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With profound sadness, we share that William Callahan Rampton of Springfield, Virginia, passed away on April 6, 2026. Born on January 1, 2008, he was the beloved son of Clark and Traci Rampton, the younger brother to Jackson (19) and older brother to Adelaide (16) and Henry (13).

Before he could even form sentences, William was adored by all who encountered his big blue eyes and infectious smile—affectionately known as our “sweet William”. And then the words came, and his creativity and imagination started to take shape. From that point forward, Will was a force to be reckoned with. He was a talented (if reluctant) writer and a voracious reader who consumed information with intensity. He never met a point he couldn’t dispute or an injustice he wouldn’t fight. For Will, debate was an art form and the world was his canvas.

Will was a gifted student, who found his way into the hearts of every teacher

who ever tried to prepare a lesson capable of withstanding his painfully insightful questions. Science was his passion; he loved understanding how the world worked and he excelled at biology, chemistry, and physics, with a deep and personal interest in neurology. He was always theorizing on possible solutions for the world's biggest scientific problems.

His fierce attention to detail was most expertly applied when sitting in front of a Lego set, an art project, a model kit, or in the continual perfecting of his hair. Artistry with precision.

He was also a musician—playing the piano for a time, the trumpet a bit longer, eventually making his way to the electric guitar, and even dabbling in vocals.

He was athletic and witty and sarcastic and—when he wanted to be—intensely charming. He loved to watch movies and could always be counted on to provide running commentary about the legitimacy of the plot—watching the scary and romantic parts with his eyes closed and his ears plugged. He ate Nutella and Jelly Bellies with abandon. He loved all things sugary, and all things soft, and all things irritant free. He was kind and perceptive and quick to offer a heartmelting compliment.

Will also had a big heart. He identified and helped people in need, including the elderly and younger kids. He had a wonderful way with them and had a knack for making connections with those who others couldn't reach and for being a bridge between groups who otherwise wouldn't connect.

William was and will always be deeply loved, and he will be desperately missed by his parents and siblings, grandparents, Clark and Sherrie Rampton, Diana Childs, and Cheri Callahan, and a large circle of aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family and friends who feel like family. He is now reunited with two of his grandfathers, William Callahan and Dean Childs, who preceded him in death.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3900 Howard St, Annandale, VA 22003. Friends are invited to visit with the family on Wednesday evening at the same location from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. or from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. prior to the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to a college scholarship fund being established in William's name that will support the education of neurodivergent students like himself. <https://venmo.com/u/Will-Rampton-Scholarship-Fund>

Please use the zoom link below for the memorial service.

<https://zoom.us/j/95877943723?pwd=YUjy1GxAtqJB5IWGdTK5JY4i24hLGL>.

Cemetery Details

Fairfax Memorial Park

9900 Braddock Road
Fairfax, VA 22032
(703) 323-5202
info@fmpark.com
<http://www.fmpark.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
3900 Howard Street
Annandale, VA

Funeral Service

APR 16. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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3900 Howard Street
Annandale, VA

Tribute Wall

SG

“ I had the pleasure of coaching William on the Daventry Dolphin Swim Team each summer when he was little. He was such a curious, smart, funny kid. He always had a smile on his face and was always ready to crack a joke or play a prank on one of us. There wasn't a practice or swim meet that went by that he wasn't making us all laugh. He made each day brighter and more joyful with his presence.

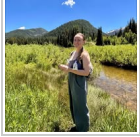
I am heartbroken to hear of William's passing. I pray that his joy and laughter mark our hearts forever, and that we carry on his love for laughter. I pray for his peace.

Sarah Gallahan - April 28 at 10:33 AM

SB

“ Will was genuinely the most empathetic kind hearted young man I have ever met He showed up for people in ways which have inspired me to do so he was an inspiration in school, his community among his friends. And sure he had struggles just like the average person, but he was so much better than those struggles, and he showed up for everybody with a smile on his face. I'm gonna miss our arguments, brother, and I'm going to miss, checking in with you and the times, we watch one piece you showed up for me in ways that made me feel more hopeful for myself, and for that I am infinitely indebted to you. We had this ongoing thing that we would do where we would push each other against a wall and say I am miles Morales, it's kind of corny without context, but for you Will just know that I will see you again, and when I do, I will give you a big hug, and we will do the Miles Morales thing. Thank you for being such a light in my life.

Suhaan Badal - April 17 at 01:56 PM



“ Thank you for allowing all of the staff and students at Stillwater who knew and loved Will to be a part of his service today, it means a lot to all of here and we send so so much love to you and your family.

Rose Christofferson - April 16 at 04:13 PM



“ Heartbroken to read this. I'm so deeply sorry for your loss. Even as a stranger, I just wanted to send my thoughts and support to you and your family during such an unimaginable time.

The Wolfe Family.

Mari Wolfe - April 16 at 10:57 AM

“ There are no words to express the deep sorrow felt by the sudden loss of Will, a remarkable soul whose light shone brightly in the lives of all he touched. He lived with generosity and moved through life with a raw, open heart.

Will was a rare soul. He was smart as a whip, perceptive, funny, and full of personality, but what stood out to me most was his tenderness. He felt things deeply, noticed more than most realized, and carried a softness that made him unforgettable. There was warmth in him and a beautiful aura around him.

Will was wonderfully mischievous and playful. One of the great joys of my life was watching the bond between Will and my daughter, his cousin Kamryn, grow over the years. They were 2 months apart in age, and shared a friendship full of its own wild, kinetic energy. Their lives played out on different coasts yet ran somehow in parallel because of their ages, and the commonality of being sassy, button and boundary pushers. Looking back through photos, it is rare to find one where they are not standing or sitting right next to each other. Much of this was due to Will's sheer tenacity to be in close proximity to her. Sometimes it was received / accepted, sometimes not so much. As cousins are.

I remember them in their highchairs at 11 months old, arms outstretched toward each other, gently passing a single pea back and forth. Were they sharing it because they knew the other wanted it, or were they trying to get rid of it? This was their relationship, and it was a joy to witness. I remember them sneaking treats from the forbidden downstairs fridge, and when those (remaining) treats were eventually relocated to a locked safe, Will spent days trying to decode it, asking whether the code was a birthday, a holiday, or the last 4 digits of someone's SSN. They uttered swear words under their breath, just loud enough for the adults to hear, and grinned when they were called out. They were always on the same team for chores and board games. They purposely tried to sink kayaks for sheer chaos. They wandered off by themselves at street fairs to talk

about music, early teenage life, and whatever felt important in that moment. Once, they spent an hour finding and purchasing matching necklaces.

One of the last times we saw Will, I noticed their dynamic changing. The teasing of the past had softened. The relationship had deepened, a natural reflection of who they were becoming. He set up a seat for Kamryn next to him for outdoor movie night and made sure she had a blanket. They had quiet conversations on the trampoline, talking about the future, what they were each looking forward to, and what they were navigating in their own lives, now so different from when they were young. A more mature friendship was blossoming. Last summer on the lake, he and Kamryn sat side by side at the back of the boat, heads covered by a hoodie and a towel, leaning in every so often to say something to the other, staring out at the water. In a world of their own. I thought it was so endearing. I came to find out later that they were each listening to (unapproved) rap music with one AirPods each.

Those memories hold so much of who he was: funny, bold, and bravely vulnerable, a willing co-conspirator in whatever mischief was at hand. And beneath all of it, a tender, open heart that cared deeply.

Will was a very good friend.

I am heartbroken beyond belief, but also deeply grateful. Grateful that I knew this amazing person. Grateful that I was able to witness his beautifully, complex layered tapestry of vibrant colors.

As Kamryn and I move forward, he will never be far from our thoughts. At each milestone in her life, I will know it is his milestone too. We will feel the ache of his absence at every turn.

Will was deeply loved. He will be remembered vividly. He will be missed beyond what words can hold.

The seat next to Kamryn will always belong to Will.

I love you with all of my heart, kiddo.

~Aunt Nicki



Nicki Callahan - April 15 at 07:21 PM

JV

“ *Will was a joy to teach and to know. He was curious, kind, and funny, and he contributed much to the positive energy and esprit de corps of his classes. I miss him. We miss him.*

Jeff Vanke, WSHS

Jeff Vanke - April 15 at 05:32 PM

OZ

“ He was the most intelligent, thoughtful, and curious person I knew, the things he would say so casually sounded foreign to me and any teacher that spoke with him had to really think about their answers. I remember changing the subject anytime I couldn't understand him. He was surprisingly strong for his size, I remember finally benching the 55's with him and slapping each other's backs. He was hilarious in the best ways, a truly fun person to be around and his laugh was contagious. Once he starts something, no matter how pointless it seems, he sees it to the end, even our tomfoolery. The world lost a witty, funny, intelligent, strong, caring, and truly awesome individual. Deepest condolences for his family and friends.



Omar Ziadeh - April 14 at 12:15 AM

NC

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Nicki Callahan - April 13 at 09:06 PM

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Nicki Callahan - April 13 at 07:37 PM

KW

“ Will was a really good friend and a good person, he always knew when I was upset even when I tried to hide it and he always had a way to cheer me up. Some of my favorite memories were the debates we had and just talking about random things. To his family, I am so sorry for your loss and I know that this must be extremely hard for you all. I appreciate you sharing your son and brother with us, he will be missed.

Kylie Jayden Wagner - April 13 at 07:04 PM

JR

“ I was one of wills good friends in treatment. Some of my favorite memories were when me and will would just debate over the stupid subjects like in science or dnd and everyone thought we were so mad at each other but we'd alway end up laughing at the end. Will was on the the funniest and tender person i knew. He was always there checking up on people. The world has lost an individual that is impossible to replace. Will i will miss you

Jace K Richards - April 13 at 06:46 PM

DS

“ Clark & Traci - Sending love to you and your beautiful eternal family.
We love you!
Don & Cynthia Steele

Don & Cynthia Steele - April 13 at 02:41 PM

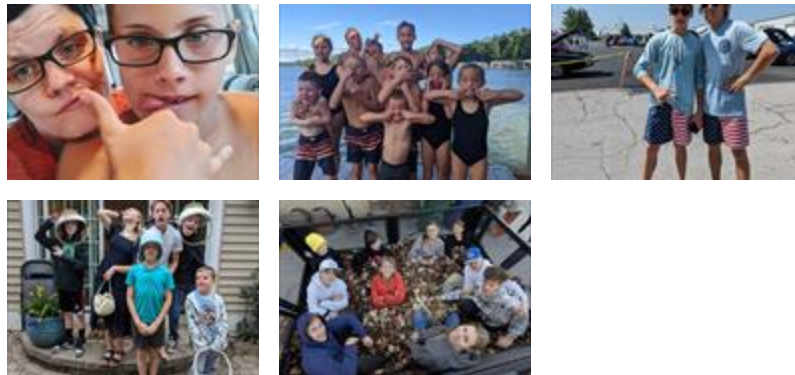
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“ We had the privilege of sharing our home with Will while he lived in Utah. I will always treasure building legos with him, geeking out over DnD together, and debating with him. As an academic myself I loved hearing about Will's zest for knowledge. I loved his spunk and his spark. He will be missed.

Kacee Neff - April 13 at 01:51 PM

JA

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Janaya - April 12 at 11:00 PM

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“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Janaya - April 12 at 10:56 PM

MN

“ Will -



What a light you were to me - and so many others. You radiated an authenticity that is rare for people your age. Your perspective on life and the world was refreshing and inspiring. I couldn't help but crack a smile while you shared your ideas simply because I knew you were destined to make an impact on the world. Those bright blue eyes of yours saw different angles and through a lens that was reflective, passionate, and just oriented. You were a strong advocate for yourself and others. Your quick wit, inquisitiveness, sense of humor, determination, and assertiveness were admirable. You were so kind, so compassionate, so incredibly bright, and so full of potential.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have you as my student. I will miss you challenging me on your schedule during academic advising. And I will miss you rounding the corner into my office to share a new plan, a random thought, or an idea you had for your classes or future. I appreciated the trust you instilled in me to guide you - even if I had to give you a side eye from time to time. I valued your vision and wanted you to achieve it. Your future was worth the thoughtful planning and discussions.

So, thank you, Will for being an important piece of my life. Every educator who had you is privileged for it - and I most certainly am.

I extend my deepest condolences to your family, friends, and all who loved you. We will all miss you deeply. Be in peace, Will.

Ms. Neforos

Megan Neforos - April 12 at 10:27 PM

EH

“ *Traci & Clark - Wish we could have known your wonderful son, William. So deeply sorry about his passing. Looking through the photos you posted, it's clear that your family bonds run deep. Our hearts are with you and your family, and we send you all our love. - JP & Emily (Carpenter) Hanson*

Emily Hanson - April 12 at 05:58 PM

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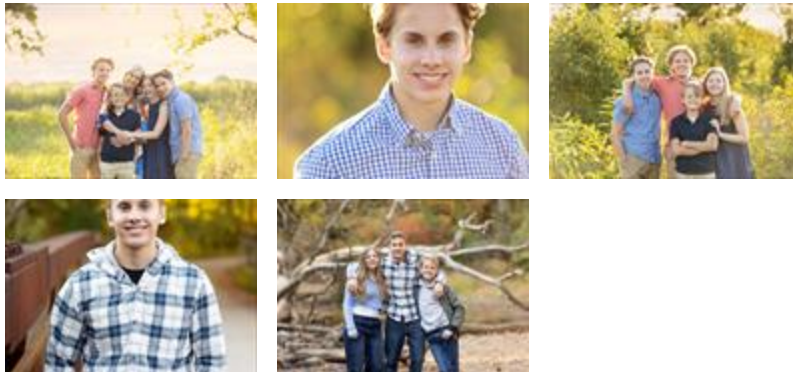
“ *Clark and Traci, our condolences and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*



Chris Corbett - April 12 at 05:43 PM

TR

“ *83 files added to the album Our William*



Traci - April 12 at 04:02 PM

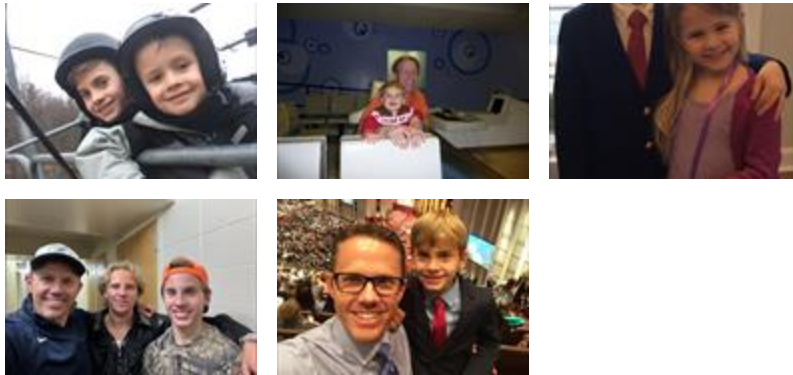
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Beautiful photos of treasured memories shared by your amazing family. Will's time on this side of heaven was sadly all too short, but his impact was made and his legacy of love will remain. May the Lord bless you and keep you during this difficult time, our family grieves with you and will continue to cover you in prayer. - Tom & Anita Ferguson

Tom Ferguson - April 15 at 09:50 AM

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Clark Rampton - April 12 at 11:11 AM

YC

“ Your Cousins purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of William Callahan Rampton.



Your Cousins - April 12 at 10:29 AM