



Rykelan R. Brown

May 24, 2020 - May 29, 2024

Rykelan R. Brown, 4, died at Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse, NY on May 29, 2024. Rykelan was born on May 24, 2020 in Cortland, NY to MacKenzie Brown.

During Rykelan's first year life, he was loved and cared for by his mother MacKenzie and his aunt, Tasha Sweeney. July 2021, Rykelan came to live with foster parents, Samantha and Theo Adams. He was a happy toddler who loved to snuggle. He had the best smile, the bluest eyes you ever saw, and became everyone's best friend immediately. To know Rykelan was to love him.

Once Rykelan learned to talk, he always had a story to tell. He was a creative, joyful, silly little boy. His favorite toys were cars, construction vehicles, and dinosaurs. Rykelan loved books and always wanted an extra story at bedtime.

Rykelan was able to donate his heart and kidneys to help other children heal and thrive. The hospital staff who cared for him in his final days were kind, caring, and professional.

Rykelan is survived by his mother, MacKenzie Brown; grandparents Debbie Brown and Chris Beckhorn; aunts Tasha Sweeney, Lauren Maricle, Kara Brown, and Brianna Brown; and cousins Mavis Morgan, Ava Green, Trenidy Beaman, Parker Hayes, Raidyen Hayes, Emerson Hayes, Paxton Elliot, and Liana Evener.

Rykelan is remembered by his foster parents Samantha and Theo Adams; their extended families, colleagues, and friends; and his Head Start teachers, aides, and classmates.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, June 8th in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home (69 N. Main Street, Cortland) from 1-4pm.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dear sweet boy in Heaven. My most sincerest condolences to his mother, foster parents and families. You are all in my heart and prayers.*



Cherri Carter Fellows - November 21, 2024 at 10:54 AM

KW

“ *I am so so very sorry for your loss. How very heartbreaking a beautiful little boy taken far to soon. My heart goes out to your family.*



Karen M Williams - June 25, 2024 at 12:57 PM

RM

“ *Ryan Ann McRedmond planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rykelan R. Brown.*

Ryan Ann McRedmond - June 07, 2024 at 10:23 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rykelan R. Brown.*



June 07, 2024 at 10:23 PM

TS

“ *He was such a joy .in arianas class ..he met me as ariana.s grandfather. He asked my name I told him tammy..but to call me .meema..cause I was ariana.s grandfather..his smile melted my heart...r.i.p..little man..*

Tammy swenson - June 06, 2024 at 04:09 PM

JM

“ Rest easy sweet boy💙



Jodi Marcellus - June 06, 2024 at 06:32 AM

AB

“ Ashley Benjamin lit a candle in memory of Rykelan R. Brown



Ashley Benjamin - June 05, 2024 at 10:19 PM

AB

“ You are so loved sweet boy 📱🙏🏾🙏🏾🙏🏾🙏🏾🙏🏾🙏🏾 raise hell up there baby make sure you look after your momma and family we love you so much ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Ashley Benjamin - June 05, 2024 at 10:19 PM

EE

“ Oh sweet boy rest in paradise ...snuggle with the angels sweetheart ..Keep awatch over all those that love you..you will always be loved and miss sweet boy



Erin Eaton - June 05, 2024 at 07:17 PM

TS

“ My handsome nephew!!! From the day i found out about you. You were a shining star in my life!! I loved every second with you! From the sleepless nights. To the dinosaur roars!! To buying you new outfits and dressing you so handsome and all cute and adorable!!! Aunt T loves you buddy. Always and forever!! Until i see you again my love



tasha sweeney - June 05, 2024 at 07:03 PM

HT

“ Your smile brightens up every room buddy! You are missed by so many and also loved by so many! I just know when we look up in the sky at night you are the brightest star shining in the night! ❤️



Holly & Troy - June 05, 2024 at 05:41 PM

KK

“ Rykelan you will be forever missed and loved by so many little man. I am honored to have been able to meet you twice n held you just shortly after ur mommy came home with you. until we all meet again rest easy buddy we love you



Kristina Knight - June 04, 2024 at 02:20 PM