



Eric M. Strojnowski

November 27, 2001 - February 17, 2025

Eric M. Strojnowski, age 23 of Mentor, passed away Monday, February 17, 2025 at home. He was born on November 27, 2001 in St. Louis, MO.

Eric was a Firefighter / EMT for the Fairport Harbor and Grand River Fire Departments. Eric had just graduated from Paramedic School and was awaiting his test results.

Eric was a graduate of Mentor High School Class of 2020. He attended Lakeland Community College and Auburn Career Center. He loved being outside amongst nature. He enjoyed camping and laughing with friends around a bonfire. Eric was passionate about his work, always wanting to serve others wherever he was. He found satisfaction in working with his hands, by building model kits, LEGO sets and woodworking. He loved anything Star Wars. He spent hours on end playing video games and talking with his friends online. He loved practical jokes along with offbeat humor, which inevitably cheered up everyone around him. In addition to people, Eric had a special way with animals; specifically his cats and late cat, Shadow, whom he loved dearly. He particularly appreciated the serenity of sunsets at the lake.

Survivors include his parents: Michael and Allison (Chorley) Strojnowski, siblings: Zachary and Anna Strojnowski; maternal grandparents: James W. and Elaine A. Chorley; aunts and uncles: Karen (Bill) Dills, Jill (Lou) Gebhard,

Laura (Andrew) Martinez-Fonts and Jacqueline "AJ" (David) Dillon; numerous cousins and feline friends: Milo & Marshie.

Preceding Eric in death are his paternal grandparents; Michael and Geraldine Strojnowski.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2025 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral service with firefighter honors will be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 24, 2025 at the funeral home.

Private family interment will be in Mentor Cemetery, Mentor, OH.

While flowers always brighten and are welcome, the family also suggests consideration of a donation in Eric's name to Fairport Harbor Firefighters Association, 220 Third St. Fairport Harbor, OH 44077.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 974-5733

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 24. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GW

“ *The first time we met at our house for Sunday house church...made a new friend, my little brother!*

George Williams - February 26, 2025 at 11:24 PM

RH

“ *Raydon H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric M. Strojnowski.*

Raydon H. - February 26, 2025 at 11:52 AM

KP

“ *I met Eric in physics class senior year of high school. As a senior, trying to make new friends was the last thing on my mind, but our friendship just happened so naturally. We got partnered in class for an assignment on reflexes and I made fun of him as the ruler hit the ground on his first attempt. One time I came into class feeling down and being quiet which was not like me at all. I thought my cat had ran away. It was that day I found out how sweet and caring of a person Eric truly is. I can't remember exactly what he said, but that's not important. What's important is how he made me feel. He made me feel like my feelings were valid, and that he cared, and he believed that things would work out for me. Now I am sad again mourning the loss of him, but I will try to remember how he made me feel so that I know it's okay to be sad, but that things will get better.*



Katrina Prunty - February 25, 2025 at 02:40 PM

NF

“ Nicole Merlo & Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Eric M. Strojnowski.



Nicole Merlo & Family - February 24, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eric M. Strojnowski.

February 24, 2025 at 11:21 AM

GT

“ I had the honor to know and work with Eric and assist him as his preceptor in the ER during his clinicals during his paramedic training, Eric will be deeply missed by All who knew him, My condolences to Eric's family and friends. May Eric rest in peace. Your friend Gregory!

Gregory Tesny - February 23, 2025 at 07:46 PM

EJ

“ I am blessed to have Eric as a friend and co-worker at Grand River FD. He had a quiet , introverted personality but once I got to know him, his sense of humor came out. The constant kidding and interaction between him and Scott was always fun to be a part of. On the serious side, he was dedicated to the fire service and was a pleasure to train and to work with. Eric had a special way with animals. He especially enjoyed the times that I brought my German Shepard to the station when he was on duty. He would always enjoy throwing the tennis ball around the station with her. Edward Jividen, Captain GRFD

edward jividen - February 23, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Eric M. Strojnowski.



February 22, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Eric M. Strojnowski.



February 22, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eric M. Strojnowski.

February 22, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ *Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet* was purchased for the family of Eric M. Strojnowski.



February 22, 2025 at 01:34 PM

WS

“ Wayne & Judy Strojnowski purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eric M. Strojnowski.



Wayne & Judy Strojnowski - February 22, 2025 at 08:54 AM

WS

“ Wayne & Judy Strojnowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric M. Strojnowski.

Wayne & Judy Strojnowski - February 22, 2025 at 08:54 AM

NP

“ Eric was always eager to learn. I remember sitting in front of the Grand River ambulance in front of the fire station with Eric. Yes a rare sunny day in northeast Ohio. Eric was learning how to replace extension cord plugs. Stripping wires, making electrical connections. It was so encouraging to see his eagerness to learn.

Nathan Peters - February 21, 2025 at 10:19 PM

KP

“ Eric was one of the kindest, most hard working, and loving individuals my husband Nathan and I had the pleasure of knowing. Our dog, Wesson, adored Eric, and Eric adored Wesson. They loved walking and playing together at the Grand River Fire Station, and Wesson always enjoyed extra treats and snuggles from his special friend, Eric. Nathan and I will miss Eric very much and are praying for his loved ones. Wesson is going to miss his special friend very much.

Kristin Peters - February 21, 2025 at 09:21 PM

ME

We remember the whole Strojnowski family. We are so saddened to hear about Eric. We knew Eric when he was around age 10. A quiet child with a deep sensitivity for animals and others. I'm heart- broken for your family.

Mollie Estrada - February 21, 2025 at 09:33 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Eric M. Strojnowski.*



February 21, 2025 at 08:04 PM

BA

“ *Dear Michael and family, so very sorry to hear of your loss. I am sure your son's memories will be held near and dear to you all. Sending condolences, Bernadette Armbruster*

Bernadette Armbruster - February 21, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Eric M. Strojnowski.*



February 21, 2025 at 02:40 PM

TC

“ *The Greater Cleveland Church of Christ purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eric M. Strojnowski.*



The Greater Cleveland Church of Christ - February 21, 2025
at 02:00 PM

TC

“ *The Greater Cleveland Church of Christ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric M. Strojnowski.*

The Greater Cleveland Church of Christ - February 21, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eric M. Strojnowski.*



February 21, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Eric M. Strojnowski.*



February 21, 2025 at 09:48 AM

KV

“ Firefighters have a special place in my heart. My son is a Firefighter at Grand Prairie, Texas. We are keeping Eric’s family and friends in our hearts and prayers. Love Bobby and Karen Valdez



Karen Valdez - February 21, 2025 at 04:28 AM

NP

“ 5 files added to the album Grand River Fire



Nathan Peters - February 21, 2025 at 12:31 AM

NP

“ 2 files added to the album 2024 Christmas Party at Grand River



Nathan Peters - February 21, 2025 at 12:29 AM

NP

Mrs. Claus had to have help from a young man in Elementary School with the lyrics for feliz navidad. Eric and I got to listen to the young man's rendition.

Nathan Peters - February 21, 2025 at 12:37 AM

NP

“ 5 files added to the album *Grand River and Fairport Fire*



Nathan Peters - February 21, 2025 at 12:28 AM

NP

“ 15 files added to the album *Training at Grand River Fire*



Nathan Peters - February 21, 2025 at 12:22 AM

NP

Eric got a lot of hands on training with Chief Ed Jividen (then Lt.) We appreciated getting to know and work with Eric at the Grand River Fire Department.

Nathan Peters - February 21, 2025 at 12:41 AM

TC

We were absolutely heart broken to hear about Eric. Our prayers are going out to the family at this grievous time. We'd only met Eric once during the family group meeting at your house. He was young, handsome, and very polite. I can't even imagine what you're going through.

Phillip and Tracey Coad Greater Cleveland Church of Christ

Tracey & Phillip Coad - February 22, 2025 at 12:06 PM