



## Raymond Douglas Courtright

October 9, 1973 - January 28, 2020

Raymond Douglas Courtright, age 46, passed away in Austin, TX on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Raymond was born on October 9, 1973 in Taylor, TX. He was the only son of Glen A. Courtright (originally from Webb City, MO) and Patricia Peterson Courtright of Austin, TX. Raymond graduated from L.C. Anderson High School in 1992. At the age of 24 Raymond was diagnosed with an enlarged heart and heart failure. This condition impacted his life with many formidable challenges that he faced with astonishing strength and courage for the next 22 years. In 2008, Raymond received a left ventricular assist device (L-VAD). Over the past 11 years he helped many others facing the same or similar heart condition through volunteering where he provided education, reassurance and humor to other patients, their families and friends.

Raymond is survived by his mother Patricia and his four sisters; Rebecca and husband Brent Botbyl of Oatmeal, TX, Sheila Courtright, Cynthia Courtright and Karen Courtright of Austin, TX and his beloved dogs Huck and Sawyer. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins across Texas, Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee and a legion of friends. Raymond was preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

Cremation services will be performed by Affordable Burial & Cremation

Services. Prior to cremation, an evening viewing and visitation will be held Friday, February 7, 2020 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Austin Peel & Son Funeral Home Inc. at 607 E. Anderson Ln in Austin, TX.

# Tribute Wall



“ Raymond Douglas Courtright

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Raymond Douglas Courtright

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ Raymond Douglas Courtright

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ Dear Sheila and Sisters,

*The news of Raymond's recent death hit my heart deeply. He never wanted to be a "hero" but only a good family man with a wife and children to look after (along with his beloved dogs!). God had other plans for his earthly life and he stepped up to the job (kicking and screaming at times). Reading all the tributes to him from other heart patients and their loved ones made me realize that he made a very large family for himself and he took care of others in the most humble of manners. I am a better person for knowing Raymond Courtright. Mary Jan Treadwell (mjt3458@gmail.com)*

Mary Jan Treadwell - February 09, 2020 at 03:33 PM

DM

“ I participated in Ray's heart failure management early on when diagnosed and looked upon him as a patient and a friend. His head was hard, but I always admired his fortitude and resilience. He never forgave me after I beat him in an arm wrestling contest. After recovering from his VAD placement, Ray served as a wonderful ambassador for the Heart Failure/ VAD program. He logged many hours meeting with fellow patients, many of whom were facing similar challenges as he had faced in the past, and did immeasurable work for the program. He was a champion of our program and respected by all. I am honored to have worked closely with him as a medical provider and he will be greatly missed. My prayers go out to his loving family.

*David L. Morris , MD*

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David L. Morris, MD - February 09, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Raymond Douglas Courtright .



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February 07, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Raymond Douglas Courtright .



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February 07, 2020 at 10:47 AM

EA

“ Erin A. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond Douglas Courtright .



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Erin A. - February 06, 2020 at 11:58 PM

MM

“ As others have said, Ray was one of those that came by our hospital room to help us with the impending decision to accept the LVAD surgery. He was so helpful with explaining the process, the issues involved wearing a LVAD and addressing any questions I had back in May-June 2017. He was instrumental in calming the those waters for me back then.



Every time I ran into him, either at the Heart Clinic, or at the Christmas celebration luncheons, he was friendly, funny and smiling. I am proud to have met him. May his family know he made a difference in many lives. Prayers and blessings to the family. He will be missed.

Mike Mitchell  
Heart Transplant #424

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MICHAEL A MITCHELL - February 06, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Douglas Courtright .



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February 05, 2020 at 07:01 PM

SA

“ Ray was such a sweet guy with a great sense of humor ! He helped us so much in my journey with the L-Vad ! Bless him always !! Much love and prayers for you all ❤️🙏Keep Believing

stacey Ashabranner - February 05, 2020 at 11:27 AM

RH

“ Ray and Shirley Hooker purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Raymond Douglas Courtright .



Ray and Shirley Hooker - February 05, 2020 at 08:18 AM

RH

“ Ray came to visit my wife and me in the hospital to talk about my impending LVAD surgery at a time when I was confused, overwhelmed, and somewhat in despair. He happily showed me his equipment and talked about everyday living with an LVAD. He eased my fears. His encouragement and humor will stay with me for my time on earth. Thank you, Ray!!



Ray Hooker - February 05, 2020 at 08:12 AM

SR

“ Ray was such a generous man. He was always willing to share his time and experiences with patients who needed support. He will be missed. 🙏

Shay Rogillio - February 04, 2020 at 10:19 PM

DS

“ Rest In Peace Ray!! Your Positive Impact and Support with L-VAD patients will Truly be missed. We are forever Greatful to You! We know you will continue to Smile down on us all L-VAD patients and supporters.

May GOD Bless your family during this time of sadness and Give them Courage and Peace.

Blessings and Many Prayers to The OHANA💕💕

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**Dionne Sands** - February 04, 2020 at 03:51 PM

SH

“ When I got my LVAD pump in 2014 I did not know what I would be physically able to do afterward. Ray gave me great hope when he said that he had is LVAD for years and had overhauled his brakes and washing machine.

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**steve van horn** - February 04, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Raymond



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**Shay Rogillio** - February 04, 2020 at 02:26 PM

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**Shay M Rogillio** - February 04, 2020 at 02:23 PM

ML

“ I am heartbroken. Ray was always very kind and he could make you laugh. When my Son got his LVAD he would come and talk with us and encourage us. I am going to miss this God sent young man.  
RIP  
Mary Lacey the mother of N Sands.

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**Mary Lacey** - February 04, 2020 at 02:14 PM

SR

“ Ray was an amazing mentor, educator and friend. He was always willing to help educate a scared and overwhelmed patient who was considering an LVAD. He was gracious and provided hope to those whose hope was dwindling and support to the staff who loved and cared for him. He will be missed greatly! ~ Shay Rogillio

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**Shay M Rogillio** - February 04, 2020 at 02:13 PM