



Payton St Clair Ginter

December 31, 1999 - June 19, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the tragic and sudden passing of Payton St. Clair

Ginter, who left this world on the morning of June 19, 2025, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was just 25 years old.

Payton was born on December 31, 1999, in Port Jefferson, New York, and was raised in the Cleveland, Ohio area. In 2021, he made his way to St. Augustine, Florida, where he began a new chapter of his life.

Throughout his career, Payton held various positions that reflected both his strength and his

compassion. He worked as a valet and bouncer and also served with the Cuyahoga County

Medical Examiner's Office. After relocating to St. Augustine, he joined St. Johns Family

Funeral Home as a funeral assistant. There, he quickly became a beloved colleague and a

comforting presence to the thousands of families he served. His coworkers and the community

cherished him for his big heart, empathy, and unwavering kindness.

A man of impressive stature and even greater gentleness, Payton was affectionately known as a “gentle giant” or “big teddy bear.” He embraced life with a free spirit and found joy in the outdoors—hiking, fishing, beach days, and any adventure he could discover. He was continually in awe of nature’s beauty and took solace in its peace.

Payton was proud of his beautiful curly hair and had a deep love for music, often spending hours immersed in it. He also had a profound affection for animals, always surrounded by his loyal fur companions. Above all, he loved his family deeply and treasured the time spent with them.

He is survived by the love of his life and soulmate, fiancée Jenna Brown of St. Augustine; his mother and stepfather, Deborah and Joe Johns of Homerville, OH; his father and stepmother, Steven and Kathy Ginter of Veedersburg, IN; his brothers, Craig Ginter (Tori) of Haskins, OH, Jack Johns (Brooke) of North Olmsted, OH, Ross Ginter (Sarah) of Hillsborough, IN, and Blaise Ginter (Cassandra) of Wallace, IN; his sister, Emily Johns of North Olmsted, OH; grandmother, Kathleen Johns of Rocky River, OH, ; nieces Emmilia, Leiahna, Ava, Taylor, and Nora; nephews Benjamin, Elliott, and Clark; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends. Payton is preceded in death by his grandparents; Elizabeth Ellingson,

Frederick Ellingson, Bert Massey, and Paul Ginter.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Johns

Family Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, and in honor of Payton's love for animals, please

consider a donation in his memory be made to S.A.F.E Pet Rescue, PO Box 840215, St.

Augustine, FL, 32080.

Payton touched countless lives with his warmth, compassion, and light-hearted spirit. His

absence will leave an immeasurable void in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

A Gathering of Family and Friends

JUN **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory
385 State Road 207
Saint Augustine, FL 32084

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Payton St Clair Ginter*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 24, 2025 at 11:11 AM

AK

“ *I can't believe he is gone, such an amazing soul gone way too soon. you will never be forgotten Payton. thanks for the countless memories, laughs, and adventures. the joy and love you brought to everyone around you will stay with them forever. you truly were an amazing person and friend. R.I.P*



Amanda K - July 04, 2025 at 01:33 AM

SV

“ *Stella Villanueva sent a virtual gift in memory of Payton St Clair Ginter*



Stella Villanueva - June 25, 2025 at 09:30 PM

SV

*To the beautiful parents of Payton, whom I've had the privilege of meeting last night: "The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." - Psalm 34:18 (NASB)
Lord, you promise to be near to the brokenhearted-Especially when they're Hartsfield shattered beyond repair. Where are you now, God? Please, make Your nearness undeniable. Let them feel Your presence in ways that a real and tangible. You promised to save those who are crushed in spirit, and they are utterly crushed right now. Rescue them, Lord. Hold them up under the weight of this grief that threatens to overwhelm. Wrap them in your comfort and peace. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.*

Stella Villanueva - June 25, 2025 at 09:37 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 24, 2025 at 11:53 AM

KJ

Wonderful picture !! As you've said your twin !! Love you Debbie 🦋❤️

Kathy Johns - June 24, 2025 at 12:49 PM

KJ

*I will Miss you Payton ! I wish you and Jenna were closer to Gram .
Your message of two weeks ago I will keep forever ! Thank you for it !
Gone to soon !! 🥹🦋*

Kathy Johns - June 24, 2025 at 12:54 PM

JP

We, the staff of the Bailey Center for Caring of Community Hospice and Palliative Care were absolutely heartbroken to hear of Payton's passing. He was so incredibly pleasant, hard-working, polite, well-mannered and sweet. It was always a pleasure to see him and loan him a pen. He shared with me recently that some may find his personality "quirky" but I quickly assured him that quiriness is what makes special people unique. We will miss his beautiful mop of curly blonde hair and his shy and modest manner. We are so sorry for those of you close to him having lost such a great young man so tragically. Our thoughts, prayers, and deepest condolences are with you all. ❤️

Jillian Palmer - June 26, 2025 at 11:40 PM

SR

I love that picture of you and Payton.

Sylvia Ruff - June 29, 2025 at 06:24 AM

SF

“ *Sylvia, Ray Ruff and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Payton St Clair Ginter.*



Sylvia, Ray Ruff and family - June 24, 2025 at 07:14 AM

SP

“ *Seth Maldonado Ponnio planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Payton St Clair Ginter.*

Seth Maldonado Ponnio - June 24, 2025 at 04:41 AM

SP

“ Seth Maldonado Ponnie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Payton St Clair Ginter.



Seth Maldonado Ponnie - June 24, 2025 at 04:41 AM

ME

“ I loved Payton... He was my youngest co-worker at St, Johns Family Funeral Home, and I felt like he was a grandson.... He would come up to my desk almost daily and ask me, “So, how’s your day going?”.... He was as sweet as can be, and I so appreciated him.... It is so hard to believe that he is now gone from those of of us who worked with and adored him...🥹.

Mary Lou Eby - June 23, 2025 at 10:48 PM

AF

“ I love you peyton man! I just saw you & it brakes my heart that was my last time 🥹 36 hours wasn’t enough ! You were the funniest, kindest person with just the best soul ☐ and I’ll never forget you homie , I’ll keep jenna safe for you buddy 🥹



ashley fletcher - June 23, 2025 at 09:43 PM

RS

“ Rick and patti Snyder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Payton St Clair Ginter.

Rick and patti Snyder - June 23, 2025 at 09:25 PM

RS

“ Rick and patti Snyder purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Payton St Clair Ginter.



Rick and patti Snyder - June 23, 2025 at 09:25 PM

MN

“ Much love, Ashley & Don Noble planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Payton St Clair Ginter.

Much love, Ashley & Don Noble - June 23, 2025 at 08:43 PM

MN

“ Much love, Ashley & Don Noble purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Payton St Clair Ginter.



Much love, Ashley & Don Noble - June 23, 2025 at 08:43 PM



“ Chuck and Michelle purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Payton St Clair Ginter.

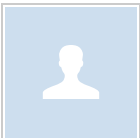


Chuck and Michelle - June 23, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Payton St Clair Ginter.

June 23, 2025 at 06:07 PM



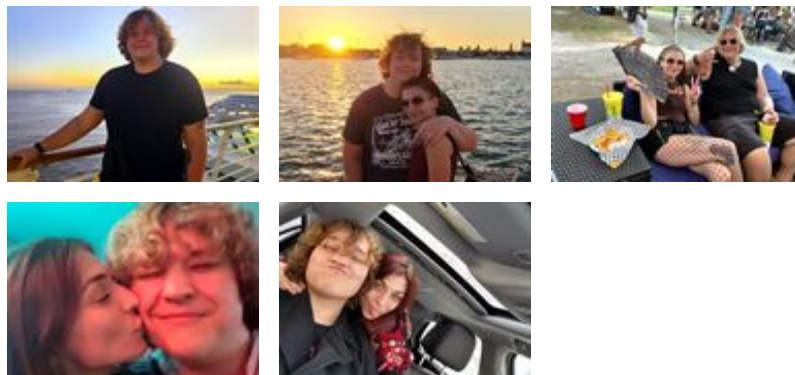
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Payton St Clair Ginter.



June 23, 2025 at 06:07 PM



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 23, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Payton St Clair Ginter.

June 23, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Payton St Clair Ginter.



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“ Payton’s short time on Earth was filled with a love and compassion that few people experience in a lifetime. He brought light and levity to every room he entered. He possessed a rare level of maturity for a young guy, yet balanced it with a childlike wonder for living life to the fullest. Payton made people feel loved, accepted, and appreciated and I couldn’t have loved him more if he were my own little brother. Words fall short to encompass such an amazing guy and my deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones. Thank you for sharing him with us.

Jan Rapp - June 23, 2025 at 02:11 PM