



## Grant Mason Rhue

April 17, 1992 - October 22, 2022

Grant Mason Rhue, a relentless fighter and friend to all, passed away peacefully on October 22nd after a 15 month battle with pancreatic cancer.

Grant was born on April 17th, 1992 to mother Judith and was raised in Athens, Ohio alongside siblings Martha, Alex and Steven. From as early as he could remember, Grant had a dream of becoming a pilot. He went on to attend Ohio University's Russ College of Engineering, excelling in national level flight competitions and becoming a Certified Flight Instructor. After graduating college, Grant flew medical evacuations and corporate aircraft before finding his commercial airline home at Republic Airways as an honorable Captain. Grant's impressive career landed him in Columbus, Ohio where he met his soulmate and wife, Ellie.

Grant lived to help others, loved to share his extensive knowledge of aviation, and took pride in being best dressed. He enjoyed time with family, especially his nephews, and was always up for trying anything once. He lived a life he was immensely proud of even when battling aggressive cancer. Grant will live on through his large aviation family, fitness community, many friends and loving family who hold onto his personal mantra adopted during his cancer battle: "I'm not going anywhere."

Grant is survived by his wife Ellie, mother Judith Rhue, siblings Martha (Chris)

Ergood, Alex Rhue and Steven Rhue, parents-in-law Greg and Nancy Anderson, sisters-in-law Lauren (Steve) Matheny, Kara (Andrew) Cobb, grandmother Shirley Stafford, nephews Steven, Nicholas, Jack, Luke, Samuel, niece Adelaide, and his beloved dog Millie, in addition to too many extended family members and friends to list. Grant was loved by all and made an unforgettable impact on everyone he met.

Grant's loved ones would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the associates at Columbus Oncology & Hematology for fighting for and alongside Grant, with special gratitude to Dr. Erin Macrae, Brittany Sweigart, Bridget Smetkano, Julie Gamble, and Yolanda Choate.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 5th at 2pm at Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell in Powell, Ohio. (450 W Olentangy St, Powell 43065)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
(614) 792-1471  
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<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Grant Mason Rhue*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - November 02, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ *Grant Mason Rhue*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



November 04, 2022 at 11:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



November 04, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



November 04, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



November 04, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



November 03, 2022 at 11:51 PM



“ *Patrick, Kayla, Grady, and Rogan Collins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



**Patrick, Kayla, Grady, and Rogan Collins** - November 03, 2022 at 11:28 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



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November 03, 2022 at 08:38 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



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November 03, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



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November 03, 2022 at 07:05 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



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November 02, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.



November 02, 2022 at 05:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.



November 02, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.



November 02, 2022 at 09:14 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.



November 02, 2022 at 08:30 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



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November 01, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



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November 01, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



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November 01, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



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November 01, 2022 at 10:51 AM

JB

“ Grant was like a second son to us whenever he would visit along with our son Ben. He gave the very best hugs and added a ray of sunshine to our day. He loved our sweet dog Cubby( a corgi) and would give him lots of love and TLC whenever he saw him.

We were blessed to have him in our lives and enjoyed the times we spent with him.

We send our very deepest condolences to his wife Ellie and her family and Grant's mom and siblings. May you find comfort in knowing how many lives he touched and what a wonderful person he was.

Sending you all love.

Joanne & Chris Brierly



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Joanne Brierly - October 30, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.



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October 30, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.



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October 29, 2022 at 02:14 PM

YC

“ Grant was one of my favor loved patient. I looked forward to seeing him and Ellie. Grant was such a sweet, soft spoken young man. We will missed him dearly, but we all carry memories of Grant in our hearts. Thank You family for allowing me to take care of Grant.



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**Yolanda Choate** - October 28, 2022 at 12:39 PM

GS

“ I had the pleasure of Flying with Grant and he was a very special young man.. I am so sorry for your loss..sincerely Georgia Swinehart



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**Georgia Swinehart** - October 28, 2022 at 10:17 AM

TH

“ To the Rhue Family - I had the opportunity to teach Grant, as well as Alex and Steven, at Athens High School. They were all a pleasure to have in class. My deepest condolences to your family for the loss of Grant. He will certainly be missed.

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Tina Hall*

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**Tina Hall** - October 27, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



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October 27, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to Grant's family and friends. I was honored to work with him and call him my friend... nothing but tail winds and blue skies from now on Buddy...*

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**Larry Fields** - October 27, 2022 at 06:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



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October 27, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ *Grant was a student of mine at O.U., and I learned far more from him than he learned from me. Not only was he a great student, he was a wonderful person with that beautiful Rhue smile.*

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**Roger** - October 27, 2022 at 04:00 PM

JK

“ I was lucky enough to fly with Grant at Republic. He was the kindest person I’ve ever met.

*Some of my memories of Grant;*

*Grant and I had a long Madison WI overnight and walked the city, explored the campus. We ended up having a few beers at the Union over looking Lake Mendota-of course talking all things aviation. He also told me about his family and how he was a triplet, along with growing up in Athens.*

*Another great memory was in Halifax, Nova Scotia. First flight of the day and after Grant did his pre-flight he showed me a picture of the right main outboard landing gear, where it appeared to be showing metal cord. So I called maintenance and they requested a picture to be sent so they could analyze it as well. Neither of us had data on our phones for Canada. So we decided to go into the terminal to use WiFi. During this time, the cute young gate agent approached us and inquired about a possible delay. After we requested her to hold on boarding till we heard back from maintenance she walked back to the gate area. Grant sends the email with the pic of the tire. And as we are awaiting a response from maintenance, Grant looks at his phone with a quizzical look. So I ask “what’s maintenance saying” Grant “um, she (cute gate agent) just sent me a friend request on Instagram” Grant seemed so perplexed by that, and I just started laughing! We both learned about how many different cords an actual aircraft tire has that day. Nylon and metal?! We agreed with maintenance that we were only seeing nylon and not metal and departed with no delay. But the look on his face about the Instagram request was priceless!*

*Another fun memory with Grant, we were going into Newark and I was pilot flying. There was a 90 degree cross wind landing runway 4R. Mid twenties on the speed gusting to high thirties. As I was touching down, with cross controls to counter the left crosswind (Grant was pretty new on the jet at the time) Grant yelled “left wing*

*tip!!!!” and I could tell he wanted to take the controls. I luckily had a super soft landing (no wingtip was harmed) and on the roll out you could audibly hear Grant let out a big sigh. I was laughing so hard! That’s the day I believe earned Grants respect as a fellow aviator.*

*We all miss you dearly Grant!*

*Tailwinds and Blue skies*

*Jon*

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**Jon Kujda** - October 27, 2022 at 03:35 PM

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“ *Teamsters Local Union No. 357 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Grant Mason Rhue.*



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**Teamsters Local Union No. 357** - October 27, 2022 at 02:41 PM