

# Angels AMONG US

Remembering Our Loved Ones  
2023

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## Eddie James Bell Jr. (MPS I)

7/29/1981–4/4/2022

*Submitted by his mother, Debra Bell*

I acknowledge that I was truly blessed to have such a wonderful child. How could I have endured watching his struggles if he had not been so brave? I salute you, Eddie, for the courageous life you lived. Loving you forever, your mom.



## Zachary James Benz-Haynes

(MPS I)

11/6/1992–10/25/2012

*Submitted by his mother, Shaun Haynes*

Zach was my buddy...where I went, he was there. It has been 10 years and 3 months since he left. He loved Mickey and Barney. Zach is missing out on Ezra and Cannon. Love you, my sweet.

## Mark J. Bernbaum (MPS I)

2/14/1992–5/8/2002

*Submitted by his parents, Joel and LeeAnn Bernbaum*

Mark was born on Valentine's Day 1992—how appropriate! He was so full of joy. He was such a blessing and will be our forever special valentine. We love and miss you—until we meet again.

## Noah Lachlan Bevan (MPS IIIA)

4/24/2004–10/16/2019

*Submitted by his mother, Julie Bevan*

Losing Noah has truly destroyed my heart. I am missing Noah more and more; as the days pass, being without him really sucks. There is no preparation for losing a child. There is only one positive...it's knowing he won't suffer from pain/seizures ever again. I love and miss you forever, Noah B!



## Christopher Biel (MPS II)

5/14/2001–7/19/2021

*Submitted by his parents, Claudia and Tom Biel*

Christopher had an extended family of teachers, aides, paras, bus drivers, caregivers, administrators, case managers, therapists, nurses, doctors, and very close family friends who loved him dearly and helped make his twenty years with us remarkable. Christopher had a habit of reaching in, grabbing your heart, and not letting go. He gave the best big hugs.



*[He] had a habit of reaching in, grabbing your heart, and not letting go.*



## Nathan Ridge Bivens (MPS II)

10/19/1995–1/23/2013

*Submitted by his parents, Keith and Rebecca Bivens*

Nathan was the happiest boy who would bring a smile to those he met. Our family learned many lessons from him and hold his memories so close in our hearts. The heartbreak of his passing is with us every day. But we rejoice knowing he is free from pain and that we will be together again in heaven. My sweet love bug!



## Blakely Mae Brown (ML II)

5/5/2020–10/25/2022

*Submitted by her mother, Lauryn Brown*

My sweet Blakely has been a miracle since the day she was born. Born at 26 weeks, and two weeks later she was given a terminal diagnosis. She was predicted to never leave the NICU. We were blessed with two years with her. It will never be long enough, but her short time on earth changed the world for the better. We will never let her memory die. We love and miss you, Blakely Mae.

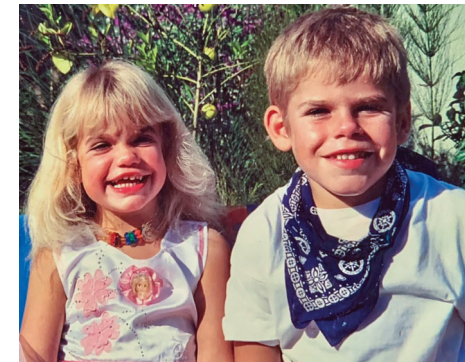
## Alexandria Browne

(MPS IIIA)

12/12/2000–10/22/2016

*Submitted by her mother,  
Sharon Browne-Davis*

To my beautiful Alexandria “Butterfly” Browne: You were, still are, and will always be our amazing, happy little girl, who gave us all so much inspiration! We love and miss you soooooo much! Daddy Kev, Austin, Amber, and I canNOT wait to see you again soon!



## Russell Browne (MPS IIIA)

5/18/1999–10/6/2016

*Submitted by his mother, Sharon Browne-Davis*

My amazing Russell “Superman” Browne was, is, and will always be such a light in our lives! Daddy Kev and I love and miss you so much, sweet boy! Can’t wait to see you again, soon! Love, Mom, Daddy Kev, Austin, Amber, and all the family.

*It will never be long enough, but  
her short time on earth changed  
the world for the better.*



## Natalia Cardenas (MPS I)

5/17/2010–8/13/2022

*Submitted by her mother, Jessica Cardenas*

Natalia was an old soul, always so caring and compassionate toward others. As she got older, she recognized her limitations but didn't let that stop her. She was just getting into those teenage years where she wanted makeup, ripped skinny jeans, a flannel, and Vans. From the moment she was born,

she was a fighter, and she fought until her last living day.

Although she wasn't on this earth long enough, she made an everlasting impact on everyone that crossed her path. She lit a light in each and everyone's heart who will carry on her memory.

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## Autumn Cooper (MPS I)

2/5/2006–2/6/2014

*Submitted by her mother, Catherine Cooper*

It still seems very surreal to me that you, too, are gone. You would be 17 now. Perhaps you would be out of high school by now. I can't even recall what grade you were in when you left us. I just remember how feisty you were. Always clearing the table with your arm when you didn't get your way. And your infectious laugh that sounded like a car trying to start. You would start laughing and we would all join in. You were my daredevil. I would have liked the chance to have movie

night with you over some popcorn and laugh at stupid movies. It just doesn't seem possible that you have been gone for nine years now. You and your sister left me 19 days apart, and it still feels like a bad dream I can't wake up from. Not one single day goes by that I don't think about you. Until we meet again, my precious girl.



## Serrina Cooper (MPS I)

5/25/2000–2/25/2014

*Submitted by her mother, Catherine Cooper*

It still seems very surreal to me that you are gone. You would be 23 in May of this year. Perhaps you would have gone to college and graduated by now. I often wonder what you would have become. You were always such an observer of things. You had a great sense of humor and were just so lovable. I would have liked the chance to be able to go and have a drink with you and talk about all the things happening in your life: boyfriend, career, friends. It just doesn't seem possible that you have been gone for nine years now. Not one single day goes by that I don't think about you. Until we meet again, my precious girl.

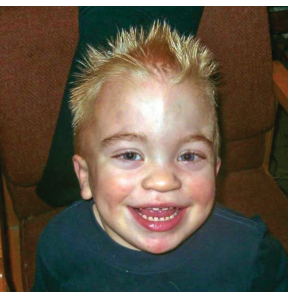


## Camden Crockett (MPS II)

10/30/2005–10/30/2005

Submitted by his parents,  
Billi and Jeremy Crockett

Our tiny angel, thank you for choosing us. We love you and cannot wait to see you again.



## Matthew Crockett (MPS II)

9/18/2003–3/10/2007

Submitted by his parents, Billi and Jeremy Crockett

The years go by, but the memories stay. Our son, our hero, we love you more than life. We cannot wait until we see you again.



## Ross Davis (MPS IIIA)

2/7/2008–10/27/2019

Submitted by his mother, Jessica Davis

“Sometimes being a big brother is better than being a Superhero.”

## Jonathan Lyle Dean (MPS I)

8/29/1986–11/14/2022

Submitted by his parents, Bob and Pam Dean

Jonathan had two BMTs at the University of Minnesota and 13 surgeries. He surpassed the doctor’s life expectancy and lived to age 36. He was the love of our lives and an inspiration to many. He is greatly missed and loved us well.



## Benjamin Z. Durcholz (MPS IIIB)

1/31/2002–3/15/2016

Submitted by his parents, Chris and Annette Durcholz

We miss you so much, dear Benny, and can’t wait to see you again!

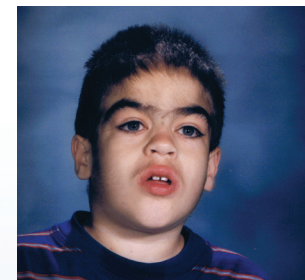


## Zachary C. Durcholz (MPS IIIB)

1/16/1987–5/21/1998

Submitted by his parents, Chris and Annette Durcholz

We miss you so much, dear Zach, and can’t wait to see you again!



*The years go by, but the memories stay.*



## Lindsey Whitleigh Efird (MPS IIIA)

5/17/1998–6/1/2019

*Submitted by her mother, Karen Russell*

You are still loved deeply and missed greatly every day. I'll never forget how much you loved flowers, music, and dancing, and your sister, Hannah. I often wonder what your life would be like now had MPS not robbed you? But God is still good, and I know you are loving your heavenly home and watching us from above. Mommy loves you, LuLu, my ladybug princess...



## Maci Grace Eickman (MPS I)

10/1/2015–4/29/2018

*Submitted by her parents and brother, Josh, Elizabeth, and Jack*

Maci was 2½ years old when she passed away from complications from a line infection. What has become more important over the last five years is remembering how she laughed at Ernie from Sesame Street, loved her mom and dad, and always had a smile (even during the hardest times). Her memory lives on in our hearts. We miss and love her so much.

## Megan Ellis (MPS IIIC)

8/31/1989–12/10/2013

*Submitted by her mother, Melanie Ellis*

Megan was an angel on earth. She enjoyed life to the fullest and had fun doing many activities, including swimming, horse back riding, camping, boating, traveling, theme parks, and the list goes on, but most of all she loved spending time with her family. She brought so much joy to our lives, and we miss her every day but hold fast to His promise that we will see her again in heaven.



## Aislinn Delaney Fadden (MPS IIIA)

10/3/2010–10/26/2022

*Submitted by her parents, Amy and Brian Fadden*

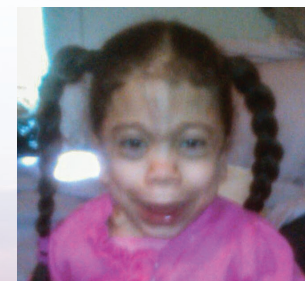


## Alexandria Fernandez (MPS VI)

4/13/2003–5/5/2020

*Submitted by her mother, Christine M. Romero*

My little gladiator, you are truly missed. I hope you are dancing and singing in the clouds. Love always, mama.



## Russell Forkas (MPS II)

12/27/1962–5/10/1974

Submitted by his sister, Kim Whitecotton

I have wonderful memories of my brother Russell but was never aware of his diagnosis. I wish I had more time with him, but the happy times will always be in my heart.



## Katherine (Katie) Foshay (MPS I)

6/13/1976–6/29/1984

Submitted by her parents, Maria and Steve Foshay

In the short time you were with us, you brightened our lives. Your smile and happy disposition brought joy wherever you went to everyone you met. We will miss you always.

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brightened our lives.*

## Kimberly Fowler (MPS IIIA)

12/30/1987–8/17/2014

Submitted by her mother, Betsy Fowler, and her uncle and aunt, Jeff and Barb Harrell

Our sweet, sweet Kimberly is missed every day. But we try to remember that “nothing loved is ever really lost.” The happy memories of her, and now her dad Steve, with her eternally, gives us comfort. We smile when we think of them and know we will see them again one day. The lessons she taught us will live on forever.

Remembering Kimmie who made a positive impact on us all. She was a true angel on earth.



## Violet Fox (ML II)

8/21/2015–12/25/2019

Submitted by her parents and sister, Daniel, Bree, and Scarlet Fox

Violet, we miss you so much and think of you every day.







## Clara Marie Gibson (MPS IIIA)

8/27/2001–9/20/2020

*Submitted by her mom, brother, papa, mama, Jenifer, Ethan, Darrell, and Patty Saylor*

Clara Marie, we miss you so much. We miss those hugs, kisses, and that laugh. Keep watching over us. We love you, sis.



## Karina Guajardo (MPS IIIA)

1/28/1992–6/4/2021

*Submitted by her parents and sister, Angela, Luis, and Anyssa Guajardo*

Karina our angel, we miss having you here  
Your presence was love and everything dear.  
All those who knew you could sense your beautiful soul  
Though your body was broken and took such a toll.

Now, we know you are running and playing in the sun  
We long for the day when we can join in all the fun.  
We believe you watch over us from heaven above  
We still miss you here with us to hold and to love.  
We wish we could again feel your skin to our touch  
We love you forever and always SO much!

Unidos con Esperanza, fe y amor por siempre!

## Adam Tyler Hardy (MPS I)

3/19/1985–3/30/2003

*Submitted by his parents, Rodney and Donna Hardy*

## Devin W. Heise (MPS I)

4/7/1988–3/21/2021

*Submitted by his parents, Tammy and Glenn Heise*

Devin was friends with everyone he met. He left a lasting impression on all who were blessed to have known him. We will forever love our sweet boy. We are so grateful for our earthly time we had, and we know we will see Devin again in eternity.



## Lucas Hembree (MPS IIIA)

3/2/2007–4/28/2020

*Submitted by his mother, Jennifer McKenzie*





## Paige Elise Hill (MPS IIIA)

9/27/2001–2/13/2022

*Submitted by her mother, Michelle Hill*

Sweet Paige fought a long and brave battle with the Sanfilippo monster. She was able to accomplish so much in her life that others only dream of doing.

With the help of her three big brothers she played a variety of sports, showed livestock in 4-H at the fair, played in the WPHS band, was a member of Student Council Leadership, loved to travel (especially to MPS conferences), and had many friends. Our family was truly blessed to have had her in our lives, and she is forever in our hearts.



## Spencer Holland (MPS I)

12/19/1989–1/26/2008

*Submitted by his parents and sisters, Steve, Amy, Maddie, and Laynie Holland*

In 1994, at age four, Spencer and his two sisters, Maddie and Laynie, were diagnosed with MPS I. Though initially consumed with grief, the diagnosis led our family down

a rewarding path of discovery and purpose—a path we continue to walk to this day.

At age eight, Spencer entered a trial for a new drug for MPS, which was approved by the FDA, benefiting many MPS kids. He enjoyed advocating for MPS causes and attending MPS conferences and fundraisers, while maintaining a normal

high school life of performing in the band and in theatre productions, singing in the choir, and playing on the tennis team. He also enjoyed driving his sisters anywhere they wanted to go, playing chess and video games, following his favorite sports teams, hunting, and liking all of the pretty girls in school!

Spencer was a devout Christian who enjoyed leading in singing at church and participating in youth group activities. Every summer, he was a counselor at a Christian summer camp where he touched the lives of many children.

Spencer was a brave young man full of happiness and kindness who exceeded everyone's expectations. Though he faced many challenges, he never complained, he just made life more fun for everyone else—like in this picture where he dressed up as Elvis and sang Blue Christmas at his senior choir concert!

We have all learned so much from his fine example, dedication, and determination. We are all better for having known and loved him!

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## Aaron Daniel James (MPS IIIA)

7/8/1993–1/29/2008

*Submitted by his mother, Michelle Savage*

My tazmanian devil, my loving, happy, gentle, dirty old toad. Aaron, you were my first born. Son, I miss you so very much, I will love you always and forever more until we meet again over the rainbow. Love, your Mommy.

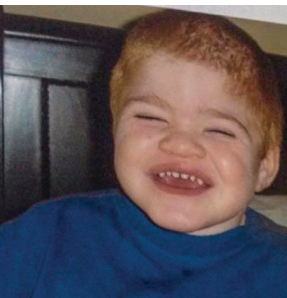


## Zac James (MPS IIIA)

4/24/1990–7/1/2017

*Submitted by his mother, Sharon James*

I miss you more with each passing day. Time doesn't heal this pain. I continue to breathe until I see you again. Fly high; watch over your brothers.



## Ashtin Jobst (MPS II)

6/25/2000–4/9/2021

*Submitted by his mother, Dana Hayner and family*

Ashtin loved Spongebob, baseball, and ice cream. He was the light of our lives, and he is missed beyond measure!



## Kevin Johnson (MPS II)

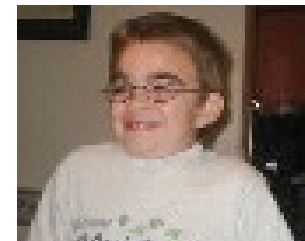
10/12/2001–8/4/2021

*Submitted by his mother, Marqueta Johnson*

## Andrew Taylor Jump (MPS IIIB)

10/9/1997–5/19/2009

*Submitted by his parents and brother, Colin, Paulina, and Alex Jump*



## Henry Kent (MPS IIIA)

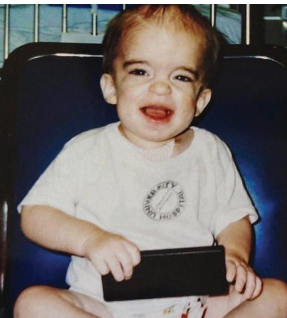
6/9/1998–3/16/2017

*Submitted by his mother, Melissa Rachels*

Henry was the purest form of love we will ever know. The world is a better place for his brief years here, and those he touched will hold his memories near their heart forever.



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## John (J.J.) D. Kessler Jr. (MPS I)

4/28/1990–9/27/1991

Submitted by his parents, Mary Pat and Jack Kessler

We want to express our deepest gratitude for the support and kindness showed to my family after our son was diagnosed with Hurler's Syndrome. Members of the MPS Society provided us with comfort, hope, and resources that made all the difference. Your generosity and compassion will always be remembered. Although our son passed away, we will never forget the support of the MPS Society. With sincere thanks and gratitude.



## Allison Rose Kirch (MPS IIIA)

7/29/1995–10/12/2012

Submitted by her parents and sister,  
Larry, Susan, and Helen Kirch

Allison will always be with us in our hearts. Allison brought us joy, hope, and courage, and above all she brought us love. Love, Mom, Dad, and Helen.

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## Kraig A. Klenke (MPS II)

12/3/1991–10/26/2010

Submitted by his parents, Brian and Kris Klenke

Life lessons we learned from Kraiggy:

- Sidewalk chalk buffs out of the hood of your car
- Bite marks and scribbles significantly increase the sentimental value of furniture and other personal belongings
- Sleep is overrated and ginsu knives look like a good investment at 3 am
- Eating beach sand is a laxative
- Clorox bleach is the safest brand of bleach to drink
- Cops will show up at your front door if 911 is dialed from your home phone
- Barney is purple
- Beanbag chairs do not have beans in them
- Birthdays and holidays can still be celebrated in the hospital
- Inflatable bounce houses can cause serious injury
- Eating crayons make poop colorful
- Anything within reach is fair game
- Ice cubes are refreshing
- If you are in the room during bath time, you will get wet
- Gingers have attitude
- If something is funny, laugh
- Guardian angels do exist

Kraiggy, this is the short list of things we learned from you. We miss your infectious smile, amazing red hair, and cute little freckle face. Until we see you again! Love, Dad and Mom





## Nicholas Lee (MPS IVA)

11/28/2003–5/25/2022

*Submitted by his mother, Mary Jane Lee*

Nicholas passed away unexpectedly on May 25th, 2022, just three days after graduating from high school. His big heart was pure, generous, and kind. With his classic wave hello, he brought a smile to every passing face. Godzilla aficionado, Pokémon

and dinosaur expert, proud cat dad to Sal, stop-motion video YouTuber Godzillaguy54, Sonic super fan, and avid collector of Transformers. Nicholas' deep knowledge of his favorite interests made him a human Google.

We are beyond grateful to the MPS Society. Because we were able to attend the MPS Family Conference Orlando in December 2019, Nicholas' dream came true as he experienced the best time of his life on our visits to Universal Studios. Transformers the Ride, Kong, and Jurassic Park are so Nicholas.

Dear sweet Nicholas, in the months since we lost you here on earth, the tears of heartbreak flow every day. But we hope you know how much you are loved and constantly missed by all of your dear friends and family. Mommy went to G-Fest and TFCon, just as we planned. Your Transformers heroes in voice acting and writing know you and honor your beautiful spirit. Toy de Jour, our favorite store to visit after weekly infusion, miss you and respect your shared passion for toy collecting. Your aunts Sue and Cherry, Uncle Shawn, and mommy are so proud of you. We love you and miss you forever and ever.

## Wesley Leffert (MPS II)

3/19/2011–11/22/2021

*Submitted by his friend, Amy Morris*

Wesley brought so much joy to everyone around him! His smile and laugh would light up the room. He will never be forgotten and always be loved by so many people. Rena, you were the fire in the little boy's soul. Love you.



## Christopher Lesta (MPS II)

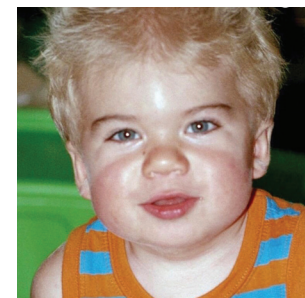
8/26/2002–12/9/2007

*Submitted by his parents, Chuck and Kendra Lesta*

I thought of you today;  
but that is nothing new.  
I thought about you yesterday;  
and days before that too.

I think about you in silence;  
I often speak your name.  
All I have are memories;  
and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is a keepsake;  
from which I'll never part.  
God has you in His arms;  
I have you in my heart.





## Alyssa Louden (MPS I)

3/13/2007–10/8/2008

*Submitted by her father, Lee Louden*

Alyssa, this year would be your Sweet 16. A 16th birthday is a huge celebration. I can only imagine the young woman you would have grown to be. You are beautiful, confident, smart, and we all love and miss you so much. Happy Birthday. Love, Daddy.

## Craig Lupardo (MPS II)

9/19/1987–9/11/2000

*Submitted by his parents, Jim and Doris Lupardo*

## Anthony R. M'Sadoques (MPS I)

11/5/1981–11/16/1976

*Submitted by his father and stepmother,  
Rene and Patricia M'Sadoques*

## Sarah Lauren Mallia (MPS IIIA)

6/10/1992–12/28/2019

*Submitted by her uncle and aunt, Mark and Marie Frost*

Our niece Sarah was truly an angel among us. She was a sweet, pure soul and will certainly be waiting at the gates of heaven to greet us when we and our family arrive! Love you and miss you, Sar.

## Logan Marcotte (MPS IIIA)

11/16/1992–11/30/2018

*Submitted by his parents and siblings,  
Andre, Melissa, Lucas, and Nathan*

It is hard to believe it has been four years since we've kissed your face! We love and miss you every minute of every day. We talk about you and your antics all the time. They make our hearts smile for a brief time. We like to picture you running free with a big smile on your face and laughing that special Logan laugh! Until we meet again, sweet boy.



## Jill Martin (MPS IVA)

1/24/1972–1/8/2022

*Submitted by her mother, Wilma Martin*

Jill was a blessing to all who knew her. She had such a great attitude and sense of humor and was loved by all. She loved to reach out to others and was very generous with making and giving crafts to anyone she thought would enjoy them. Part of her giving involved making 8x8-sized hot pads which she sold and donated \$700 for a mission trip. Her passing took a huge part of my heart, our lives, and our home, and I look forward to seeing her again...she will be whole and running down the streets of gold. Something she could not do here on earth.





## Carter McGraw (MPS I)

3/29/2021–10/26/2022

*Submitted by Mom and Dad*

Until we meet again, sweet boy. We are so proud of you, and love you beyond measure.



## Lucas Montgomery (MPS IIIB)

7/31/1997–7/22/2018

*Submitted by his mother, Stacey Montgomery*

### LITTLE ANGELS

*by My Forever Child*

Little Angels

When God calls little children  
to dwell with Him above.

We mortals sometimes question  
the wisdom of His love.  
for no heartache compares with  
the death of one small child,  
who does so much to make our world  
seem wonderful and mild.  
Perhaps God tires of calling  
the aged to His fold.  
So He picks a rosebud  
before it can grow old.

God knows how much we need them  
and so He takes but few,  
to make the land of Heaven  
more beautiful to view.  
Believing this is difficult  
still somehow we must try.  
The saddest word mankind know  
will always be “Goodbye.”  
So when a child departs  
we who are left behind,  
must realize God loves children,  
Angels are hard to find.

## Joshua Ryan Murphy (MPS IIIB)

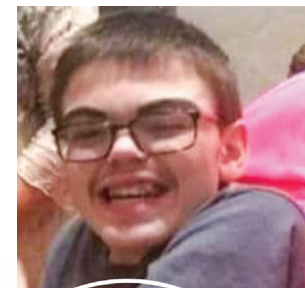
1/29/2001–4/25/2022

*Submitted by his parents, Steve and Ruth Murphy*

We have three older boys than Josh: Stephen, Jesse,  
Richard.

We found out about Josh’s diagnosis when he was  
2½. Our world turned different. We all grieved this news. We  
finally sat down as a family and decided what our plan was  
going to be moving forward.

We decided we would let him be a kid as much as possible.  
If Josh wanted to skateboard, climb a tree, etc., we would let  
him. If he broke an arm or such, we would take him to the  
hospital like we did with the other boys. We would not give  
him meds unless he absolutely had to have them, as they all



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have side effects. Until the last three years of his life, he got very little meds. He was hyper, but we chose to deal with it, redirect, repeat. lol

We put him in Special Olympics and horse riding therapy.

He loved people, loved to hug and kiss. When he threw things, we got on him, told him to be nice, taught him manners, made him apologize, not afraid to discipline. They understand more than one thinks. Some things we had to modify or do for special needs. We went camping, went on a boat, took him on a jet ski and golf cart. He loved anything to ride. He not only taught us things, such as loving unconditionally and to have more patience, but I have seen him transform others, ones that were being hateful/ugly, Josh would hug them or kiss them or just touch their face, and they either cried or laughed. When he started regressing, I stayed ahead of the game, foreseeing what to come and set in place what he needed. It was challenging with Josh, but an honor to take care him, and his daddy and I got to hold him and take care of him until he took his last breath.

We are a faith-based family. Josh loved church as well.

Through Josh's life, we have gained three daughter-in-laws and seven grandchildren. They all loved Josh as well. They and the grandkids played, loved, and snuggled with him. They would read him books, get in bed with him, some of the

grandkids slept with him and watched TV. We were told by many doctors that letting him be a kid as much as possible helped him in so many ways, instead of being so scared to let him do things, this in itself was an honor to be told that. At every appointment, doctors were surprised at how well Josh had done.

We were told God only gives Special Kids and adults to Special People that He knows will take good care of them. This I believe; not everyone can do what Special Needs parents do.

Josh left this world and us in April 2022, a whole week it took him to pass, struggling to breathe, but he looked everyone in the eyes. There were so many that came to be with him and talk to him, hold his hand, snuggle in bed, or hold him. And to finally let go into the arms of his Lord. As all these kids/adults, they are warriors, fighters. This we believe because these types of children/adults sit right beside God. They are given to us to make us stronger, to learn more patience, to persevere, to find faith, to love deeper, and so much more. We made sure we took every second, minute, hour to make so many memories. Long before Josh's passing, years before, I asked people to take pictures, no matter how raw, how much they thought it inappropriate, during his passing, viewing, funeral, ones did...and what a blessing. We have memories in our minds and hearts until the very end in pictures. We miss him dearly, and always will. We were and are so blessed...





## Mehki' Daniel-Ty'Ron Palmer

(MPS II)

5/30/2007–11/25/2021

Submitted by his mother, Chantel Palmer

My Poodah, My Heartbeat, My Broke Best Friend. Mommy misses you so very much! You left me way too soon. Although my heart was not ready, I smile at the thought of the life you are living in heaven. I

know that it's everything that I prayed for you. You can run, eat, talk, and play...or sleep (lol) as much as you'd like. Until I'm able to hold you again, I'll cherish every hug, extra wet kiss, roll of the eyes, and hand squeeze that you gave me. I'm even holding on to the occasional "love taps." I feel your presence daily, and I couldn't/wouldn't have chosen a more perfect angel to watch over us. You left your brothers and I with the greatest memories ever! Your hospital family, school family, neighborhood family, and family-family misses you, too. We all share pictures and funny stories about you. At 14 years young, you left such a huge impression on the world. We understand the assignment that you left us and are all still fighting for a cure. Continue to enjoy the life that I wish you had here for you are now amongst the elite. Keep you aunties and uncles in check like only you can. Watch over your little cousins, they really look up to you. We all love and miss you so much, Fly Guy! You will forever be in our hearts. Our chapter is incomplete...I was chosen for you and you for me. Loving you 5EVER!

## Mia Rae Pruett (MPS IIIC)

5/21/1993–3/24/2013

Submitted by her mother, Dr. Kimberly Pruett

Mia loved anything Disney, her brothers with all her heart, and all animals. Mia loved hard, fought hard, lived hard, and was as stubborn as she was loving. She made our lives so much better in every way. She was 19 when she decided to not wake up one day. Everything was done on Mia's terms, and I would not have expected anything else from our baby girl. She taught everyone around her the true meaning of love.



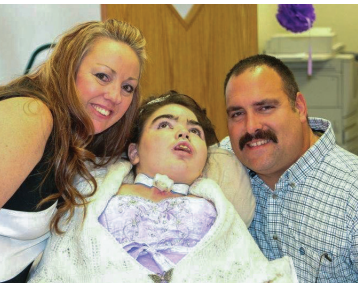
## Abdullah Rabbani (MPS IIIC)

9/8/2007–12/27/2022

Submitted by his mother, Maria Rabbani



*Although my heart was not ready, I smile at the thought of the life you are living in heaven.*



## Caylin Michelle Raines

(MPS IIIA)

2/25/1997–4/6/2017

*Submitted by her parents, Shane and Marty Raines*

Caylin was the light of our lives from the day she was brought into this world until the day she was taken out of this world. We thank God for every day we were able to enjoy this gift. She was loved by so many, and we can't wait to see her again!



## Ethan Smyth Renton (MPS II)

5/18/2002–9/23/2020

*Submitted by Mammy, Daddy, and brothers Jack and Daniel*

Ethan, we keep a place for you where no one else can see. We have this gift nobody has, the bond between family. At times we cannot feel you here, and that pain won't go away. But when we search our place for you, you're with us every day. Ethan, you're not lost, you don't need to be found. We've got you here, in our hearts where we're forever bound. We love and miss you forever and ever; thank you being part of our family.

## Beau Thomas

**Reyes-Pickett** (MPS I)

2/19/2021–8/25/2022

*Submitted by his mother, Tarin Posey*

Beau was born with MPS I. He received his chemo and stem cell transplant at 7 months old. He was the most amazing little guy and always kept everyone smiling. He was his mommy, daddy, and big brother's entire life. Beau passed on August 25, 2022, at 18 months old. He is so missed and still so loved.

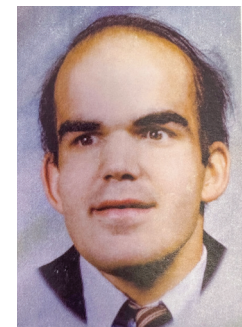


## Richard T. Rotelli (MPS IIIA)

10/6/1985–5/2/2011

*Submitted by his parents, Peter and Rosemary Rotelli*

His favorite song: "Don't Worry, Be Happy"



*We have this gift nobody has, the bond between family. At times we cannot feel you here, and that pain won't go away. But when we search our place for you, you're with us every day.*



## Sean Rutherford (MPS I)

5/22/2009–6/30/2022

Submitted by his mother, Donna Moyer

Sean was the light of the party. No matter how bad your day was, his smile would take it all way! He was the most loveable child!

## Garrett Wayne Shelton (MPS II)

12/29/1989–7/24/2011

Submitted by his parents, Wayne and Glenda Shelton



## Katie Shine (MPS IIIB)

2/25/1989–8/9/2002

Submitted by her parents, Mike and Linda Shine

Katie brought everyone she met a great deal of love. She is missed by her family and all she encountered. Love grows when it is given away.

## Michael Joseph Sochacki Jr. (MPS II)

7/5/1969–4/27/1986

Submitted by his father, Michael Joseph Sochacki Sr.

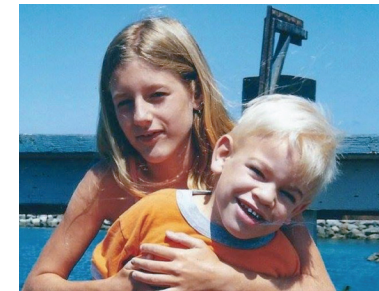
Mike Jr. was loved and respected by all who knew him.

## Zachary Stockin (MPS II)

7/29/1996–11/21/2015

Submitted by his sister, Kristin Stockin McKay

Forever missed and loved. We hope to honor you every day, Zachman.



## Mitchell Stump (MPS IIIB)

8/6/1989–10/3/2003

Submitted by his mother, Donna Simon

My dear sweet son, you are missed more each day. Heaven has my angel and hope. He is smiling each day. I love you.



## Katie Marie Swanson (MPS VI)

6/18/2004–11/22/2022

Submitted by her mother, Jenna Marie Smith





## Jack Teagan (MPS II)

9/7/2007–3/28/2022

Submitted by his mother, Jamie

You woke me up, Jack. I thought I was living. And thought I had my priorities straight. But you came along and awakened me. I have learned from you to see the good in the simplest things. You have literally changed my perspective of the world. Thank you for providing hope, showing so much courage, and for spreading your contagious smile to so many around the world. I am forever grateful and honored that you chose me. I love you, Jack Teagan. Keep showing up and guiding the way.

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## Nathan Thomas (MPS II)

8/5/1996–4/4/2009

Submitted by his parents, James and Melissa Thomas

Howdy howdy howdy

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## Shannon Tootill (MPS IIIA)

11/15/1993–12/17/2014

Submitted by her mother, An Tootill

Since Shannon was born, she had a personality to match her looks. Sunny and personable, she so looked forward to going to school and learning to read. I miss her so much, the girl who was so eager to learn and do things and go places. By the time she was school age, the disease started its destructive path. Turns out Shannon was also a fighter; she fought hard against the constant losses, she hated being sick. She was a vibrant girl who deserved better. She should have had everything. Her last, independent words were two years before she died. She still loved me, her father, and her brother, and MPS IIIA destroyed it all. I hate that children are still dying from it. I pray that Shannon's soul is free and happy.

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*I thought I was living. And thought I had my priorities straight. But you came along and awakened me. I have learned from you to see the good in the simplest things.*



## Zachary Douglas Townsley

(MPS II)

5/31/2000–11/4/2013

Submitted by his mother, Janine Ann Townsley

Almost a decade since his last smile. Not a day goes by we don't think about our Zachary, the strong-willed, smiley boy who gave his all in hopes of helping those who come after him win the battle he lost. Gone but not forgotten. Love him.



## Kayla Villegas (MPS IVA)

8/23/1993–1/27/2023

Submitted by her mother, Linda Villegas

My Kayla won't be hurting anymore...and she is a beautiful soul, an angel sent to touch our lives and leave her mark on the hearts of all who loved her... she rests in peace now. – Mommy & Daddy Villegas

“Beautiful has nothing to do with your looks. It has everything to do with how you are as a person, and how you make others feel about themselves.” – Kayla

## Trinity Walker (MPS IIIA)

10/11/2007–1/30/2023

Submitted by her mother, Courtney Walker



Words don't (and can't) capture and express the essence of my girl. The essence of Trinity lied in the twinkle of her eyes when she laughed. It was the dimples of her cheek when she gave a sideways grin. The freckles on her perfectly flawless face. Her long fingers and the way they traced your bare skin. The way she pulled you in for a hug, and wouldn't let go until she was good and ready. The clicking of her tongue on the roof of her mouth when she liked the movie that was playing. Her Yoda ears that moved up and down when she chewed. Throwing rocks into the river and running fearlessly into cold ocean waves that knocked her down as they crashed. Humming when she was eating something she enjoyed. Twirling around in happy circles when her favorite scenes or songs came on her movie. The Tinkerbell dancing feet that no one knew could move so fast when she was excited. Trinity's empathy, kindness, curiosity, exuding joy, and playful antics cannot be replicated. Her essence was only in her simplicity and innocence, the kind only angels exhibit. Trinity's life lessons touched all who met her. Smile every day, no matter how bad things are. Sing every day, no matter how tired you may be. Money doesn't matter, but the connections you make with people do. If you live simply, you will be surrounded by joy. Love always. Hugs heal. And ice cream heals anything a hug can't.



## **Joshua Williams** (MPS II)

1/27/2004–11/21/2005

*Submitted by his mother, Andrea Clark*

My son Joshua suffered from MPS II. Josh brought so much joy into our lives and everyone who he came in contact with. He always had a smile on his face and was the happiest baby I ever met. Some of his favorite things were people, doggies, bouncy balls, Elmo, Teletubies, and any sound that he could dance to, including the doorbell! Josh passed away at the age of 21 months and went through so much in such a short time, but he was still always happy! I am so thankful that God chose me to be his mommy, and he truly was an angel on Earth!

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## **Kevin Michael Witt** (MPS II)

8/22/1985–11/8/2006

*Submitted by his mother, Lynn Ann Sembach*

## **Kyle John Witt** (MPS II)

1/15/1991–11/3/2012

*Submitted by his mother, Lynn Ann Sembach*

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