



Zachary Ryan Gevelinger

July 24, 1988 - May 5, 2017

Platteville / Dodgeville – Zachary Ryan Gevelinger, age 28, of Platteville, formerly of Dodgeville, died unexpectedly on Friday, May 5, 2017.

Zachary was born July 24, 1988 in Madison, WI to Gregory R. and Julie E. (Lehner) Gevelinger. He graduated from Dodgeville High School in 2007 and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and International Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

On October 22, 2016 he married the love of his life Olivia Hogan after seven years together. They lived in Platteville with their five dogs. They enjoyed traveling, quiet nights at home, spending time with their dogs and helping those in need. He always made sure to make her smile every day and remind her how very much loved she was.

Zach enjoyed being politically active and fighting for equality for all. While studying at UW-Platteville he was president of the Students for Peace and Justice. After graduating he was active through speaking in college classes and joining marches for disenfranchised groups. He wanted to see the world become a better place and enjoyed working to make it so.

Zach loved meeting new people and made friends where ever he went. He

was known for always being willing to help others and for his wonderful sense of humor. It brought him great joy to make those around him smile. He was such a bright light in the world. He was the type of guy who would be glad to give the homeless a meal and sit awhile to listen to ones troubles. He never minded taking time out of his day to hear another's troubles. He worked tirelessly to help any and everyone around him.

Zach has been working as a building maintenance worker at the University of Platteville. He previously took great pleasure working at 12 Baskets in Platteville. While attending UW- Platteville Zach had enjoyed working at Steve's Pizza.

Zach is survived by his wife, Olivia Hogan, and their dogs, Hunter, Miss Daisy Dukes Wiggles, Mr. Maximus Wiggles, Lacey, and Miss Sally Mae Wiggles. As well as his parents, Greg and Julie Gevelinger, brother Nathan, sister Brehan, and grandmothers Eleanor Gevelinger and Lee Lehner, along with aunts, uncles, and cousins and many loving friends and comrades.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Raymond Gevelinger and Gordon Lehner.

Grieve not nor speak of me with tears but laugh and talk of me as though I were beside you. I loved you so 'twas Heaven here with you.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Monsignor Daniel Ganshert will officiate. Inurnment will be held in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville and from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass on Thursday at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorials would be appreciated.

Tribute Wall



“ *Miss you.*

Brandy - June 13, 2025 at 06:41 AM



“ *A day has yet to pass where you haven't crossed my mind. You will live forever in all of our hearts and minds.*
- The Guy With The Red Flag

GuyWithTheRedFlag - January 14, 2023 at 05:37 AM



“ *Zachary Ryan Gevelinger*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Olivia and family,I am so sorry for your loss. It's hard to wrap my mind around how you must be feeling. Our thoughts and prayers go with you.Joanie and Duane Cook*

Joanie Cook - April 28, 2018 at 01:24 AM



“ *R.I.P. Sweet friend*

Lory Devaney - April 28, 2018 at 01:24 AM



“ *My thoughts go to Zach's family...r.i.p Zach and my brother Stu...you may not have met but your both brave men and are now at peace....love to you both for fighting what you believed in xx...*

Tarnya Downes - April 28, 2018 at 01:24 AM

SC

“ You will be missed, comrade

Stephanie Cholensky - April 28, 2018 at 01:24 AM

MT

“ Zach was a coworker of mine he was a very caring person eager to help me when I needed him going to miss you fly high zach

Marilyn Thomas - April 28, 2018 at 01:24 AM

DG

“ To Comrade Zach's beloved spouse, parents, siblings, family members, friends and comrades, On behalf of the managing editors of Workers World newspaper, please accept our deepest, most heartfelt condolences. The entire WW editorial staff reaches out to you in solidarity, in sympathy, and in shock that Zach is no longer with us. In the span of just several months, we were privileged to work with Comrade Zach and to publish two of his articles and an interview, all on the struggle for the liberation of Ireland. His contributions added considerably to the scope of our work. We had looked forward to continuing collaboration with this young writer, worker and comrade in struggle, who excited us with his knowledge of Ireland as well as his compassion and solidarity with oppressed nations here and worldwide. Our young comrade will be deeply missed. Long live the legacy of Comrade Zach Gevelinger! In solidarity, Deirdre Griswold, Editor John Catalinotto, LeiLani Dowell, Kris Balderas Hamel, Monica Moorehead, Minnie Bruce Pratt, Gary Wilson and Lal Roohk, Managing Editors Workers World Newspaperworkers.org

Deirdre Griswold - April 28, 2018 at 01:24 AM

DN

“ Zachary Ryan Gevelinger

Devine Nzegwu - April 28, 2018 at 01:24 AM

JE

“ Zach you were a funny memorable kid and a joy to coach. Unforgettable is the best way to describe you. It is clear you touched a lot of lives. My heart goes out to your family and friends on the day reach your final resting place.

Jeremiah Erickson - April 28, 2018 at 01:24 AM

JF

“ I am very sadden to hear about your loss. Warm Regards, Jill Fortney

jill FORTNEY - April 28, 2018 at 01:24 AM

BB

“ I had the pleasure of spending some time with Zach in Ireland. We met both in Belfast and Dublin. He accompanied me on a few trips in Ireland and we spoke about a wide range of topics, he was an intellect with a honest social conscience, a kind friendly person who loved Ireland - the north in particular and spent lengthy hours researching the culture and liberation struggle for Irish independence. I will think of you often Zach. Until we meet again Slán mo chara, slán x

Brian Brennan - April 28, 2018 at 01:24 AM