high in prayer.*

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**Daniel and Dayna Hume** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

AQ

“ *Our thoughts are with you in this time of loss.*

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**Andy & Sunny Quetone** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

TD

“ *Our thought our with you.*

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**Ty and Petie Denny** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

DM

“ *Jerry, Cheryl, and family*

*Our Prayers are with you.*

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**David & Barbara (Jenks) McNair** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

AF

“ We are sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with the family.

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**Alene Wayt, Connie, and Bert Thompson and Family** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

BA

“ Cheryl, I am deeply sad about the news of Ryan, I hope it helps to know he is in a better place. He was such a good father and really trying in life. We are praying for you and your family! I love you.

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**Brandon and Kristie Anderson** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

TB

“ Jerry and family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Tonya Burton** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

TH

“ Our condolences.

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**Teresa Hair** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

RC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
God bless.

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**Rhonda (Garner) & Doug Calvert** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

MF

“ We just wanted to let you know our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find the peace that only Jesus Christ can give.

*Mike & Vivian Fowler*

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**Mike & Vivian Fowler** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

PM

“ *Jerry & Family,  
We are sorry to hear of your sad loss, and want to express our sympathy to you and your family. Blessings and prayers*

*David & PJ Moore*

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**PJ & David Moore** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

PP

“ *Jerry Cheryl and family, I was very saddened to hear about Ryan. My heart goes out to all of you. I feel so sorry for Alanna. But I know God couldn't have chosen any better Grandparents to love her and take care of her. Ryan was so young to be called home, but God must have needed him more. Ryan touched alot of hearts in his short time. I know that he touched mine. When he used to come over to visit and spend time with Chris, I couldn't have asked for a better guest. He was so polite, soft spoken, and full of love. I really enjoyed having him in my home, we had fun doing arts and crafts when he came. He was a good artist and he loved to paint. Ryan was a very handsome and fine young man. He will be missed. There are lots of happy memories of him. I will never forget that sweet smile. May God bless you all, comfort you, and give you the strength at this difficult time. If I can be of any help please let me know. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Keep your faith with God and he will carry you through.*

*Love and Prayers Peggy Tehee Price*

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**Peggy Tehee Price** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

DC

“ Jerry and Cheryl  
*I am so sorry to hear about Ryan. He was the sweetest guy. I loved him when he worked for us. He was always so sweet and polite any time I saw him. Words cannot express the pain I know you are feeling. I pray that the Lord will help you.*

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**Deana Carroll** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

RL

“ *The times that I had the opportunity to talk with Ryan, I was always impressed by how warm and friendly he was. I know his daughter loved him very much. He had a great loving heart.*

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**Richard & Donna Leger** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

DG

“ *Ryan was one of the finest young men I worked with in all my years of teaching.*

*God Be with all of you in your sorrow.*

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**Donna Garner** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

AC

“ *Tony and I were both so saddened to hear about Ryan. Tony was just telling me the other day how he had seen Ryan out and about somewhere in town. When we learned of his passing, Tony mentioned how he always remembered Ryan as a guy that "just seemed to have it all together, just a really stand-up guy". And he was. I remember Ryan always being quick with a witty quip or laugh. Just a very happy person. He spread that happiness wherever he went. We were blessed to be able to share some time with him. Now he is making people smile in Heaven. May God give you comfort and strength until you see him again.*

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**Amber Cockrell-Anderson** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

TT

“ *Mrs Snell we are very sorry to hear about your son. We are praying for you and the rest of the family. May GOd comfort you and your family durning this very diffcult time.*

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**Tina Teel** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

TH

“ *Jerry, Cheryl and family,  
We just want you to know that we are so sorry for your loss. If there is anything we can do please let us know we are all here for you. Words just can not express the hurt but knowing he is with our Lord and Savior helps.  
Please remember we are here and we love you all.*

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**Taby (Snell) Hamlin** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

EV

“ *Just know our thoughts and prayer are with you and your family always. Words can never express the sorrow and pain we share with you in this, your time of grief. You have a lot of support in your friends, but only one comforter, Jesus Christ our Lord and He will do just that, Lean on Him.*

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**Eva E. Vanwinkle** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

MM

“ Jerry and family,  
You have my deepest condolences. I'm so sorry for your loss. If there is anything I can do please don't hesitate to call me. We collected money here at the Jay Office including Food Distribution and sent flowers with a big vase to the funeral home. I know you wanted us to donate money but we talked about it and everyone said to go ahead and send the flowers. We also agreed that we would put money in the fund for Ryan's daughter later. Please know that you are in our prayers.  
Your friend and co-worker  
Margaret

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**Margaret Manchell** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

MR

“ My prayers for peace and condolences are with you all and especially, Jerry Snell, whom I have known and respected as a co-worker for many years. Facing the loss of a loved one is never easy but the loss so sudden of someone so young is a tragedy for all. I know your faith will carry you all through this and one day your memories of this special one will bring you comfort.

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**Margaret Peake Raymond** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

SE

“ Jerry,  
Please know that my family has your family in our prayers during this difficult time. God Bless each of you.  
Sandie and Danny Edgmon

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**Sandie Edgmon** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

JH

“ I CANNOT TELL YOU ALL HOW SAD I AM FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY,AND KNOW NO WORDS CAN HELP AT THIS TIME OF SORROW. BUT, KNOW I WILL BE THINKING AND PRAYING FOR YOU ALL.

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**JENNIE HITCHER-KINDLE** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

LH

“ Jerry & Family- I was so very sorry to hear of your loss. My heart goes out to you, your wife, Ryan's wife, your grand daughter, his brother, as well as all other family members and friends.

*I know words cannot take away your pain but know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Lou*

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**Lou Hankins** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

CT

“ Please accept my deepest condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Crystal L. Thomas** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

CM

“ I prayed for God to wrap His comforting arms around your family at this time of unbearable grief. May His devine power give you strength.

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**Charla Miller** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

TS

“ Jerry, you and your family are in my Prayers. Children are a gift for as many years as God allows us to share them.

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**T.J. Stand** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

SC

“ Jerry and Family,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family and if there is anything any of need or we can help with please let us know.*

*The Salina Food Center*

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**Salina Food Center** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

SF

“ Jerry and Family:

*May God bless and comfort you through this difficult time. Our prayers and love go with you.*

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**Sherrie Perry & Family** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

AS

“ Jerry and Cheryl,

*I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Your our in my thought's and prayers.*

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**Anna Sands-Balmain** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

SR

“ We are thinking of you and your family at this time.

*With Deepest Sympathy,  
Stephanie & Colin*

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**Stephanie Rice & Colin Roberts** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

S(

“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Ryan was always someone that could make you smile. He always had a friendly hello for everyone. I know there are no words to comfort you at this time but just know that there are alot of people praying for your family and you are in all of our thoughts. May God comfort and bless you.

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**Shannae Rippey (Riley)** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

PD

“ May God comfort you and your loved ones at this sad time.

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**Patricia Davis** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

MH

“ Jerry & Cheryl....I am sorry to hear about Ryan. He was a great guy and a great dad. May god comfort you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. mark

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**mark hendren** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

BH

“ Where do I begin? When you grow up with someone you have so many fond memories. Ryan was always full of laughter....from playing tag on the playground in elementary school, to laughing as we heckled the opposite team in basketball. I feel lucky to have had him as a classmate and a friend. There are so many qualities that Ryan had, they are far too numerous to recount. His compassion, kindness, and gentle being will be sadly missed by all of us. Please know that loving thoughts are with you; may the peace which comes from the cherished memories of love from Ryan comfort you

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**Bobbie Hignite** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

C(

“ Where to start..  
Cheryl, Jerry, and Family,  
You all are in my heart, thoughts, and prayers. I am so deeply saddened. Ryan was one of my close friends from elementary to senior high. He was always a ray of sunshine, from his smile to his personality. He will always be remembered, and I feel so blessed to say I have so many fun and happy memories of him. He was an amazing person. May God Bless you, and help you through this difficult time.  
Love, Casey

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**Casey Brown (Mimms)** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

CB

“ Cheryl, Jerry and family....was so sorry to hear the news of Ryan. My heart sanked when I heard. I feel so much for you. He was a good young man! So much to say and don't know where to begin. Just know there is alot of people out here keeping you all in prayers and we care....Let us be here for you if you need anyone...you know we will be there....May God Bless You!

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**Cindy Long Boling** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

TF

“ Mr. & Mrs. Snell, there are no right words to say at this time except that we are so sorry to hear of Ryan's passing. If there is anything that we can do, please do not hesitate to call us. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless Each Of You. We love ya'll very much!!!

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**The Edgett Family** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

A(

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Even though I hadnt had much contact with Ryan since Highschool I am sure he was a good man and dad. Please tell Allana Emily says she is thinking about her and you are all in our prayers.

*Sincerly,  
April and Emily Renfro and family*

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**April Renfro (Duncan)** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

LH

“ Jerry, Cheryl & family---we were so sorry to hear about Ryan. May your memories & God's love bring you comfort at this difficult time. No words can ease the pain now only time & God's love will help. Everyone is in our thoughts & prayers.

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**Larry & Lana Hurt** - September 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM