



Anthony "AJ" Earnest

November 5, 1985 - August 7, 2025

Anthony "AJ" J. Earnest, 39, of McMechen, WV; died Thursday, August 7, 2025 at home.

He was born November 5, 1985; the son of Steve Earnest and the late Michelle Dunn Earnest.

Anthony was a graduate of Cameron High School, worked in Outdoor Sales at Walmart, and was a Christian by Faith.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Michelle Dunn Earnest.

Survivors include his father, Steve Earnest; daughter, Evelyn Fawn Earnest; three brothers, Forrest (Kayla) Earnest of Bridgeport, Ohio, Patrick (Ashley) Earnest of Camp Lejeune, NC, and Mark Earnest of Limestone, WV; several Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory Moundsville, WV.

Cemetery Details

Grisell Crematory

Moundsville, WV

Tribute Wall

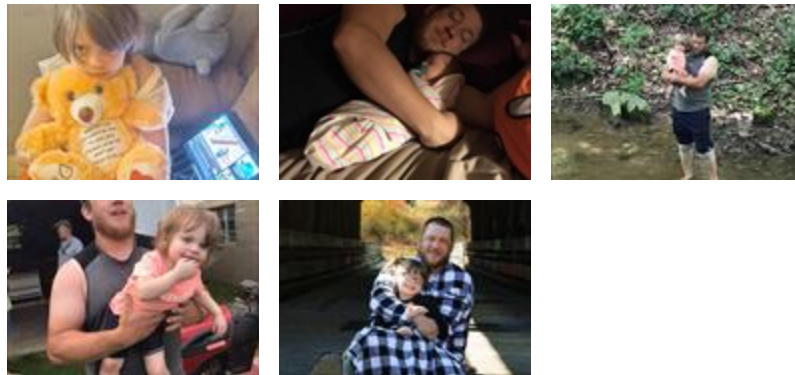

Sabrina
Dalton

“ I love you best friend and I was going to ask u out now I can't I love u so much. Bye child hood best friend ur number 1

Sabrina Dalton - October 01, 2025 at 02:49 PM

DM

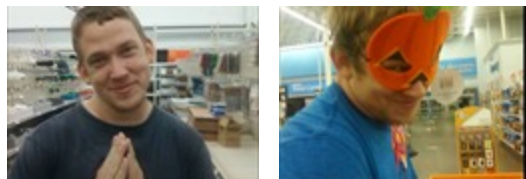
“ AJ loved our princess with everything he had. She never needed or wanted for anything. He was the best daddy she could ask for. We will miss you but will keep your memories alive forever.



Danielle Meddles - August 13, 2025 at 01:03 PM

TD

“ AJ wearing a Halo at Christmas time ❤️
He will always be Remembered for his Silly Antics and genuine Heart 🕊️
Condolences for his Family



Tammy D - August 12, 2025 at 10:16 PM

LT

“ Aj had a Forklift outside and I was in the car I ask him if he wanted to play chicken, he said he didn't know if Walmart had good insurance on there Equipment. And we both Laughed. Lynn Tyler He will be missed he was a Good guy.

Lynn Tyler - August 12, 2025 at 08:07 AM

RH

A.J. was one of the best people I've ever met! We worked together and spent a lot of time at work and out of work we spent years together working at Walmart I have some very good memories of the big dude ❤️

Richard Haythorn - August 14, 2025 at 06:26 PM

KG

“ Kathleen Gibson lit a candle in memory of Anthony "AJ" Earnest



Kathleen Gibson - August 10, 2025 at 04:35 PM

KG

“ To the Earnest family my brother Joey Villers Went to school with AJ they knew each other for a very long time when me and my brother Joey would go to Walmart AJ would be there to help us find the things we need on the shelves if we couldn't find it and sometimes he was just there to talk laugh, joke around. he brightened up the day for everyone. Even when we lost our mom two years ago he would talk to my brother to ease his mind. Aj has a heart that cared for everyone. Were so sorry to hear about his passing. Our condolences & prayers goes out to you & your family 🙏

Kathleen Gibson - August 10, 2025 at 04:35 PM

RL

“ No matter what kind of day i was having he always made me laugh we stood and talked in walmart everytime i seen him. Always seemed happy. And always willing to talk. It wont be the same. Anymore rest easy friend. You sure will be missed. By so many.

Roger lashare - August 10, 2025 at 11:10 AM

RM

“ When I would walk past him, he would always say "hi" or "hello". Had a few conversations with him about life in general, nothing specific. I was VERY taken back when I heard of his passing. Never saw him with any other emotion other than him just being himself. Never mad, sad, or anything other than just being AJ. Will miss going to lunch, and going past the Garden Center and not hearing him say hello. RIP my friend.

Rick Mck - August 09, 2025 at 10:12 PM

CR

“ I loved working with him at Walmart. He was a great young man. I am so very sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers to his family and friends.

Crystal Ridsen - August 09, 2025 at 07:49 PM

KF

“ My granddaughter Breanna Hodges is Evy's big sister. Bre thought the world of AJ! She is very saddened to hear of his passing. We are keeping Evy and his family in prayer as they deal with this tragedy and loss. Bre always sought AJ out at work to give him hugs and to tell him she loved him and to get updates on Ev.

Kelly Fizer - August 09, 2025 at 12:06 PM

TJ

“ AJ was a fantastic friend, and if you knew him, an even more wonderful father as his little girl was his whole world. Josh and I will miss our lunch dates with the kids. His every-go-lucky attitude and friendship really made the world feel like a better place. He will be missed by so many.

Trisha & Josh - August 09, 2025 at 11:35 AM

IC

“ He was such a nice dude. Everytime we would see each other at Walmart we would always talk. He will be missed so much.



Isaac C - August 09, 2025 at 06:18 AM

JF

“ To Steve, Mark and family please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

Sincerely, Jim and Jodi Franklin

Jodi Franklin - August 09, 2025 at 06:14 AM

JH

“ Funniest and nicest guy I've ever met. He was the only joy I got out of working at Walmart.

Jordan Hartley - August 08, 2025 at 11:50 PM

RO

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Robin - August 08, 2025 at 09:01 PM

RO

“ *He was always such a pleasure to talk to. His smile sure made the world better. Rest in Peace Condolences to family and friends* 🙏

Robin - August 08, 2025 at 09:00 PM

BS

“ *Loved working with him!!!! He always had a smile on his face!!! Will miss him forever!*

Betty South - August 08, 2025 at 08:57 PM



“AJ” was my husbands closest & best friend. He always made me laugh every time we saw him as picked & jokes on/with my husband. His little girl was his entire world & he spoke of her quite often! He loves my husband & I’s 2YO son & adored the days we brought him to see him while he was hard at work. He would gladly dress in his tutu & prance around to get donations for their fundraiser at work & was always able to put smiles on everyone’s face & laughter into our hearts. We will all miss you & your amazing outlook on life. You were a one of a kind & my husband will feel so lost without you, as many will! We give our deepest condolences & sympathies to his family & friends affected by this devastating loss. May his memory carry on in all our hearts!



AmMarie Lew - August 08, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ I was one of Anthony's teachers at Cameron high school. He was always a very pleasant student and always friendly at Walmart. So sad he was young. Vickie Jenree

Vickie Jenree - August 08, 2025 at 06:26 PM



“ Unfortunately I didn't know AJ as well as I would have liked but he was a really good person and fun to talk to during the little bit of down time we get at work. He was always a person to make everybody laugh and was not afraid to get in a tutu and dance around to raise money for any cause we were collecting for at work. My deepest sympathies to his friends and family.



Louis Stockhausen - August 08, 2025 at 05:41 PM

TD

“ Tammy Day lit a candle in memory of Anthony "AJ" Earnest



Tammy Day - August 08, 2025 at 05:02 PM

TD

“ AJ became like Family to us. Years ago he took his lunch break just to drop a baby shower gift off for my Daughter. He truly is and will Always be our Angel! I'll Miss him sneaking items in my cart & yelling "Mam, You need to Exit the Store!" Always so Funny. He Loves Evie so much and talked of her often. Also made the best cookies! Knowing AJ was such a Blessing. 🕊️❤️ My Children worked with him & Think the world of him. He will be Greatly Missed. We Love Ya AJ ❤️🕊️

Tammy Day - August 08, 2025 at 04:59 PM

DA

“ My sincere and humble condolences to the family and friends of "AJ". I have daughter his age; I will keep your family in my prayers.
Denny Albaugh



Dennis R Albaugh - August 08, 2025 at 04:30 PM

CL

“ I have worked with AJ since he was a bagger at Giant Eagle. I stayed in touch with him at Walmart. He was the sweetest most polite guy I've ever met. Prayers for his family he will truly be missed



Chrissey Leasure - August 08, 2025 at 01:04 PM