



Russell "Cooter" Lugar

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Russell Albert Lugar, "Cooter", 29, died unexpectedly at home in Avon on Friday, April 22, 2011.

Russell was born in Elyria on August 12, 1981 and lived with his family in Avon. He was a proud graduate of Avon High School, class of 1999.

Russell was an avid sports fan who enjoyed baseball, football and wrestling. He also loved hunting, fishing and camping, anything outdoors. However, what Russell will be remembered most for is his love for his family and friends, and his amazing smile.

He is survived by his parents, Russell J. and Mary (nee Hollingshead) Lugar; sister Brooke; niece Aviana Rose Marie; and grandmothers, Donna Lugar and Nancy Hollingshead; uncles, Chet, Tim, Buck and Bill Hollingshead.

He is preceded in death by his grandfathers, Russell Lugar and Albert Hollingshead.

Friends will be received at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville on Wednesday from 6 – 9 PM. A Funeral Service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 11 AM. Reverend Chuck Behrens will officiate. Interment at Resthaven Memory Gardens.

Memorial donations to the Russell Albert Lugar Fund, at any Fifth Third Bank location.



Events


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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, April 27, 2011

 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

 **Bogner Family Funeral Home**
36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville OH
44039



Interment

 **Thursday**, April 28, 2011

 **Resthaven Memory Gardens**
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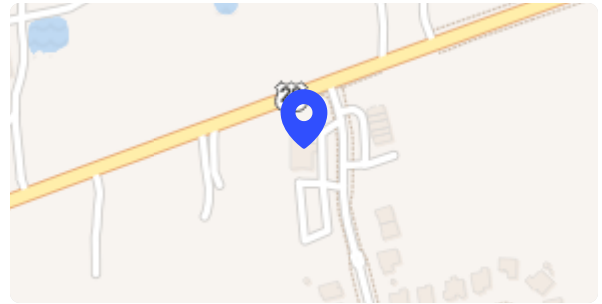
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Funeral Service

 **Thursday**, April 28, 2011

 11:00 AM ET

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Tribute Wall

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FW

Friend - Westlake, Oh posted:

Russ was my favorite bagger when I worked at Rini Rego's in Westlake. He was very funny. One of my favorite memories of him was when a lady came through my line with a HUGE bag of peanuts. Russ held them up and, with a completely straight face, said to the lady, "Do you have an elephant at home, ma'am?" "I'm so sorry to the family for your loss. I just thought you might appreciate the memory.

May 18 at 8:00 PM

AM

Amah - Oh posted:

"R.I.P."

April 21 at 8:00 PM

BF

Brad Macarthur - Elyria, Oh - Friend posted:

It's February 9th 2013, and I just found out you passed. I am deeply saddened. I really dont know what else to say. My heart is heavier now. My condolences go out to your family. This is just not fair. Russ, I am grateful I had the chance to know you.

February 8 at 8:00 PM

AF

Amah - Avon, Oh - Friend posted:

Well ya "little sh*t" it's been a year and your still in my thoughts, and missed very much by many. " RIP "

April 22 at 8:00 PM

AN

O posted:

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April 21 at 8:00 PM

HF

Heather Stonebraker - Kansas City, Mo - Friend posted:

Please help Nick find his way around heaven. I miss you so much.

April 14 at 8:00 PM



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FR

Friend posted:

I miss you so much, it hurts.

April 8 at 8:00 PM

FR

Friend posted:

i heard a song today that reminded me of you, brought tears to my eyes. miss you!

October 24 at 8:00 PM

OC

O - Columbus, Oh posted:

Happy Birthday. I miss you.

August 12 at 8:00 PM

TF

The Coug - Avon, Oh - Friend posted:

Russ, I had a hard time today without you. I think about you every day, but for some reason, today was really bad. I will love you forever. You changed my outlook on things when nobody else could. I wish you were here to see the difference. Whenever I drive past your parents' house I always put out my hand to your Mom and send her my strength. I have no idea how she faces life without you. My prayers are with your family every day. Thank you for everything you did for me.

July 20 at 8:00 PM

MF

Michael Lanser - North Ridgeville, Oh - Friend posted:

Prayers from the Lanser family are with the you. Rus was a childhood friend of mine. I had not seen him in many years but it doesnt soften the heartbreak when you see something like this. We had some great times on the football field together. Although we were on rival teams we always found eachother after the game to hang out. I remember being at the corn festival with Rus when we were kids and after we consumed as much junk food as possible, we decided to go on a spinny ride and I got so sick and was so embarrassed, but somehow Rus was able to make me laugh. Rest in peace Rus. You will be missed.

May 29 at 8:00 PM



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JL

Jackie (Mcelwain) Metelsky - Elyria, Oh - Old Friend Of Mary Lous posted:

Dear Marylou, I am so sorry. I have not seen you in 28 yrs but I have thought of you and prayed for you everyday for weeks. My heart breaks for you. I just pray you will somehow, some way find some peace. I will continue to pray for you and the rest of your family. Love, Jackie McElwain Mayo Metelsky

May 17 at 8:00 PM

MM

Mommie Lugar - Mommie posted:

you will always be the most special love ill ever had i love u u were my special love forever you will always be the most beautiful boy mom could ask for and i know you would not let no one else have your heart but olivia so you settled for mine and i know u thought i was a queen mommie will never get better now this will eat me up alive and how i worried for you why did u leave me coot i will always love u my special love my hero

May 2 at 8:00 PM

MF

Michael Bodnar Jr. - Avon Lake, Oh - Friend posted:

Every time my Mom starts crying I tell her that I will bring my "THIS IS WHAT AWESOME LOOKS LIKE" shirt when I die and will give it to Russ in heaven. "Every thing great must end soon", I think that this is not the right thing to say because he was more than awesome. You will be missed. Michael Bodnar Son of Mike Bodnar Russ's best friend

April 28 at 8:00 PM

GF

Gary & Greta Masline - Avon, Oh - Friend posted:

We will miss Russ very much, and our hearts go out to the family. He was the only kid we knew that would stop by the house just to visit even though our son Chris his friend wasn't home. He would come camping at the "Shack" with us and we had some great times! One time I out fished him with his own fishing pole and he got mad, so we had a few beers and laughed about it. Lots of GREAT memories. I know we will think about him often we go to the "Shack". Russ and Greta have the same birthday, and Russ would call her every year no matter what was going on. He never missed a year! Russ will be greatly missed not only by us, but by all who knew him. Gary & Greta Masline

April 27 at 8:00 PM



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SF

Sarah Peshek - Cleveland/Avon, Oh - Friend posted:

I can't believe your gone. Although I haven't talked to you in years you will be missed. WE went to school together since like 5th grade and had a lot of classes together and when I wasn't having a good day you always had something funny to say to get me laughing. I am very thankful for that. You will always be in my heart, thoughts and prayers. My condolences are with your family and all of our friends! Sarah Peshek

April 27 at 8:00 PM

MP

Mary Wilson Blaylock - Classmate Of Parents posted:

Russ and Mary Lou, Sorry to hear about your loss. May you find comfort and peace in this time of tragedy. God Bless !

April 27 at 8:00 PM

BF

Bernadette Gallagher - Avon, Oh - Friend posted:

Russell, you will be missed more than you could imagine. You were like a brother to me, I am so sad to have lost you. I remember I used to have to warn guys I brought home that they might get threatened by Tom, or you Russ. Thanks for looking out for me. I love you and miss you.

April 27 at 8:00 PM

SP

Shari Bender (Akin) - Elyria, Oh - Friend From The Past posted:

Though we never met , my heart aches for your mom and dad,Russ and Mary Lou.We attended birthing classes together and I went to school with Mary Lou and Tim.My son is 4 days younger than you and the pain your family is experiencing must be truly unbearable. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends.

April 26 at 8:00 PM

RP

Renee Pais Hodge - St Maarten, Netherlands Antilles (Caribbean) - Classmate Of Parents posted:

To Mary Lou , Russ , Chet and family.. My Condolences and prayers to you all to have suffered such a tragic loss. May God give you strength - my heart breaks for your loss.Renee' Pais Hodge (classmate of 77)

April 26 at 8:00 PM



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MP

Margie (Reed) Ware - Ravenswood, Wv - High School Friend Of Parents posted:

Russ, Mary Lou and family; I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you today, which I am sure must be one of the hardest days of your lives.

April 26 at 8:00 PM

AF

Alana - Friend posted:

Russ I will miss you so much, I know we haven't hung out much lately but whenever we got together it was like we'd never spent time apart. I'm so thankful for the time we had and you will always be in my heart, Love you brother. Mary Lou, big Russ, Brooke and Ava.... He will be missed by so many people, words can't express the hurt we all feel, we're here for you. Love you guys.

April 26 at 8:00 PM

KF

Krystal Gumble - Lorain, Oh - Friend posted:

Russell the Wonder Muscle....I can't believe your're gone! I will always remember all the fun times we all had together back in the day! Your smile and laugh will never be forgotten! I will always remember you visiting me on Friday's at the bank to cash your check. You always waited in line for me telling all the Teller's who called you up "Nope, I'm waiting for my favorite banker" Then we'd spend way to much time catching up and you'd show me all the updated pictures of your beautiful neice, who you were so proud of....while all the customer's in line behind you got ticked off(Lol) I Love you and will miss you Russ! May you Rest in Peace!

April 25 at 8:00 PM

CF

Chris Masline - Friend posted:

Good friends, good times, and great memories with lots of laughs. Although we had not talked in awhile he will be missed and always remembered. Deepest sympathy to his family, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

April 25 at 8:00 PM



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Annamaria Holt - Friend posted:

I was privileged to have called Russ The Son I Never Had and a friend. Like so many others that were drawn to Russ by his charm, courage, humor and warmth which he will long be remembered for-I am deeply grieved and bewildered by the tragic news of his unexpected death. The world has lost someone very special who will not be forgotten. We who knew and loved Russ only have a small idea of how great your loss truly is. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.Sincerely,AnnaMaria

April 25 at 8:00 PM

SP

Sharon Capasso - Old Friend Of The Parents posted:

My deepest condolences go out to all families, and friends.Russ and Mary Lou it's been probably over 25 years since I've seen you guys. You have my prayers with you.Sharon Capasso

April 25 at 8:00 PM

KW

Kelly Poore - Friend Co-Worker posted:

Praying for peace and strength, now and in the days ahead. My deepest sympathy!!!

April 25 at 8:00 PM

MF

Monique - Avon, Oh - Family Friend posted:

I don't know what to say but I cant believe your gone..! We had some great times together and ill always have those memories. Although we haven't talked in a long time you'll always have a special place in my heart. May you rest in peace Russ!!

April 25 at 8:00 PM

KT

Katrina Burke-Tomak posted:

the gallaghers are my cousins and i use to spend the night over their all the time when i was a kid and russell was always over playing with us.I know he is very close with them and he was just at the St. patrick day parade with Tom. he will be missed, so sad.

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SS

Shelley Dennison - Columbia Station, Oh posted:

My Thoughts, Love, & Prayers go out to family and friends..May God help you all through this time of sorrow...

April 25 at 8:00 PM

BF

Barbara Malysa (Walls) - Friend posted:

My boy's, Rocky and Bucky grew up with Russ in Avon that's how we meet,He had a smile that could lite up a room! He will be deeply missed by all that knew and loved him.My heart and prayers goes out to his Mom,Dad,sister, neice and Tommy

April 25 at 8:00 PM

CF

Cassiernarie Callahan (Gibson) - Cleveland/Avon, Oh - Friend posted:

russ was a great kid. i met him when i first moved to avon to stay with my parents back in 97' he was 2 years younger than me and full of spunk and laughter:) we had many memories that summer...most prodominant one i have is when we were at a party and avon pd came cuz someone thru a m-80 or 100(idk) but i was like i was 18 and not running he was news flash im 16 and we all are:0 ...and then socked me like a line backer over his shoulder and ran for cover...lol..and almost dumped me face first in a manuer ditch by the barn...lol...over at belinda's. and of course a few with tom gallagher(butter)...we held contact for a few years...then lost contact. he truely made me comfortable being a new comer to the area. this news i obtained from my little brother jonathon....and i find it completely heartbreaking and shocking. my sympathy goes out to his family and all his loved ones. he was a very "touch your life" kind of guy. he will be very missed. this is just a complete shame that god wanted him to come home before he really had a chance to fully live the life expected by all. my deepest sympathy to his parents and all his loved ones. :(cassiernarie callahan-gibson

April 24 at 8:00 PM

EF

Erin Walsh - Friend posted:

Russell was a great guy with an amazing sense of humor his laugh was infectious and it will be missed.. My thoughts and prayers go out to family and friends..

April 24 at 8:00 PM



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AF

Amy (Shoup) Faup - Friend posted:

Remembering good times with an old friend. So sorry to hear of this tragedy. May you find God's peace during this time. With Sympathy,Amy (Shoup) Faup

April 24 at 8:00 PM

NF

Nichole Vasu - Avon, Oh - Friend posted:

Russ was a great person who really loved and enjoyed life. His constant smile and laugh will never be forgotten. Deepest sympathy to his family, friends and all who knew him. He will be missed by everyone who had the honor of knowing him.

April 24 at 8:00 PM

MF

Matthew Colbert - Friend posted:

Deepest Sympathy on your loss. Russ was a great guy with a very big heart.

April 24 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Russell by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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