



Alexander Michael Wales

November 30, 1999 - September 23, 2016

Alexander Michael Wales, aged 16, passed peacefully into Heaven on September 23, 2016, at his home in Bristow, VA, after a courageous 7 year battle against X-Linked Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD). He was surrounded by his family and his Pastor.

Alex "Big Al" Wales was born at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV. He then moved with his family to San Antonio, TX, and finally to Bristow, VA. Alex attended Franconia Elementary in Alexandria, VA, Bristow Run Elementary, Marstellar Middle School and Patriot High School. He was an outstanding student, Cub Scout, and member of the Gainesville United Methodist Church Youth Group.

He is survived by his Parents, Michael and Kathleen (Cardew) Wales, Brother, Zachary, Grandparents Jerry and Marilyn Cardew and Sharon Glasco.

Services will be held at Gainesville United Methodist Church this Saturday at 11 a.m.

Flowers can be sent to the church or a donation in Alex's honor can be made to the Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis, MN, by calling them directly or <https://www.gofundme.com/awales>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gainesville United Methodist Church Cemetery
Gainesville, VA

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Please join us for the Prince William Chapter of the Compassionate Friends hosting the 20th Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Ceremony. On Sunday, December 11, 2016 the doors will open at 6:00 pm and the ceremony will start promptly at 7:00 pm. at Buckhall United Methodist Church, 10251 Moore Drive, Manassas, VA 20111. The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon. As candles are lit at 7:00 p.m. local time, hundreds of thousands of persons commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon. The ceremony consists of readings of poems, songs, stories, reading of our Angel's names with candles being lit.

Anyone who would like to read a poem, story, remembrance or sing a song at the Candle Lighting, please send an e-mail to Jennifer Malloch at tcfmanassas@gmail.com so that we can plan accordingly.

There will be a slide presentation during the ceremony. If you would like to have your child's photo added to the slide presentation, please send your photos to Shane Williams at swilliams@tcfprincewilliam.org by noon on Sunday, November 27th. Please either limit your photos to 5 or create 5 collages of your child's photos.

Please bring a picture of your child to display and share. Please bring a refreshment to share during the fellowship after the ceremony.

RSVPs are not required but greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to Jennifer Malloch at tcfmanassas@gmail.com. It would be greatly appreciated If you could specify whether you will be bringing drinks, appetizer or dessert when you RSVP. Please share this information with family, friends and anyone you think would be interested. If you are unable to attend in person, please light a candle from 7 pm until 8 pm in your time zone to honor all of Our Children Gone Too Soon.

Now believed to be the largest mass candle lighting on the globe, the 20th annual Worldwide Candle Lighting, a gift to the bereavement community from The Compassionate Friends, creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone. TCF's WWCL started in the United States in 1997 as a small internet observance, but has since swelled in numbers as word has spread throughout the world of the remembrance. Hundreds of formal candle lighting events are held and thousands of informal candle lightings are conducted in homes as families gather in quiet remembrance of children who have died, but will never be forgotten. The Compassionate Friends and allied organizations are joined by local bereavement groups, churches, funeral homes, hospitals, hospices, children's gardens, schools, cemeteries, and community centers. Services have ranged in size from just a few people to nearly a thousand.

Jennifer Malloch - December 06, 2016 at 11:01 AM

JO

“ *I am sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my condolences at this painful time. Losing a loved one is distressing and as comfort is needed from family and friends, it is my hope your family will find comforting the promise at Isaiah 25:8 where we are assured that "death will be swallowed up forever." It is my hope your family will find strength to endure during the days ahead.*

Jori - September 29, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ *Donna Cole sent a virtual gift in memory of Alexander Michael Wales*



Donna Cole - September 29, 2016 at 01:30 PM



Prayers for Alexander Michael Wales Family, may your hearts feel Peace as you say farewell to your loved one, so sorry for your loss, R.I.P Alexander, may God Bless your journey as you unite with JESUS!

Donna Cole - September 29, 2016 at 01:32 PM

AB

“ *Dear Wales family,
My thoughts and prayers are with You all and all your family and friends. Alex touched so many people and made a huge impact on everyone he met. I remember him foremost as a young slightly mischievous first grader and then as a brave and courageous young man who never gave up. Everyone who knew Alex will never forget him. Our hearts and sympathies go out to you all during this time.*

Andrew Buchheit - September 28, 2016 at 07:33 PM

DH

“ *Alec (Big Al) Wales was a Strong and Caring pdrson who I had the pleasure of knowing. I think we should have called him Brave heart as he took on some big things and stayed strong. First got too meet him in Las Vegas as a baby an have maintained contact as he took on his illness. He is in Gods hands now but lets not forget how many people he touched their lifes including Mine! Love you Big All*

David Holwager - September 28, 2016 at 07:24 PM

AB

“ *Wales Family,*

You are at the forefront of our prayers. Thank you for sharing your sweet Alex with all of us. We are in awe of the strength and fortitude you each exhibited during this journey. With much adoration, Amber & the Bateman family

Amber Bateman - September 28, 2016 at 03:16 PM