



Wyatt J. Smidt

July 25, 2014 - March 23, 2020

Wyatt J. Smidt, age 5, of Kearney, passed away Monday, March 23, 2020 at his home following a two year battle with pediatric cancer. Private family services will be held 10:30 a.m., March 27, 2020 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney with Rev. John Rasmussen officiating. Burial will follow at the Kearney Cemetery. The public may watch the funeral live stream at www.holycrosskearney.org. Follow the directions under the livestream toolbar in the main menu dropdown. Visitation will be March 26 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services. We ask that people comply with the CDC and State of Nebraska's suggestions of limiting the size of gatherings. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Children's Hospital and Medical Center in Omaha or it is suggested to bring a children's toy to be donated in Wyatt's memory to Children's Hospital.

Wyatt was born July 25, 2014 in Kearney and later adopted by Kyle and Kathy Smidt on January 5, 2018. He attended Pre-K at Zion Lutheran School in Kearney. Wyatt faced pediatric cancer with courage, strength, and with a positive spirit, that inspired all who knew his story. He had something so very special about him. Wyatt was full of life, ambitious, and became friends with anyone he met. Wyatt touched so many lives that crossed his path in five years. He was a true hero and an inspiration to everyone who met him. Wyatt enjoyed superheroes, sports, and playing games. He talked about being a hockey player and a police officer when he grew up.

Wyatt is survived by his parents Kyle and Kathy Smidt of Kearney; sister, Ashlyn Smidt of Kearney; grandmothers, DeEtte Smidt of Superior, NE, Patricia Fortkamp of Kearney; grandfather, Duane Fortkamp of McCook, NE; great grandfather, Martin Fortkamp of McCook, NE; aunts and uncles, Gene and Kim Creamer and children Brian, Brad, and Sarah; Kurt and Karen Smidt and son Kristopher; Allen and Kelly Schiermeyer and children Kendra and Eric; Barry and Karla Blackstone and children Madison and Conner; Mike and Jeanette Fortkamp and children Mathew, Morgan, and Marcus.

Wyatt was preceded in death by his grandfather Gilbert Smidt, great grandparents, Klaus and Leona Smidt, Everett and Amanda Schlick, Don and Mary Smith, Erma Fortkamp, and cousin Kalen Schiermeyer.

Previous Events

Private Family Service

MAR 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran
3315 11th Avenue
Kearney, NE

Tribute Wall



“ Wyatt J. Smidt

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM

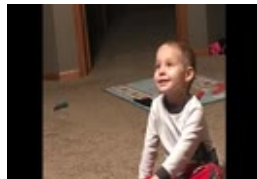


“ My sweet boy...I love you to the moon&back

Holly Cole - July 12, 2020 at 03:26 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video



Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - March 30, 2020 at 11:36 AM



My sweet, strong little suckerfish

Holly Cole - July 24, 2020 at 12:51 PM



“ Sending hugs and prayers to you all. It is heartbreaking for many people. Will be thinking of you all. John and Nancy Gumb

Nancy Gumb - March 28, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ With heartfelt sympathy Pat and Duane, my thoughts are with you!

Janet Gray - March 27, 2020 at 10:50 PM

CO

“ *Carla Ogorzolka lit a candle in memory of Wyatt J. Smidt*



Carla Ogorzolka - March 27, 2020 at 07:45 PM

JD

“ *Such a sweet little guy. Prayers for you in your loss. Jalene Davis and Craig Homecare*

Jalene Davis - March 27, 2020 at 02:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wyatt J. Smidt.*



March 26, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wyatt J. Smidt.*



March 26, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Wyatt J. Smidt.*



March 25, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *I love you very much and I want you to know how grateful I am you came into my life in a time when I needed it the most . you're courageous and I know you're now at peace, thank you for imprinting in my life and in my heart . UNTIL I see you again fly high little man...Ohana*



Margaret ClaytonDavis - March 25, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wyatt J. Smidt.*



March 25, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ *Give Jesus a big hug for me please. God bless you and family!*



Dusty Mason - March 25, 2020 at 02:27 PM

CD

“ I am so blessed to have had Wyatt in our PreK class at Zion for a little more than a month. The class prayed for him every day since then. My favorite memories of Wyatt are him and his sunglasses, as well as his teaching me the "turkey" and the "octopus." ❤️❤️❤️. My prayer is for all of you to know God's "peace that passes understanding," even as we can't understand why God wanted Wyatt in heaven now. With love in Jesus, Carol DeLoach

Carol DeLoach - March 25, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Candy Kreutzer - March 25, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ Candy Kreutzer lit a candle in memory of
Wyatt J. Smidt



Candy Kreutzer - March 25, 2020 at 01:17 PM

CF

God Bless this family! Wyatt you fought a Hero's Battle bravely! You didn't loose - you just replaced the cape with wings! RIP

Carolyn (a friend of Frederick) - March 26, 2020 at 01:08 AM

MJ

My prayers go out to your family, i met Wyatt a few years ago ..his smile lit up the room . I know your family gave him so much love, God Bless you. My prayers are with you during this time. I know its not easy. I am a sister in law of Dennis Jensen. I want to say one last thing the picture of Jesus with Wyatt is amazing.

Marsha Jensen - March 27, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Wyatt J. Smidt.*



March 25, 2020 at 09:48 AM

PJ

“ *Papa, Nana, Uncle Z, Mom Holly, Sis Aubry Jensen purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Wyatt J. Smidt.*



Papa, Nana, Uncle Z, Mom Holly, Sis Aubry Jensen - March 24, 2020 at 07:45 PM