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**RYAN BARTEL(1997 - 2014)****In Honor Of  
RYAN BARTEL**

Ryan Cameron Bartel, age 17 of Waterford, VA and a senior at Woodgrove High School in Purcellville, was born on January 16, 1997 in London, England and passed away on Wednesday, October 15, 2014.

Ryan was an exceptionally unique, gifted, smart, sensitive young man who loved nature for its purity and honesty. From an early age he excelled in history and military science and came to understand that civilizations' search for peace is fraught with conflict due to society's shortcomings and man's pursuit of the wrong ideals.

Ryan could not accept compromise in order "to perform and operate in this society". This realization finally took his life.

The Bartel family invites you to remember Ryan at their home on Sunday, October 19, from 3 to 5 p.m. at 40815 Hannah Dr., in Waterford. Ryan's Memorial Gathering will be outdoors and is all about self-expression. Friends are encouraged to write a farewell note, share a photo or fond memory of Ryan and bring it along to the gathering where we will post them on boards.

The flood of support from friends, family, neighbors, school and the general community has been overwhelming, gratifying and comforting.

Ryan, you will be part of our family and in our hearts and souls forever. We love you.

**Mom, Dad and Jordan**

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Ryan's name to the US Autism and Asperger Association:

[http://www.usautism.org/  
donation\\_honor\\_memory\\_form.htm](http://www.usautism.org/donation_honor_memory_form.htm)

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