



Lucas John Valdez

January 2, 2003 - February 24, 2019

Lucas "Lukie" John Valdez, age 16, of Oshkosh, WI passed away peacefully at his home while surrounded by family on Sunday, February 24, 2019. Lucas was born on January 2, 2003 in Neenah, WI.

Lucas was diagnosed with a rare condition called Sanfilippo at the age of 4 years. This condition, also referred to as Childhood Alzheimer's, may have robbed Lucas of his ability to walk, talk and eat in his later years, but it never robbed him of his infectious smile and laugh. He had a smile that could literally light up a room.

Even though Lucas had a disability, he never stopped enjoying every minute of his precious life. His favorite things in life were holidays (especially Christmas), swimming in his auntie's pool, snuggling on his daddy's chest, hanging out at the neighborhood parties, going for walks with his puppy Lily, soaking in his hot tub and going to school. He most favorite activity in life was spending time with his family. He loved his family members so much, especially his younger brother Logan.

Another passion in Lukie's life was spreading Sanfilippo awareness. He loved all of the Lukie's Legacy events which raised approximately \$300,000 for Sanfilippo research over his life span. These events were a fun way for Lucas to spend time with other Sanfilippo children, his family, his friends and his community. He was well known throughout Oshkosh. He made a lasting impression on everyone that he came in contact with. He was so loved and will be missed terribly.

His family would like to thank the many caregivers who have come into his life. These caregivers have shown him love, respect and compassion. They will always be a part of the Valdez family.

Lucas leaves behind his parents, Christopher and Jill (Schroeder) Valdez, his brother, Logan Valdez, his grandparents, Daniel and Sharon Valdez and John and Linda Schroeder, his aunts, LeeAnn Valdez and Kristine Folletz, his uncle and aunt, Kirk and

Kelly Farber, his cousins Emma and Violet Farber and his recently added Hammen family members. He also leaves behind his special grandma, Kathleen Owens, and many, many, many great aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his “Nana”, Lavon Schroeder and his great grandmother, Marie Tollard.

The Funeral Service for Lucas will be held on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 11am in St. Raphael the Archangel Church, 830 S. Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, WI. A time of visitation will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 4pm – 7pm at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, WI and on Friday at the church from 9:30am until the time of service.

Following the funeral there will be a celebration of Lukie’s life at Rev’s Bowl Bar and Grill.

The Valdez family would like to thank everyone for their continuous love and support over the past 16 years.

Comments



“ Dear Valdez family.
We are sorry for your loss. Your family are in our prayers.

Lloyd and Janet Berning (Colin's grandparents)

Lloyd - February 28, 2019 at 08:03 PM



“ Jill and family,
With deep sympathy, wishing you all comfort and peace in the memories of your loved one.

Crystal Manders - February 27, 2019 at 08:36 PM



“ Dear Valdez family,

I am so incredibly sorry for your loss of sweet, sweet Lukie. I cannot imagine the pain you're going through, but it's very clear you all are receiving so much love and support. Lukie always lit up my work day with his giggles and sweet smiles. He is so loved. I'll continue to keep you all and all the lives Lukie has touched in my thoughts and prayers

Mallory - February 27, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ Dear Jill and Family,

I am so sorry to hear of Lukie's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories you have of him.

-Cathy Huybers

Catherine Huybers - February 27, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ Sending our deepest sympathies to you. Lukie is free of his disease and probably jumping from cloud to cloud and sliding down rainbows.
-The Wojciechowski Family

Jen Wojciechowski - February 27, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ Jill and Family....

My deepest sympathy and condolences. Thoughts and prayers to all of you.
Cindy Kiesling

Cindy Kiesling - February 27, 2019 at 07:47 AM



“ Jill, I'm so sad to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Ann Dolan

Annie Bee Dolan - February 27, 2019 at 01:38 AM



“ Jennifer Walker lit a candle in memory of Lucas John Valdez



Jennifer Walker - February 27, 2019 at 01:13 AM



“ Angie Miller lit a candle in memory of Lucas John Valdez



Angie Miller - February 26, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ My sincerest sympathies to your family during this difficult time in your lives. I remember his infectious smile and laugh when I worked with him as an OT in the school district. He was a fortunate boy to be surrounded by such a loving, supportive family during his 16 years.

Wendy Treleven - February 26, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ Tricia Novotny lit a candle in memory of Lucas John Valdez



Tricia novotny - February 26, 2019 at 07:18 PM



“ Lukie brought joy to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be greatly missed in OASD. Please know your family is in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you strength and peace during this time of great sorrow.

Linda Jones-Pierron - February 26, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss and the pain you are now experiencing. Prayers that God will send His special angels to comfort you and bring you peace.

Merry Damrow - February 26, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ Dear Jill and Family - On behalf of the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, please accept our deepest sympathy on your loss. We hope you draw strength from so many great memories of Lucas and the friends and family who will surround you at this time.

Anthony Snyder - February 26, 2019 at 04:53 PM



“ Jill, I was so sorry to hear of your Lucas' passing. Any time I have heard you speak of him you couldn't help but smile. May your memories bring you comfort during this difficult time.

Chrissy Fries - February 26, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ Valdez family so sorry for your loss, my deepest condolences.

Vickie McParlon
Computer Lab Instructor Menasha Job Center

Vickie McParlon - February 26, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ My heart is broken for you, yet I know your hearts are so much more full for having had Lucas in your lives. - Much love.

Kristin Kizer - February 26, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ Tina Marie lit a candle in memory of Lucas John Valdez



tina marie - February 26, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ Lukie will be forever loved and missed dearly...tristan will hold a special place in his heart for his buddy Lukie

tina marie - February 26, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ Jill, I'm so sorry for your loss of Lucas. I never met him, but the description of his life and his special qualiites makes me wish I had. My sincere condolences--Tony Beregszazi

Tony Beregszazo - February 26, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ So lucky to know your family and especially Lukie. So sorry for your loss. Heaven truly has a special angel

Erica - February 26, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ Prayers and lots of love coming to the Valdez Family. What a precious gift he was.

God Bless,

Amy Woolf

Amy Woolf - February 26, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ The entire Oshkosh West High School community is saddened by the loss of Lucas. He touched the lives of his classmates, teachers and assistants, Global Academy peers, and all who had the pleasure of knowing Lucas. I was blessed to be his principal when he was in Early Childhood at Lincoln and now again at West. You are in my thoughts and prayers!
Erin Kohl

Erin Kohl - February 26, 2019 at 10:05 AM