



## Mason James Bogard

January 23, 2004 - May 4, 2019

Mason James Bogard, age 15, of Evansville, passed away Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Deaconess Hospital Midtown Campus. Mason was born January 23, 2004 in South Bend, IN.

Mason lived his life to the fullest everyday and never met a stranger. He was wise beyond his fifteen years and a very kind, giving young man. Mason dearly loved the outdoors, fishing, camping, backyard campfires, spending time with his family and creating something unique and special in the kitchen. He was very patriotic; respectful of veterans and never missed a chance to thank them for their service.

Surviving Mason are his parents, Steve and Joann (Jackson) Bogard; one sister, Taylor Dawn Bogard of Evansville; one brother, Shane Steven Bogard of Seymour, IN; his grandmothers, Rosie Bogard of Evansville and Sharon (John) Bott of Mt. Vernon, IN; two aunts, Lora (Chris Goergen) Biggs and Bobbi (Mark) Bottomley; two uncles, Scott (Lynn Morris) Bogard and Joe (Cheri) Jackson; godparents, Estil and Janis Anderson, many cousins and his faithful sidekick and constant companion, his dog, Scooby.

Mason was preceded in death by grandfathers, Stan "Pops" Bogard and Bill Jackson and by a cousin, Allie Wilhite.

Funeral services for Mason will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 10, 2019 at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, Pastor Darrick Hayden officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 PM on Thursday at Pierre Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Semper Fi Fund, 825 College Blvd, Suite 102 PMB 609, Oceanside, CA 92057; to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517 or to the Indiana Donor Network, 3760 Guion

Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery

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## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive

Evansville, IN,

# Events

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**MAY** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Pierre Funeral Home

2601 West Franklin Street, Evansville, IN, US

**MAY** **Funeral** 10:00AM

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Pierre Funeral Home

2601 West Franklin Street, Evansville, IN, US

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Pierre Funeral Home** - May 09, 2019 at 01:59 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss! I believe he would have been a wonderful man. God bless you for your courage to give the gift of love and life to others!

**Dennis** - May 16, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ What an awesome tribute for a Hero who was taken way too early.... what great memories to cherish forever..

**Leann Rippy** - May 16, 2019 at 09:19 PM



“ Hi i dont know you im sorry for your loss you have some beautiful memories i just wanted to let you know this video reached belfast northern ireland children in the uk have also been affected by this challenge so its great to see awareness into the dangers that challenge can cause and also to highlight how great organ donation is what a great legacy for mason much love from across the pond

**Maria** - May 17, 2019 at 04:32 AM



“ Hello from Wellsboro, PA. This exact thing happened to our friends w/their Okdest of 4 children, Gabe. He seems to have been same age or close, to your precious son. They created a fcbook pg to bring awareness, so I know you'll find some comfort there and maybe decide to start your own. I had never heard of the Choking Game prior to Gabe's death and learned the startling statistics through her provided links. I wince to call it a game, when it has taken so many young lives & has even touched families of children in Elementary School! I have provided the link to their pg so that you can navigate it & it can help you through relevancy, but more importantly, through motivating us all to bring awareness. One father goes around to schools & speaks to the children, so that they will never try it. So many, at first, thought our friend's son had committed suicide, so the pg was helpful in clearing the rumors & spotlighting the info, so that Parents can reach their children with the truth about the deaths of the choking game, BEFORE children reach children with a challenge that is camouflaged as a harmless fun game. Prayers for you & all who knew & loved him.

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**Carla** - May 20, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ Toutes mes sincères condoléances. Beaucoup trop de jeunes meurent à cause de ces défis sur les réseaux sociaux. Bon courage à vous tous. Que Jason repose en paix et veille sur vous. Sincères amitiés. Marie Paule de Nice France

**Meryem** - June 04, 2019 at 04:51 AM



“ Beautiful video and rip mason from Australia

**Jenn barton** - June 05, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ I dont know you all. But R.I.P. Mason and my heart goes out to your family .

**Cortni** - June 28, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ Fly with the angels sweet boy! I'm so sorry for your loss. God be with you.

**Leslie Shirley** - August 21, 2019 at 01:24 AM



“ We pray for strength for the family as you deal with your loss. We thank you for sharing your beloved Mason's farewell. We are sure Mason was welcomed into heaven by God's loving embrace and we hope it bring a you comfort to know he will always look lovingly down on his family until you are all together again.

**Mary Ann Molnar** - August 22, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ God bless you all for thinking of others in your time of grief. Mason is a true hero and his legacy will live on.

**karen johnson** - August 24, 2019 at 10:55 PM



“ So sad he must have been so special my heart breaks.

**Tamara Archie** - April 19, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ Precious memorial.

**Tamara Archie** - April 19, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ How my heart is breaking for you. Your pictures remind me so much of my son who is 28. He is a Volunteer Fireman and CO. He's always been about trucks, ATVs and lots of simple and wholesome fun. I hold him so close in my heart as you do Mason. From this tragedy Mason has saved lives. I think that's what Mason would have done in his life had he had the time. PEACE

**pam** - May 16, 2019 at 02:10 AM



“ Just heard of your loss.

My heart goes out to your family and I will keep you in my prayers.

**Laura K Backes**

**Laura K Backes** - May 14, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Sending my love and prayers from Austin .

Laura - May 13, 2019 at 06:54 PM

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“ Dear Bogard Family,  
I am truly sorry for the loss of your beloved Mason. May God hold you all in the palm of His hand. Your most generous donation of his organs provide two lives- Mason lives in the heart of each recipient and the soul who benefitted from the donation will see another sunrise. How magnificent is that? I'm in awe of your ability to be public in the depths of your grief. You are remarkable. He was blessed with a great family.  
Sincerely, Beth Ward RI

Beth Ward - May 13, 2019 at 06:09 PM

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“ I know that you are in such pain. I hope that some how you can get some legislation passed to honor mason by those on social media being held accountable for murder. By posting these challenges it's no different than any other murder. I have two sons very close in age to mason. I pray for your hearts. This just played in Seattle. I am so very sorry for your loss.

christie krauszowski - May 13, 2019 at 01:50 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to your family during this time of sorrow. The loss of someone dear to us is never easy. I hope all the cherished memories that you have shared with Mason brings you some light during this time of grief. Again, my deepest thoughts, prayers, and condolences.

Sincerely,  
Beth Rupp Olsen



Elizabeth Rupp Olsen - May 10, 2019 at 11:47 AM

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“ How brave of you all to have donated Mason’s organs and shared his last moments during the honor walk. I am brought to tears as a complete stranger. I am so sorry for your tragic loss.

**Melanie Nugent** - May 09, 2019 at 08:56 PM

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“ We are so very sorry about your loss of such a wonderful son. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Gary and Alyce Coffin

**Alyce Coffin** - May 09, 2019 at 08:00 PM

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“ I remember when Mason came to your family! So much joy as your family expanded! That memory makes me smile and I hope you smile at those days too. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Kim Krieger

**Kim Krieger** - May 09, 2019 at 01:07 PM

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“ 295 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Pierre Funeral Home** - May 09, 2019 at 12:35 PM

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“ Mason came to see me at least two times a week. Sometimes he was talkative, sometimes not. I will for sure miss him. To the family, Please know that there is no sorrow that God handle and only God can take the broken pieces now and turn them into beautiful memories. Continuing in prayer for you. Sincerely, Ms. Williams... RHS

**Ms. C. Williams RHS** - May 09, 2019 at 09:15 AM

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“ Bosse High School Staff and Students purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mason James Bogard.



**Bosse High School Staff and Students** - May 09, 2019 at 09:02 AM

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“ Thank you for being the upstanding young man we all hope everyone can look up to! You helped save so many lives and for that we are thankful! Rest in Heaven and may God be with your family through their times of grief!



**Liz** - May 09, 2019 at 02:55 AM

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“ Heather Todd lit a candle in memory of Mason James Bogard



**Heather Todd** - May 08, 2019 at 11:30 PM

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“ Frieda Brumfield lit a candle in memory of Mason James Bogard



**Frieda Brumfield** - May 08, 2019 at 10:56 PM

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“ Pamela Graden lit a candle in memory of Mason James Bogard



**Pamela Graden** - May 08, 2019 at 10:41 PM

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“ God bless you Mason and your family. I am in end stage kidney failure. I am proud and grateful for Mason's unselfish compassion in saving others lives. Mason will be honored forever.



**Debbie Watson** - May 08, 2019 at 08:46 PM

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“ Deb Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mason James Bogard



**Deb Morgan** - May 08, 2019 at 08:24 PM

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“ May you rest sweet Mason. We pray for you and your family and friends.

**Lisa May** - May 08, 2019 at 03:27 PM

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“ Joann and Family,

Lowell and I want to express how sorry we are for your loss! Please know that you all have been our prayers each day.

Jeanne an Lowell Clark

**Jeanne Clark** - May 08, 2019 at 02:30 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mason James Bogard.



May 08, 2019 at 02:29 PM

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“ The Bogard Family

Though Steve and I didn't know Mason we are still sadden for your lost of a wonderful son and grandson. We know that he will be in your hearts and thoughts always as you are in ours. Know that he will be in our prayers as well as you .  
Steve and Denise Oran

Steve and Denise Oran - May 08, 2019 at 02:01 PM

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“ My deepest condolences go out to your family during this time. My son went to school with Mason and had nothing but good things to say about him. He will be missed by many



Jennifer Grabert - May 08, 2019 at 10:27 AM

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“ Every time I went to the Bogard home to hang out, Mason always had a smile on his face. You could tell he was a young man that enjoyed life and cared for everyone. I will miss his infectious smile and laugh, and I'm so proud that our buddy saved 5 lives!

Shelby Lammela - May 08, 2019 at 10:08 AM

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“ Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day...unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. May you and your family find comfort in God's promise of everlasting life. My deepest sympathy! Gail Mayer

Gail Mayer - May 07, 2019 at 08:08 PM

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“ Nancy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mason James Bogard



**Nancy Johnson** - May 07, 2019 at 06:35 PM

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“ Mason was so blessed that God chose him to be added to your family. You will have a very special angel watching over all of you until you meet again. I'm out is town this week. Please know I am with you in spirit.

**terry boren** - May 07, 2019 at 04:32 PM

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“ Bogard family, Deepest Sympathy to all. A young life taken way to soon. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Reatha Nurrenbern

**Reatha Nurrenbern** - May 07, 2019 at 03:42 PM

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“ Deepest sympathy to you all.  
i am so sadden by his passing.  
prayers.  
Marybeth Rush

**Marybeth Rush** - May 07, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ To Mason’s family... You don’t know me but I happened to come across the video of Mason’s Honor Walk. My heart is breaking. I am so sorry for your loss. Sending love, hugs and prayers during this very difficult time.

**Lynne Barren** - May 10, 2019 at 12:44 AM



“ Steve, Joann, and family, I am praying for you. Very moved and in awe of your courage and reflection in the face of tragedy. Words won’t heal the pain but prayers will help you face the days and bring you peace. Praying.

Kelly Wulff Baker

**kelly baker** - May 10, 2019 at 10:33 AM