



Josiah Samuel Brevis

December 10, 2009 - August 19, 2023

Lafayette -

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 11:00 am in Asbury United Methodist Church in the “Spirit Wind Center” in Lafayette for Josiah Samuel Brevis, age 13, who passed away peacefully at his residence on August 19, 2023, in Lafayette.

Reverend John Cannon will officiate.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 9:30 am until 11:00 am in the “Spirit Wind Center of Asbury Methodist Church.

Josiah Samuel Brevis was born on December 10, 2009, in Baltimore County, Maryland and he was a longtime resident of Lafayette. He loved Legos as well as anything that involved building, playing video games, spending time with friends and family, watching anything Marvel, reading, listening to podcasts and books, playing board games (he was practically unbeatable at Connect-Four). Josiah was interested in Greek and Egyptian mythology. He graduated from the French-immersion program at Myrtle Place Elementary where he bonded with his classmates and teachers throughout his time there. Josiah was a loving member of the Temple Shalom family and enthusiastically supported and participated in Jewish life in Acadiana. He was active with Cub

Scouts of America (Pack 156) and all the activities that entailed (he was a born salesman and was always one of the top popcorn sellers). At the time of his osteosarcoma diagnosis, Josiah had just earned his Arrow of Light rank, joining Boy Scout Troop 271. He had also just started playing trumpet and fencing, two activities his parents are sure he would have excelled at if given more days on this earth.

The family would like others to know: Josiah was sunshine and fresh air, rushing water and fireworks. He was an extrovert in a family of introverts, naturally being the family ambassador and spokesperson. From the time Josiah started day care as an infant, he won over everyone he came in contact with. This was especially true in the last two years of his life, when he had constant hospital stays and surgeries. Everyone who met him loved him and remembered him. Everything was an adventure to him. Even during challenges like chemotherapy and having his leg amputated, he remained inquisitive and positive, wanting to learn about the science and medicine associated with his treatment and rehabilitation. He could have conversations with people of all ages. Unlike his parents, he was unflappable when it came to technology, and didn't stress about device kerfuffles or glitches.

Josiah was small, but mighty. He overcame many challenges in his life, including juvenile cataracts. He made friends easily and he was a lifelong learner for his brief stay on this earth. He always hoped his osteosarcoma diagnosis and treatment would help lead to better research and treatment options for others afflicted by this awful disease. Throughout his illness, Josiah was always thinking of others and remained optimistic until the end that he would live many, many more years.

Josiah is survived by his parents, Zachariah Michael and Melanie Lynn Thompson Brevis; his sister, Hadley Michaela Brevis; his maternal grandparents, Rich and Linda Thompson of Monrovia, MD; his paternal

grandmother, Susan Braley of Gladwin, MI; his aunts, Crystal Thompson of Washington, DC, Valerie (Brandon) Roebuck of New Windsor, MD, and Chelsea (Eric) Wiler of Byron Center, MI; his uncles, Cole Brevis of Walker, MI, and Derrick (Carrie) Thompson of Stephens City, VA; his cousins Kirby and Eamon Roebuck, Jaret, Brennan, Morgan and Adelyn Wiler, Georgia and Cole (Jr) Brevis, as well as Grace, Faith, and Jeremiah Thompson.

The family wishes to offer a heartfelt thank you to the doctors, nurses, and staff at the St. Jude affiliate clinic in Baton Rouge and Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital, as well as St. Jude Memphis, for their amazing care these past two years. They embraced Josiah as one of their family and loved him dearly. Also, the family would like to thank his Myrtle Place Elementary school family, his homebound teachers, and his Scouting family who supported him and our family throughout; Hospice of Acadiana for their compassionate care in his final weeks; to everyone else in our community near and far who cheered for Josiah and supported our family in many ways these past two years; as well to Nick Barber and the congregation at Temple Shalom for spiritual care and comfort.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in memory of Josiah Samuel Brevis to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org; Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, www.roswellpark.org; or Lafayette Public Library Foundation, www.lplfoundation.org.

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555, (337) 740-3123, is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church
101 Live Oak Dr.
Lafayette, LA 70503

In the Spirit Wind Center.

Memorial Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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In the Spirit Wind Center.

Tribute Wall



“ *Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Josiah Samuel Brevis*



Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory - September 01, 2023 at 02:11 PM

SB

My condolences to the family. I didn't know Josiah, but I became familiar with him one day while at clinic with my daughter Briar. I learned he had the same cancer as her. She passed a week ago today so I understand the heartache you are currently experiencing. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy.

Shannon Buzzetta, Mother to Briar Rose Dauphin

Shannon Buzzetta - October 14, 2023 at 06:55 PM

GS

“ *i was a friend of josiah's in elementary school. he would have been in 8th grade with us at paul breaux middle. i'd like to share a memory of josiah. in 3rd grade, he had eye surgery, so for a month, he couldn't see anything. he could barely walk to the bathroom! however, i helped him with his classwork, as he couldn't see what was in front of him. he was so smart and always lit up everyones world. i miss him. condolences to his family.*

-greta schexnayder



greta schexnayder - November 23, 2023 at 09:57 PM

SB

“ I wanted to send my heartfelt condolences to your family. I did not personally know Josiah but I learned of him from the St. Jude clinic while there with my daughter Briar Rose. They actually had the same cancer. She recently passed on October 7th so I understand what you are going through.

Sincerely,
Shannon Buzzetta, Mother to Briar Rose Dauphin

Shannon Buzzetta - October 16, 2023 at 03:05 PM

BD

“ Barras Family Dentistry lit a candle in memory of Josiah Samuel Brevis



Barras Family Dentistry - October 09, 2023 at 08:55 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brittany Broussard - September 09, 2023 at 12:54 PM

JC

“ Jennifer Caparas lit a candle in memory of Josiah Samuel Brevis



Jennifer Caparas - September 08, 2023 at 09:40 AM

MS

“ 22 files added to the album Scouts and friends



Marx Stephan - September 04, 2023 at 04:03 PM

LF

“ Linda Flagg lit a candle in memory of Josiah Samuel Brevis



Linda Flagg - August 30, 2023 at 12:16 PM

MC

“ Thank you Lord for Josiah's life. I am sure that he lived Paul's words in the same way:

"My life is being given as an offering to God. The time has come for me to leave this life. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:6-7 ICB

<https://bible.com/bible/1359/2ti.4.6-7.ICB>

Monica Chiu - August 29, 2023 at 09:08 PM

CT

“ 1 file added to the album *When I was little*



Crystal Thompson - August 29, 2023 at 03:47 PM

LL

“ I heard of Josiah's fight and beautiful, positive personality from my niece, who is a friend of one of your friends. I have prayed for all of you for a few years. One day you will see again with our Lord Jesus Christ. 🙏

Lolita Lemelle - August 28, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ *Laura Akin lit a candle in memory of Josiah Samuel Brevis*



Laura Akin - August 28, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Tamsyn Pang lit a candle in memory of Josiah Samuel Brevis*



Tamsyn Pang - August 28, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ *Connie Farnsworth lit a candle in memory of Josiah Samuel Brevis*



Connie Farnsworth - August 28, 2023 at 01:40 PM



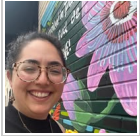
“ *Zack and Melanie, Josiah was a special child and knowledgeable beyond his years. His gentle smile and curious nature left impressions with me that will never be forgotten. He was truly a blessing to know. He had all the qualities and traits that we all hope our own children have. May G-d bless and comfort you.*

S. David Abraham - August 28, 2023 at 09:22 AM

JH

“ Melanie I worked with you at BCPL. I remember you brought Josiah and his baby sister to the Parkville branch one day. Josiah was such a little gentleman and so outgoing for his young age. May God be with you all and give you strength in the days ahead.

Janice Helliwell - August 25, 2023 at 10:12 PM



“ I worked as a student rabbi in Josiah's Temple Shalom community. Even though we only got to meet over Zoom, I always enjoyed seeing and teaching Josiah. He was friendly, curious, and kind. I remember he loved board games and ancient myths. Sending love and blessings.

Shirah Kraus - August 25, 2023 at 06:54 PM

JB

“ I am a colleague of Zach Brevis. My heart pains for the Brevis family on the loss of their son Josiah. Brevis Family may God grant you with loads of love, along with surrounding you with comfort and peace. I will be thinking and continuing to pray for you. -Jackie Bunkley

Jackie Bunkley - August 25, 2023 at 10:36 AM

AA

“ I am so happy I met him he was so sweet and deserved more time I love have and all ways will

amelie augello - August 24, 2023 at 08:01 PM

DR

“ *Doris Randle-Holt lit a candle in memory of Josiah Samuel Brevis*



Doris Randle-Holt - August 24, 2023 at 03:29 PM

LM

“ *2 files added to the album When I was little*



Lyle McDaniel - August 24, 2023 at 11:24 AM

MF

“ *Zack and family: I am so sorry for your loss. What a remarkable child! May God give you all strength to get through these difficult times.*

Maureen Scott Franco - August 24, 2023 at 10:49 AM

RG

“ *My deepest condolences to Zach and the Brevis family during your time of bereavement. My continued prayers are with you go through your period of healing. Just know that God will give you the comfort and strength to endure during this time.*



Rosetta Griggs - August 24, 2023 at 09:37 AM

CH

“ Zach, my deepest condolences to you and Melanie. Knowing what an amazing person you are, I'm sure Josiah had to be one cool little dude. My prayers are with you during this time of healing.

Charmeka Haynie - August 24, 2023 at 07:08 AM

KR

“ To Zach and the entire Brevis family- sending you love and light. Deepest condolences to you.

kristen - August 24, 2023 at 06:47 AM

AV

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Josiah, though I can tell that he was an amazing young man. Having met Zach and Hadley at Temple Shalom, I know that Josiah had a wonderful family. My thoughts are with the Brevis family. May Josiah's memory be a blessing.

Aglaia Maretta Venters - August 23, 2023 at 07:35 PM

TC

“ Sending lots of prayers to the Brevis family. I didn't know Josiah in person, but I work with Zach. It sounds like heaven just got a lot more fun with Josiah there, probably equal to the sadness his absence left behind here. May God give you comfort.


Teresa Cartner - August 23, 2023 at 05:32 PM

KL

“ I didn't know Josiah in person, but knowing his dad, Zach, I know he was an amazing young man. There are no words I can express how sorry I am for Zach, Melanie and Hadley. God will be with your family and with Josiah. Josiah will brighten heaven even more with his personality. The memories of Josiah will stay with us for a long time.

Kelly Lee - August 23, 2023 at 12:34 PM

MR

“ I didn't get the opportunity to know Josiah, but I do know his dad, Zach. Zach is an amazing human being in every respect, so it comes as no surprise that Josiah would be as well. I can only imagine the heartbreak the Brevis family is suffering right now, and my love and prayers go to all those who are touched by this tragic loss. May time and memories help bring peace to your hearts. Heaven gained a very special angel indeed. Josiah - you touched more lives than you'll ever know. Rest and heal in peace sweet boy.


Melissa Read - August 23, 2023 at 11:32 AM

RC

“ To the entire Brevis family and their friends - my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May your strength and faith carry you through this very difficult time.

Rachel Curtin - August 23, 2023 at 11:10 AM

WB

“ Josiah was a wonderful young man, & yes Melanie & Zach hit it on the head, he was an extrovert! He had a natural gift of being able to talk to adults. When the guys from our office would get together to grill steaks, Zach would bring Josiah & he was a delight to talk to. The last time I saw Josiah was at our office crayfish boil in April '22. He was on crutches, but his great personality was the same. When he & Zach left, he came up to me & thanked me for having him. We didn't have Josiah nearly long enough! I'm sure he would have been as wonderful an adult as he was a young man. I know Melanie & Zach are great people & did a great job with Josiah, but Josiah deserves a lot of credit for who he was. I know there's nothing I can say to Melanie, Zach, & Hadley, but we will all miss Josiah!

Wayne Blanchard - August 23, 2023 at 11:06 AM

RB

“ There aren't any words that seem appropriate at this time. Josiah fought this battle with everything he had. Josiah made a big impact on so many people. Prayers to the Brevis family, I wish I could be in Lafayette on Saturday, but sending virtual hugs.

Rhonda Bowman - August 23, 2023 at 10:46 AM

DT

“ I met Josiah when the Brevis family moved to Lafayette. Josiah would accompany his dad to "steak nights" that us guys at the Federal Public Defender's office would have. He was the only kid present with a bunch of rowdy men, but he would steal the show. He was unabashedly outgoing and would jump into the adults' conversations with ease and confidence. He had a confidence and maturity beyond his young years. He was immediately accepted as one of the guys. I've honestly never met another kid like him. I want to say that he would have changed the world if given a chance, but I'm quite sure he already did.

Dustin Talbot - August 23, 2023 at 09:58 AM

JH

“ I never met Josiah, unfortunately, but I have followed his story as a long time friend of his Grandparents, Rich and Linda, and his Aunt Crystal. Whoever wrote this obituary did an absolutely beautiful work. I especially loved the part about him being sunshine and fresh air, rushing water and fireworks. Heaven gained a very special treasure when Josiah left this world.

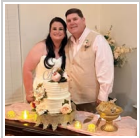


Jason Hillman - August 23, 2023 at 07:45 AM

DW

“ Josiah you touched so many lives during your short time with your family. In the last two years you showed us more love, selflessness, courage, hope, faith ,perseverance than many fighting the fight. We will never have a bad day again because we will remember your beaming smile and never ending positivity. Rest In Peace sweet Josiah 🙏🙏🙏❤️

Doug and Dixie Wiler - August 22, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ Sweet Josiah was a bright light to anyone who crossed paths with him. I know that the precious memories that he has left behind will stay with us always. Prayers for peace and healing to you all! Love, The Couvillions

Jenny Couvillion - August 21, 2023 at 07:05 PM

EM

“ Thinking of you all in this difficult time. Josiah was truly a blessing to so many. Thank you for sharing him with us. We will truly miss him. Please, let us know if you need anything. Magnolia Medical Family.

Erica Matthews - August 21, 2023 at 01:31 PM

MB

“ *The second I met Josiah I fell in love with him. There are no words for how I feel at this moment. Knowing the entire Brevis family has changed my life forever. Love, Marjorie Brooks and Family*

Marjorie Brooks - August 21, 2023 at 11:11 AM