



## Colby Hillegas

August 30, 1988 - March 1, 2020

Colby Hillegas, age 31, of Anderson, passed away March 1, 2020. He was born in Warren, Michigan.

Colby was a graduate of Lincoln College of Technology. He graduated with honors with a degree in Diesel Mechanics. He was passionate about his work at Carter Express and was extremely skilled in his trade.

For those who knew Colby well, knew him as a mischievous little boy with freckled cheeks that would melt your heart. He was a caring and generous person that would do anything for you. He never met a stranger. Colby loved his family and friends. He loved all animals. He enjoyed going to hockey games, bowling, racing, trying new food, and being with those he loved. Colby was fearless, spontaneous, goofy, witty, but most importantly, he had an amazing heart.

Those who knew him well also saw a young man struggle with addiction for many years. Addiction took control of his life. He fought it for years. He tried to overcome his battle with addiction but it was too powerful.

He wanted to be his best self for the world. He recently set out to start a new life path with a clear mind and an optimistic spirit. Although this is not the path he planned for he is now free from the mental torment and addiction he battled for years.

Colby was survived by his parents, Charlie & Audrey Hillegas; sister, Ashley Hillegas; special friends Nicholai Vincent & Perry Grove; many aunts, uncles, and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother, Chris; grandparents, Jeanette Hamm, Palmer Hillegas, and Rose and Carl Harrison.

Pallbearers will be Perry Grove, Nicholai Vincent, Jon Clark, Ellis Ritchie, Matt Bilbrey, Quentin Davis, & Brian Taylor.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Colby's name be made to Bridges of Hope Treatment Center to help others who are struggling with addiction.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 6, 2020, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 West 53rd St. Anderson, IN.

Services will be Saturday, March 7, 2020, 11:00 am at Loose Funeral Home with Gary McCaslin officiating.

[www.loosecares.com](http://www.loosecares.com).

# Cemetery

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## Memorial Park Cemetery

6805 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Anderson, IN, 46013

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

**6**

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Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory  
200 W 53rd St, Anderson, IN, US, 46013

**MAR** **Service** 11:00AM

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Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory  
200 W 53rd St, Anderson, IN, US, 46013

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



Loose Funeral Home - March 04 at 04:54 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Colby Hillegas.



March 07 at 08:47 AM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colby Hillegas.



March 06 at 09:19 AM

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“ To Mr & Mrs. Hillegas and family. You do not know me but I read your son Colby's obituary and you have described my two nephews. They too lost their lives to addiction. One by choice. I have seen and lived the devastation. Your courage to write about your sons struggle is so powerful. May God hold you in his arms to give you strength through this time of sorrow. May you find comfort that your son is at peace. I will be making a \$100 donation for Colby in memory of my nephews Josh & Jordan Lynch to the Bridges of Hope.

God Bless  
Patty Hersberger

Patty Hersberger - March 05 at 02:51 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Colby Hillegas.



March 05 at 12:22 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Colby Hillegas.



March 05 at 11:58 AM

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“ Audrey, Charlie, and Ashley you have my most deepest sympathy. Such a wonderful and thoughtful obituary, and describe the little boy I knew to grow up to be the man you described.

**Jacqueline Jenkins Phillips** - March 05 at 11:58 AM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Colby Hillegas.



March 05 at 11:48 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Colby Hillegas.



March 04 at 08:00 PM

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“ Charlie, Audrey, Ashley you will all be in my thoughts and prayers. I have had so many great memories with all of you. Your family was a big part of my childhood. Colby will deeply be missed by all who knew and loved him. Love always Zach Holcomb

Zach Holcomb - March 04 at 07:57 PM

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“ 109 files added to the album LifeTributes



Loose Funeral Home - March 04 at 04:43 PM

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“ Colby was the little cowboy, dressed in his cowboy boots cowboy hat,, holster and toy gun and nothing else. He was a one of a kind little boy, I know he always kept you guys hopping, but such a kind, caring soul, even as a child. I missed out on his growing up years, since we moved, but I know that caring, little boy grew into a kind, caring young man, Audrey, Charlie, Ashley, I am soooooo sorry. My prayers are with you all.

Ruth Miller - March 04 at 11:39 AM

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“ My family and I have been your neighbors for most my life. I never really got to know Colby very well, but I sure will miss hearing him say "Hey Neighbor!!" every time I see him. Colby also brought me dinner one night and told me how to make a Mississippi Mud Roast. My family and I make it all the time now, and every time I make it, it will remind me of Colby. My deepest condolences to your family and if you

need anything, my family and I are always right next door!! - Melissa Leonard and Family

**Melissa Leonard** - March 04 at 10:23 AM

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“ Man has the time flown, it seems like just yesterday that we all were running the neighborhood and the little woods and pond being boys. What I would do to go back to those moments at times, Colby was great and there were rare moments that I had the pleasure of hanging with only Colby. Though it seemed like they were always a package deal, one of my fondest memories were 4th July and camping in my back yard making a fire. We all sat around the fire and told stories, Colby and I lost touch as we became adults. But as these years passed I often wondered how he was doing and what he was up to. Audrey and family, my heart is with you guys, Alisha and I can not make it to IN for the funeral. But are sending our thoughts and prayers.. I love you guys  
Greg Gerlach II and Alisha Madewell

**Greg J Gerlach II** - March 04 at 10:10 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colby Hillegas.



March 04 at 09:54 AM

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“ Ashley, Audrey and Charlie,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. There are nothing words can say to make this any better! Please know that I'm praying for you guys and God heals all! So many great memories when we were young! All of my Love, Courtney Jeffries

**Courtney** - March 03 at 11:05 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Colby Hillegas.



March 03 at 06:04 PM

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“ Ashley, Perry & Family,  
We want to share our deepest sympathy and let you know that you are in our prayers.  
Love,  
Jeanna, Scott, Cam and Michael Ivey

Jeanna Ivey - March 03 at 03:30 PM

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“ Charlie, Audrey and Ashley Patty and I are so sorry for your loss. I remember that little freckle-faced boy at the Ballpark. Always smiling, always running, and always having a good time. He made me smile. So sorry Greg and Patty Norris

Greg Norris - March 03 at 01:30 PM

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“ I am so sorry ..



Amanda Taylor - March 03 at 12:48 PM

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“ Charlie and Audrey, Still thinking about Colby and his intergetic smile every time I saw him. He would give me a hug every time we visited and ask how I was doing. He was a caring young man. One day we will see him in heaven. Praying God gives you peace and comfort during your loss. Love Linda.

Linda Ralston - March 03 at 11:50 AM

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“ Chuck, Audrey, & Ashley,  
My heart aches for your family. I wish I knew what to say to ease the pain for all of you.  
I have learned to know your family through Chuck and Colby. I am floored by the strength your family has. It is unimaginable to think of the hardship and pain you all have endured.  
Please find comfort in knowing the amount of love your family shares. Again, I cannot imagine your pain, and my heart simply aches for your family.

Jason Castor - March 03 at 09:52 AM

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“ Audrey I'm so sorry! I wish I was in town to give you a big hug! God I'll never understand why we had to lose our babies! Both of your boys always treated Shelby and our whole family with the utmost respect! I hope they are all 3 now happy and free with God! You raised amazing boys, they just got "caught up" like so many other good kids! My heart aches, just broken! God bless you all! Melissa

Melissa Fitzgerald - March 02 at 11:45 PM

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“ Audrey, I am so sorry to hear of your family losing Colby. I am praying for you, Charlie and Ashley. God be with you.

Jackie Frasher - March 02 at 09:31 PM

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“ Charlie , Audrey and Ashley ....  
Our hearts are absolutely broken for all of you . I pray you find comfort that your boys are forever together in heaven now .... and that you will definitely see them again one day . There's just no words to take away your pain , but I hope you know you are prayed for and in our hearts

Love , Jimmy and Karen Gabriel

Karen Gabriel - March 02 at 09:19 PM

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“ Colby sounds like an amazing person. I'm sorry I never got to meet him. RIP. My prayers and love to his family and friends.



**Helen Starkey** - March 02 at 08:27 PM