



Elijah Philippi

September 19, 2002 - November 14, 2022

Elijah Robert Richard Philippi was born to Robert Jason Quinones and Daina Irene (Ziehm) (Quinones) Philippi on September 19, 2002 at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and passed away on November 14, 2022, in his home surrounded by his loved ones in Bruning, Nebraska at the age of 20 years, 1 month, and 26 days. He was one of 5 boys in the family.

Elijah started his chapter here in Bruning with twin brother, Dominic when their mother Daina fell in love and married local, Ryne Matthew Philippi in July 2007. It was here in Bruning where Elijah and Dominic were welcomed into small town living and created fantastic memories along with their growing family. Ryne officially adopted the twins on November 20, 2020.

Elijah was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning on Easter in 2008 and confirmed in Faith in 2017. He was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma in November 2019 during his junior year of high school. He courageously battled, choosing leg amputation and withstanding multiple rounds of chemotherapy at UNMC in Omaha. He finished his senior year and graduated in 2021 at Bruning-Davenport USD with his brother and classmates! He loved trying new sports including learning to golf, pole vault, bowl, play guitar, and he especially enjoyed playing baseball in the summers. Following graduation and between treatments, he worked at Reinke Manufacturing in Deshler and Bruning Grocery. He made many friends and cherished his relationships with

them.

Elijah always had a need for speed and loved riding ATVs and his UTV from Make-A-Wish. Even as a little kid he loved anything with tires including, Hot Wheels cars, airplanes, trains, and farm vehicles. He was an expert on fast cars and ATVs. He supported the military and had once dreamed of joining. This dream only strengthened his bond with his grandfather Richard Ziehm who retired in 2006 and Uncle David Ziehm who currently serves in the Air Force. Elijah could talk about military aircraft for hours on end. He had such passion and skill for gaming, especially HALO, where he could be the hero and defend others in need. He wasn't bad at Fortnite either!

Elijah, most of all, loved talking to people! As a child living with autism, he had difficulties early in life learning to connect with others, but he overcame that struggle and made it his strength. He spent many days driving around and stopping to talk to anyone, even if the conversations were not long. He would visit great-grandparents regularly to converse and share stories. At home, he routinely called friends and family members that did not live locally just to see how they were doing and tell them what he had going on.

Elijah had an old soul that truly valued the importance of human connection. He appreciated the support he had from his community. So many prayers and well wishes were sent his way and he was appreciative of them all. We cannot forget to mention the beautiful parade that was held in his honor where many fire trucks and locals drove by to make some noise for Elijah.

Lastly, Elijah was a lover of animals. He never met a dog he didn't love but always loved the idea of owning an exotic pet. He enjoyed the companionship he had with the family dogs (Anna, and Bella), cat (Diamond), and his bearded dragon, Ricky.

We like to think that Elijah did not leave all of us behind but instead is making a special spot for all his family and friends to rejoice with him in the afterlife alongside his great-grandparents.

Those here today in waiting are his father and mother Ryne & Daina and his four brothers Dominic (Rylee), Brayden, Jackson, and Kristopher; his biological father Robert & Lidia Quinones; grandparents Kurt & Kathleen Philippi and Richard & Anne Ziehm; uncles & aunts Josef & Patricia Philippi and their children Kali & Willow, Paul & Megan Philippi and their children Brooklyn, Knox & Blake, and David & Andrea Ziehm and their children Preston & Dylan; and many friends, co-workers, and care-takers.

A Funeral Service for Elijah was held on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, Nebraska. PMA Jim Germer presided over the Funeral Service. The recorded selections included "You Say," "I Can Only Imagine," "The Other Side," and "Scars In Heaven." "Amazing Grace" was also sang acapella by the congregation. Pallbearers for the Funeral Service included all of Elijah's classmates from the Class of 2021.

A Graveside Service was held in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the Nebraska Make-A-Wish Foundation in care of Elijah Philippi.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Bruning, NE 68322

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present for Visitation

NOV 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Geneva, NE 68361
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Funeral Service

NOV 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
300 E Main Street
Bruning, NE 68322

Fellowship Following The Funeral Service

NOV 19 (CT)

Bruning Highschool Gymnasium
340 Carroll Street
Bruning, NE 68322

Immediately following the Graveside Service

Graveside Service

NOV 19 (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery
Bruning, NE 68322

Tribute Wall

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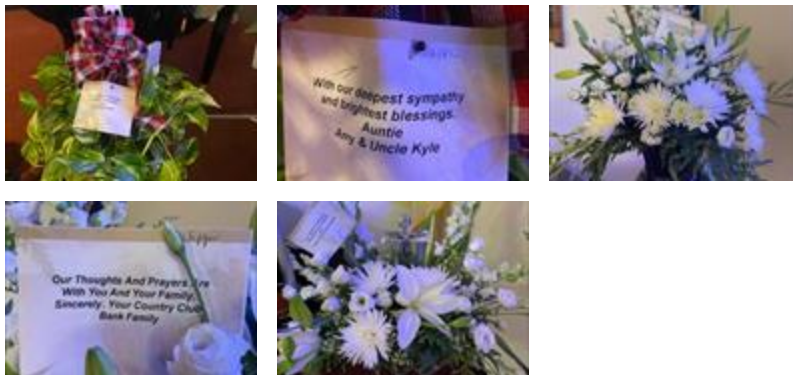
“ Fly high Elijah! Thanks for the ride ❤️



Jordan - November 19, 2022 at 05:55 PM



“ 76 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 19, 2022 at 05:31 PM

NA

“ nancy lit a candle in memory of Elijah Philippi



nancy - November 19, 2022 at 12:52 PM

NA

“ I will always remember the big hug you gave me that day I told you we were going to my brothers home to get your stuff. The sweetness , love , and gratitude was felt in my heart which expressed better than words how tender and special you are, dear nephew. I will always love you, Elijah

nancy - November 19, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Elijah Philippi.



November 19, 2022 at 10:33 AM

KT

“ Kent Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Elijah Philippi



Kent & Rose Theobald - November 18, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elijah Philippi.



November 17, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elijah Philippi.*



November 16, 2022 at 05:27 PM



“ *I will carry the impact that Elijah had on my life in my heart forever. Elijah, you taught me so many life lessons and I will treasure them and the memory of you forever. To Ryne, Daina, Dominic, Brayden, Jackson and Kristopher. You are in our thoughts and prayers! Hugs! #foreverelijaharmy*



Kevin, Jodi and Holden Wolfeich - November 16, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Elijah Philippi.*



November 16, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elijah Philippi.*



November 16, 2022 at 11:52 AM

TF

“ *The Barnes Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Elijah Philippi.*



The Barnes Family - November 16, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Elijah Philippi.*



November 16, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elijah Philippi.*



November 16, 2022 at 09:44 AM

MH

“ *Ryne, Daina & family - we are so sorry for your loss of Elijah. We hope you will find comfort in the memories you shared. Keeping you all in our thoughts & prayers - hugs to you.*



Mike & Lynne Houser - November 15, 2022 at 08:45 PM

PB

“ I will never forget meeting Elijah, and how adorable he was as a little boy, and especially at your wedding.....great memories to warm the heart...God Bless you in his keeping.

Penni J Bruning - November 15, 2022 at 07:00 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elijah Philippi.



November 15, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elijah Philippi.



November 15, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elijah Philippi.



November 15, 2022 at 05:15 PM