



Love for Luke

By Leah Patton

December 2020 will stand out as the worst time in our lives. For many it is the most joyous as it should be. Everything happened so fast and was so cruel it breaks my heart and I believe always will. Luke suffered the most and I remain astounded at how incredibly brave he was. For those that do not know, Luke passed from complications from autoimmune necrotizing myositis. He may have left the Earth weak with little mobility but entered Heaven ready and filled with love for God who completely restored him. That my friends is what gets me through this pain! I witnessed it firsthand, and I know Jesus was there for both Luke and myself at 5:40am on December 29th.

We miss him so much but are thankful for the beautiful memories and glimpses he sends letting us know he is ok. I wish Heaven had visiting hours but that is where our faith must lead us. Believe in the promises, we are never alone.

"THE LORD HIMSELF GOES BEFORE YOU AND WILL BE WITH YOU; HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU. DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED."

Deuteronomy 31:8

A Tribute to Our Family and Friends

It is so hard to put into words the amount of gratitude for each and every one of you. The outpouring of love for our family was incredible. It spoke volumes to the love that surrounds us and the influence Luke left on many.

I believe the support is what sparked Tanner to get the Memorial Golf Tournament up and running. I admire Tanner for having the courage to do it and he pulled off a successful event!

Your generosity will keep Luke's memory alive in such wonderful ways!





Highlights of 2021

Here's How We Were Able to Support Six Families!

- 17 yo girl with Lupus, to support with medical bills and home needs
- Family of 4, where the 31 yo father had a massive stroke, to support home utility costs
- Woman who was widowed in Dec 2020 diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2021, to support medical bills
- 27 yo with chronic myeloid leukemia, to support medical bills and living expenses
- Family with an infant son who had a stroke at birth and is receiving care in Pittsburgh, to support home expenses and Christmas gifts
- Support to a mother and son dealing with multiple family losses and health concerns, was for groceries and Christmas gifts

Community Gifts Given in Luke's Name:

Numerous donations to New Day Humane Society of almost \$10,000
Luke Patton Memorial Foundation

We survived the first year. The second does not seem to be any easier. Knowing that we can support and share in others loss has been a way to start to heal. We know we are not alone in this grief. Sometimes it leads to selfishness and other times you find yourself thinking, "Do you realize this is not over for us?".

Luke was about kindness. He was a man of little means and felt the most important thing you can give someone is your time. I know I fell short often, so let's do a better job to honor him! I invite you all to remember this and embrace those around you. Tomorrow is never promised, but we can make the best of today.

I love you dear child, you taught us many lessons to carry within our hearts. As promised, you will never, ever be forgotten. We know you will be waiting with your big smile, and I bet with tears in your eyes. We feel your presence in our beloved Henry and the making of new relationships. Until I get to hug you again, I am going to continue to "Just Breathe"...Love, Mom

