



Blake Duke

September 27, 1987 - April 12, 2007

Blake Wayne Duke, age 19 of Birmingham, passed away Thursday April 12, 2007 after a long illness. Earlier in his life he had attended school at Burkett Center and St. Jude's School for Exceptional Children. He was loved by all his teachers and caregivers. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Barbara and Billy Stipes. He is survived by his mother, Monica Duke; step-father, Ken Chesser; father, Randall Duke; brother, Nicholas Duke; step-brothers, Jason, Tyler, and Dakota Chesser; paternal grandparents, Newton and Carolyn Duke; uncles, Rick Wood and his wife Virginia, Tim Duke and his wife Vanessa; aunts, Kerry Richardson and her husband Tim, and Pam Burgess. Blake is also leaves behind many cousins who loved him. HE WAS A LOVING AND SPECIAL SON WHO WILL FOREVER BE MISSED. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2:00 p.m. from the chapel of Morgan's @ Gardendale Funeral Home with Rev. L.A. Norman officiating. Interment will follow at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. The family will receive friends Sunday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting our website at www.morgansatgardendale.com. Arrangements are by locally owned and operated Morgan's @ Gardendale Funeral Home, 631-8810.

Tribute Wall

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“ To the Duke Family, I work for the healthcare company that delivered the air mattress for Blake during the past couple of months when he was at St. Vincent's on the children's floor. He was such a cutie and his smile brought cheer to my day on both deliveries I made for him. My prayers go out to your family during this rough time. I am so very sorry for your loss. Donna Boroughs Huntleigh Healthcare

Donna Boroughs - April 17, 2007 at 07:14 PM

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“ Monica...you would remember me as Mrs. Suddeth. I was Blake's first speech therapist in St. Clair County. He was a special little boy, and I am glad he touched my life. I saw the article in the paper some time ago and had often wondered what had happened to you all. I am sorry for your loss, but Heaven has another sweet angel to look over us. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Turberville - April 15, 2007 at 05:08 PM

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“ This message is for the paternal grandparents--Newton and Carolyn Duke--I was so sorry to read about the loss of your grandson. I grew up with Pam, Kerry, Tim and "little Randy" and playing many, many softballs games at the Pawnee ballfield with Miss Carolyn, Kerry and Pam. This must be a difficult time for all especially Randy. Please know how sorry I am for your loss. My best to the family and Blake's mom. Georgia Holloway Lipsey

Georgia Holloway Lipsey - April 15, 2007 at 03:19 PM