



Dakota C. Jenkins

April 27, 2005 - June 15, 2016

Jenkins, Dakota C. Age 11. June 15, 2016.

Beloved son of Melissa. Dear brother of Emile and the late Maxwell. He will also be missed by Gabrielle Walker, Angie Parente and many friends. Dakota had many interests in his young life, including astronomy, physics, chemistry, biology, and going to museums and libraries. He wanted to be a biologist when he grew up. He enjoyed gaming, especially Minecraft, and also enjoyed watching other children play. Other past-times that he loved were music, and his art and bike therapy classes. His favorite color was red! Visitation Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 1:30 p.m. until time of funeral at 4 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Due to allergy concerns, the family prefers no flower tributes be sent. Instead, the family has suggested memorials to the Michigan Association for Gifted Children, 30250 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 or online at www.migiftedchild.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Services

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Ottenbreit sent a virtual gift in memory of Dakota C. Jenkins*



Nancy Ottenbreit - February 17, 2017 at 02:26 PM



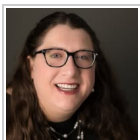
I'm sorry to hear of your loss, Melissa. It looks like lots of people were touched by Dakota. I wish I had known him, and Maxwell too. I hope that you and Emile are doing well.

Nancy Ottenbreit - February 17, 2017 at 02:28 PM



“ *Dakota had the sweetest smile and most loving spirit. We are devastated to know he is gone. Praying for peace for you and Emile.*

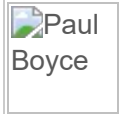
Suzy, Pete, Katie, and Andrew Migrin - June 23, 2016 at 12:51 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Dakota's First Lego League Pictures*



Melissa Jenkins - June 21, 2016 at 07:21 AM



We always enjoyed Dakota's company and contribution on FLL team. Dakota's smile is eternal. Love, Paul and Jordan Boyce

Paul Boyce - June 21, 2016 at 12:50 PM

JW

“ *My name is Justine, I had the pleasure of meeting Dakota during his last stay at Mott, I was part of the nursing staff. I was very saddened to hear of his passing and my deepest sympathies to your family for your loss.*

Justine Westbay - June 21, 2016 at 06:31 AM

RR

“ *Ms. Jenkins --*

I am so thankful that I was able to spend part of my first clinical rotation as a medical student getting to know your son. I was initially interested in his case because I have a family member with CP, but it was clear from Dakota's huge smile that he was a very special young man who touched everyone who crossed his path. I am so sorry for your loss and you and Dakota are in my prayers. Please know that he has shaped my training as a physician and he will never be forgotten.

-Regina Royan (medical student at UofM)

Regina Royan - June 20, 2016 at 08:32 PM

KM

“ My memories of Dakota, for the short time I knew him, were of him smiling at the medical team while on rounds on Friday. It was a big, happy smile. During the week I remember Dakota smiling and laughing at the Andy Griffith Show. Your son was someone special and he touched the hearts of everyone who knew him. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kim Monroe (Physician who spoke with you Friday night at discharge).

Kim Monroe - June 19, 2016 at 08:42 AM

DA

“ Melissa,
My heart aches for you and your son. My heart, thoughts, and prayers are with you both during this difficult time. I asked my Pug, Gracie, to greet Dakota and be by his side.
Denise Austin

D. Austin - June 18, 2016 at 03:59 PM

EG

“ I loved riding on Dakota's route with him. He always had a big, beautiful smile for all he saw. He was so bright and full of life. I'll always be grateful to have known him.

Elatia Grimshaw - June 18, 2016 at 02:17 PM

Jamie-
Josh
Peterson

“ Hi Ms. Jenkins, this is Josh Peterson, a member of the medical staff who cared for Dakota. I am so sorry for your loss... It was clear to me that he was a special spirit, so smart and full of life. I want you to know that he was and is in my prayers, as well as you and your family. Dakota taught me so much--I will never forget him. Please know that he was loved.



- Josh

Jamie-Josh Peterson - June 18, 2016 at 10:22 AM

TW

“ Trish Webster lit a candle in memory of Dakota C. Jenkins



Trish Webster - June 18, 2016 at 06:46 AM

TW

Melissa, I am so sorry for your loss. Dakota was a pleasure to work with. He had such a terrific personality, was patient and had an enduring smile! I'm blessed to have known such a bright soul!

Trish Webster - June 18, 2016 at 06:57 AM

MD

“ My sympathy to the family. Mere words cannot convey the overwhelming feeling of disbelief, numbness and despair that can result from the death of a loved one. May you find comfort in knowing God promises that the dead will live again.-Isaiah 26:19

Ms. Dee - June 18, 2016 at 06:00 AM

AK

“ *Ayana Knox-Potts sent a virtual gift in memory of Dakota C. Jenkins*



Ayana Knox-Potts - June 17, 2016 at 06:07 PM

AK

My prayers to you and your family, I will see you soon, Saturday I cannot come. , So grateful to have shared the small amount of time I did with him, he definitely lit up a room.

Ayana Knox-Potts - June 17, 2016 at 06:08 PM

CM

“ *I was honored to get to know Dakota and enjoyed seeing his smile while watching Minecraft and Pink Panther videos on YouTube and especially when watching his brother play Minecraft. I am so grateful to have met you all and I will keep you all in my prayers!*

Chris Mathis

Chris Mathis - June 17, 2016 at 04:02 PM

KC

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss Melissa. Dakota was one of the sweetest souls I have ever met. He taught me a lot about patience and never assuming. When I first started working in latchkey he always smiled or laughed at my many mistakes. He had a wonderful sense of humor and he helped me feel confident in my decision to move to Jardon. I now see people first not just their disability. Thank you both for the time I got to spend with him, they are precious memories for me.*

Kimberly Chamberlain - June 17, 2016 at 02:51 PM

EL

“ *Melissa - I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Elisa LaRue

Elisa LaRue - June 17, 2016 at 01:51 PM



“ *Thank you so much friends, for your wonderful thoughts and words! I wanted to let everyone know that after the memorial service tomorrow, you are welcome to join us for dinner at Pasquale's Italian Restaurant in Royal Oak: <http://www.pasqualesrestaurant.com/>. We will have a Pizza and Pasta (with either tomato meat or primavera sauce) menu. Please feel free to bring a dessert other than ice cream. The restaurant will serve the desserts we bring. Thank you!*

Melissa Jenkins - June 17, 2016 at 08:52 AM

CP

“ *Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I had the pleasure of meeting Dakota, his mother Melissa, and his brother when Dakota was in the hospital. Dakota had such a sweet disposition and a refreshing smile. He will be missed by many.*

Courtney Palka - June 16, 2016 at 08:50 PM

AD

“ *Dakota had a wonderful smile and I feel grateful to have known him. I know that he touched a lot of hearts and helped many people to learn and grow, I among them. My deepest sympathies to Melissa and Emil.*

Alison Dickson - June 16, 2016 at 01:37 PM

 Cat
Allison

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our hearts, prayers, and condolences go out to you Melissa, and your family.

*With love and warmth,
Cat and Matt*

Cat Allison - June 16, 2016 at 12:20 PM

JR

“ Melissa, it was so nice meeting you and Dakota when you were in Florida! I am so sorry for your loss. You and Emile will be in our prayers.

Jeannie, Jim, Deborah and Alexis

Jeannie Root - June 16, 2016 at 12:17 PM

JJ

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of this sweet boy. I had the privilege of knowing and working with Dakota in school and latch key. I will never forget him, his bright, happy smile and his persistence in life to learn, grow and play.

Jessica Jacobs - June 16, 2016 at 11:36 AM

ST

“ Melissa, sending heartfelt condolences to you and family over the loss of Dakota. It was inspiring to read about his interests and passion he had for the sciences. From my family to yours, you'll be in our prayers.

*Your colleague,
Steve Tymczak*

Steve Tymczak - June 16, 2016 at 11:23 AM

JF

“ Heartbroken to hear this news. It was such a pleasure to meet you and Dakota and Emile several years ago. All of your friends at the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation are thinking of you.



Jessica Feeley - June 16, 2016 at 08:39 AM

TW

“ Melissa my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. It was both an honor and pleasure to meet Dakota and you as well. Each time I saw Dakota, his smile warmed my heart. I want to thank you for considering me with helping both you and Gabby in caring for Dakota, even though it never happened. Our chance meeting I know was truly meant to be and if you should ever need me for any reason, please don't hesitate to call me. Again, my thoughts and prayers are with both you and your family.

Tolonda Westbrook - June 16, 2016 at 08:09 AM



“ Melissa,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

God bless.

*Deepest condolences,
Dianna*

Dianna Neff - June 16, 2016 at 07:09 AM

RW

“ *No matter what he always laughed or had a smile on his face!! Will never forget his smile!!! Love You Dakota!!!*

Rita Witten - June 15, 2016 at 08:55 PM

LM

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Lynnette Mueller - June 15, 2016 at 08:12 PM



“ *Welcome, Friends! We so appreciate you joining us on Dakota's tribute page. If you wish to make a contribution, in lieu of flowers, we are encouraging donations to the Michigan Association of Gifted Children (MAGC), <http://mifgiftedchild.org/>, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Dakota was a gifted child and many gifted children in Michigan are in dire need of educational help and assistance. MAGC, the Michigan affiliate of the National Organization for Gifted Children (NAGC) advocates and educates tirelessly on behalf of Michigan's gifted children.*

Melissa Jenkins - June 15, 2016 at 07:01 PM

JB

Our hearts are with you Melissa and Emile. Dakota was a well known and loved "regular" at our Mensa events. He will be missed, but remembered, by all who knew him.

Jean Becker - June 16, 2016 at 09:14 AM