

# **Sporting Clay Shoot**

## **All proceeds benefit Myron Deal**

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

**Buffer Creek Sporting Clays**

**776 Schoolhouse Road, Somerset, PA 15501**

### **Donations and/or Baskets are being accepted for this fundraiser.**

Please contact Crystal Hetz for pick-up/questions: 814-442-1231 or [crystalhetz@gmail.com](mailto:crystalhetz@gmail.com)  
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Myron's whole life has been driven by agriculture, hunting and dairy farming alongside his dad and uncle, a lifestyle passed down through generations. Myron and his wife (Jennifer) were married in 2014. The farm went through operational changes in 2021. They switched to crops, beef and a few pigs not knowing that life was going to take a drastic turn just 2 short years later.

On May 9 2023, they received the news that would change their lives. Myron was diagnosed with ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig's at the age of 42. He is a 3rd generation diagnosis, preceding his mother and maternal grandfather.

As the progression of the disease continues, so does their list of needs to make daily tasks easier. They are transitioning into no longer being able to work, which creates a hurdle of its own. They are also met with the need of getting a simple UTV to help keep Myron be mobile and able to move around the farm as long as he is able. There are modifications that need to be made at both the home and the farm to make their journey a little easier.

There is no cure and few treatment options available, most of which he is already taking. The best available option can only hope to slow the progression by adding a few months at best. They are on the brink of trying a new gene specific medication which will result in many more trips to Pittsburgh and many more costs to be incurred.

#### *Note from the family:*

We will continue this journey with those who choose to help to the best of our ability for as long as we can. Yes, it's going to be tough but possible. We would like to protect the legacy and honor his life by continuing to pass the farming lifestyle on to future generations. Farming is the very air he breathes, his entire mind and soul are consumed by farming. So for that reason we will push forward.

This journey has been very humbling on more levels than can be expressed.

We want to thank those who have given their time, attention and support to us this far. We can't express how you have made our lives brighter. Please feel free to add us to your prayer list, say a special prayer for his dad, Paul. Pray for healing, pray for acceptance and comfort in our hearts. We pray everyday that God puts the right people in our path at the right time and we have faith that He will. Please also pray for the medical community to come up with a way to fight this devastating disease and to give people hope who also receive this diagnosis.

If you feel led to donate in any way, we thank you. Most importantly, we thank you for reading about our journey. Much love and God bless!

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