



Jonah E. Holmes

April 18, 2006 - February 3, 2013

Jonah E. Holmes, age 6, of Spirit Lake, passed away Sunday, February 3, 2013, at Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was born on April 18, 2006, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Michael Ray and Michelle Holmes.

Jonah was a flourishing student at Spirit Lake Elementary School. He enjoyed reading, talking, playing with his friends and watching Veggie Tales and the Story of Jonah. Jonah loved the time he spent with his family and will be missed dearly by everyone!

Jonah is survived by his mother, Michelle Holmes of Spirit Lake; his father, Michael Ray of Omaha, Nebraska; brother, Fisher Bakker of Spirit Lake; his maternal grandmother, Kathleen Holmes of Clarinda; his paternal grandmother, Evelyn Bakker of Sioux Center; his maternal grandfather, Phillip Holmes of Omaha; his honorary grandfather, Don Christiansen of Council Bluffs; aunts, Jenifer Holmes of Clarinda, Linda Vanden Bosch, and her husband, Ron of Hull, Carolyn Bakker, and her husband, Albert of Rock Valley, Donna Wojciechowski of Platte, South Dakota, and Sandy Hoekstra, and her husband, Kevin of Sioux Center; uncles, Rodney Bakker, and his wife, Lisa of Spirit Lake, Larry Bakker, and his wife, Donita of Omaha, Gerrit Bakker, and his wife, Joyce of Inwood, and Dale Bakker, and his wife, Kathy of Sioux Center; step-sisters, Katherine Cutler-Bakker and Kennedy Bakker of Madison, Wisconsin; step-brother, Hunter Bakker of Madison, Wisconsin; and many cousins. He was preceded in death by an aunt, Sara Holmes Bruns;

and a great-aunt, Karen Pulliam.

Funeral services for both Jonah and Kevin will be held at 11:00A.M. Saturday, February 16, 2013, at the Faith Evangelical Free Church in Spirit Lake.

Visitation will be held Friday, from 4:00P.M. until 7:00P.M. at the Faith Evangelical Free Church. Burial will be at Lakeview Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Kevin Bakker Memorial Fund.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Jonah E. Holmes*

chad albin - August 04, 2013 at 05:11 PM

JO

“ *Thank you everyone for posting wonderful memories about Jonah. Knowing how you felt about him and how he made an impact in your life, schools, with his friends, family and churches really uplifts my spirits. It is like my medicine and it makes me feel so wonderful. My heart appreciates it more than words can say.*

Jonahs - March 24, 2013 at 10:10 PM

PH

“ *Michelle , wanted to send another what's on my heart song suggestion for all your struggle's and pain Michelle ...surly hopefully song will help you feel ok again. (cutting and postin' song but might need to post yourself..?.. it's a guy'...Kamakawino'ole' ... called 'somewhere over the rainbow'. Love Dad- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_DKWlrA24k&feature=share&list=AL94UKMTqg-9CCqJLWRP1bntndujFjWOjg*

phillip holmes - February 26, 2013 at 12:15 PM

PH

“ *Michelle so sorrowful about your heart aching in so much terror and loss... those near your heart to have slipped away so suddently. I have all hope and all faith Michelle... most importantly the greatest is Love for you. God speed in what this song represents to us all. <http://youtu.be/QbBfIDJidOU> 'One day at a time' Michelle.... one day at a time. Love Dad-*

Phil Holmes - February 16, 2013 at 02:26 PM

LJ

“ *My heart is shattered for the loss of Jonah. If there was an ideal child, it was Jonah. He was truly sweet and adorable. No words can describe the pain that Michelle must be feeling right now. My deepest condolences to Kathy and Jenny and Kevin's family. I want to thank Kevin's family for taking care of Fisher while Michelle heals and for everything else that you do. Although I could not be there today in person, I am there in spirit and know you are in my prayers. I will always be there for you Michelle, I am a phone call away.*

Your Precious Angel

*I have not turned my back on you,
so there is no need to cry.
I'm watching you from heaven,
just beyond the morning sky.
I've seen you almost fall apart,
when you could barely stand.
I asked the Lord to comfort you,
and watched him take your hand.
He told me you are in more pain,
then I could ever be.
He wiped his eyes and swallowed hard,
then gave your hand to me.
Although you may not feel my touch,
or see me by your side.
I've whispered that I love you,
while I wiped each tear you cried.
So please try not to ache for me,
we'll meet again one day,
beyond the dark and stormy sky,
a Rainbow lights the way.
Author Unknown*

Lisa Johnston - February 16, 2013 at 08:43 AM

KB

“ *Jonah E. Holmes*

Kirk Vanden Bosch - February 14, 2013 at 08:20 PM

CR

“ *Michelle and Family,*

I am so saddened about the loss of both Jonah and Kevin. I subbed for Mrs. Nebelsick in the 1st grade room a few days and got to know Jonah. He was very sweet, such a happy boy, and a good friend to everyone. Everytime he saw me in the hall at school after that, he ran and gave me a big hug. I enjoyed visiting with you that day you stopped in after school to pick Jonah up. I cannot tell you how sorry I feel for your loss and I know you will miss him very much, but I rejoice with you that he is in the arms of Jesus! Jonah made no secret of the fact that he loved Jesus, and he even told me about having the same name as the Jonah who was swallowed by the whale! May God hold you close and comfort you in the days ahead. You are in our thoughts and our prayers.

Charlene Radcliffe - February 12, 2013 at 07:40 PM

OD

“ *Michelle, Just know that jonah is in a better place and he is sittin next to god and reading our messages right now*
Yours truly, Olivia Davis

Olivia Davis - February 11, 2013 at 09:24 PM

EB

“ *Jonah you were such a sweet little boy! The day you were born you touch many lives. I love you lots just like I love your mother. You were such a pleasure to know. I'll never forget the day you stayed the night with me and we went to Ruby Tuesday and ate dinner. I will sure miss you!!!!*

Elizabeth Burgos - February 11, 2013 at 03:13 AM

LO

“ *Your little heart was filled with so much joy! You will be missed!
Love you Jonah!*

Loni - February 10, 2013 at 09:59 PM

SB

“ *Michelle,
Jonah was able to brighten my day every time I saw him. He will be
missed, but his memory will live on everyday in our hearts. I truly
feel blessed to have him a part of our school.*

Shane Boeve - February 10, 2013 at 06:52 PM

AT

“ *Play Video*

Alina Tridle - February 10, 2013 at 10:43 AM

RR

“ *Michelle, we are so sorry to hear about Jonah. He was always a joy
to have in daycare. We will keep your family in prayer. Love,
Rhonda and Bill Rochholz*

Rhonda Rochholz - February 09, 2013 at 03:34 PM

CN

“ *Michelle,
My heart breaks for you in your loss of precious Jonah. Jonah truly
brightened my day seeing him every day in my office. He was so
sweet and such an inquisitive little guy. I miss him every day, and I
know he is spreading joy all over heaven now. Wishing you peace
and beautiful memories. Sincerely Claudia Nichols*

Claudia Nichols - February 08, 2013 at 08:35 AM

AD

“Michelle and family,
Im so so sorry to hear about Jonah. He is now sitting next to God watching over you. May God give you strength and peace during this time.

Ashley Dishong

Ashley Dishong - February 07, 2013 at 11:23 PM



“Jonah E. Holmes

February 07, 2013 at 10:32 PM

DE

“May you be in the ARMS of GOD .. Thinking and praying for the family . May God be with all of you in your time of loss ..

D Esch - February 07, 2013 at 09:18 PM

WR

“As a part of the Worthington Fire and Rescue, that night that we came so save you and your family, I felt that God and his Angels were among us as he was calling for you. I deeply feel the sadness of this families loss and I can not describe how much pain we are all in at this time. But rest assured you are in the hands of God almighty himself and don't have to worry about pain or sickness. Rest in peace little guy. God Bless your family in this difficult time.

Wgtn Rescue - February 07, 2013 at 08:40 PM

JT

“Jonah you were a nice little boy that went to my school [spirit lake] I always heard that you had an awesome smile! My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family!

Josie Tvedte - February 07, 2013 at 04:37 PM

JN

“ *Jonah was such an adorable little boy! He was full of energy and bright smiles! I was looking forward to being his 1st grade teacher at Sandoz in Omaha until I heard his family had moved to Spirit Lake. Our Sandoz staff mourns the loss of Jonah and will always remember him. My thoughts and prayers go out to Jonah's family.*

Jeannie Noel - February 06, 2013 at 09:31 PM

HJ

“ *Everything in Jonah's world is now perfect
There is no war or fear of pain
Anything and Everything will always be under control,
He is now in a wonderful place were he will always be waiting there
for us to join him!!*

My little sister was in his class and was his best friend and she missis him so much that she talks about him all the time and I miss him to! He was a great kid and I think he will miss us a lot!

Hailey Jones - February 06, 2013 at 08:52 PM

GI

“ *My Niece and Nephews are SL Indians. God Bless this little boy in heaven and his family here on earth. Thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Gina - February 06, 2013 at 05:29 PM

JO

“ To the precious, precocious little boy that rode my school bus last year: The Principal went to great effort to find me this year and tell me the news. I am beyond sad. You brightened my day more times than I can count. I can tell because there is now a "hole" in my heart and it aches. God bless you, Jonah. I'm sure you'll keep all the angels on their toes!

Jim Redelfs, Omaha - February 06, 2013 at 12:28 PM

C(

“ We send our heartfelt condolences from St. Cloud, MN. Our daughter Macy was in the same grade and attended pre school and part of kindergarten at Spirit Lake. Were positive that the wonderful community and school district will be with your family at this difficult time.

God bless all of you.

Chad Taylor (Zimmerman) - February 06, 2013 at 08:43 AM

AH

“ i do not know the family personally but my son knew Jonah from school they were in the same grade. very sad my thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

autume heuer - February 06, 2013 at 04:23 AM

OD

“ I didnt know you but i am in 6th grade at his school and my frirnd anna was gis helper on thr bus and when i heard the news i balled the whole time basically I MISS YOU RIP my grandma rhonda davis will be their to take of you i know it

Olivia Davis - February 05, 2013 at 09:36 PM

HR

“ You are indeed a angel in heaven. You will be welcomed by Jesus himself, Greeted by Karen,Sara, Doc your relatives who will care for you with loads of love

helen robinson - February 05, 2013 at 09:32 PM

GI

“ I don't know your family, but I cried when I heard the news. I have a 6 yr old daughter, so the loss of your son strikes close to my heart. Please find comfort in knowing that your precious jonah is in loving hands, and although you may not be able to see him, he is always with you. Bless your family.

gina - February 05, 2013 at 09:08 PM

JA

“ I did not know this little one personally, but my heart is heavy, I grew up in Okoboji and am in tears mourning the loss of this angel in heaven, prayers for everyone....

Jalene - February 05, 2013 at 08:14 PM

ED

“ Jonah was a cute little guy, who liked to ask a lot of questions. I really enjoyed him while being his lunchlady at Sandoz. May God Bless the whole family in this time of sorrow.

Eva Dale - February 05, 2013 at 06:41 PM

MP

“ Jonah should be here to tell I spelled super wrong. He was so bright.

Ms. Pam - February 05, 2013 at 06:21 PM

PG

“ *Jonah was a supper little boy. He always had a story to tell me, I loved that little boy. I was his lunch lady at Sandoz. He is sitting on Jesus lap now.*

pamela Guillory - February 05, 2013 at 03:10 PM

DB

“ *I didn't know your little guy...but my heart aches for your loss...*

Debbie Bahr - February 05, 2013 at 01:55 PM

MC

“ *My heart and prayers go out to your family. Jonah was a beautiful little boy. There are no words that can ease your pain, but know he is with Jesus gracing heaven with his smile.*

Michelle Caskey - February 05, 2013 at 08:37 AM

BC

“ *Jonah E. Holmes*

Betty constant - February 04, 2013 at 08:12 AM