



Luke Allen Willhite

April 21, 2005 - February 16, 2022

Luke Allen Willhite, age 16, of Aurora, MO passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at St Louis Children's Hospital in St. Louis, MO. He was born in Springfield, MO on Thursday, April 21, 2005; son of Randy and Lenee (Weldy) Willhite. Luke was a junior at Aurora High School. Previously, he had participated in band and was a manager of some of the sports teams. Luke was an active member of Verona Baptist Church. He helped with announcements, Vacation Bible School, participated in programs for Easter and Christmas, and was active in the youth group. Luke loved people. He enjoyed eating with friends and family, playing games, drawing, video games, fishing, and camping. Luke was always smiling and would light up a room when he walked into it. Eating was a favorite activity and spaghetti was his very favorite food. Luke wanted everyone to be happy, and he did his best to make that happen.

Surviving are his parents, Randy and Lenee Willhite of Aurora, MO; his loving sister, Lauren Willhite of Aurora, MO; his brother and buddy, Sam Salas of Aurora, MO; maternal grandma, Jane Weldy of Aurora, MO; paternal grandpa, Marvin Willhite of Aurora, MO; paternal grandparents (Papa and Nana), Duane and Beverly Gilson of Nixa, MO; and his other special family, Joe Radon and Leann Sandoval and his other fantastic sisters, Brookelynn and Hannah Sandoval all of Aurora, MO. Luke will also be missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Luke was preceded in death by his maternal grandpa, John Jr. Weldy; paternal grandma, Dorothy Willhite; cousin, Marty Allen Willhite; and two uncles, Marty and Craig Willhite.

The family will receive friends at Aurora High School in Aurora, MO on Friday, February 25, 2022, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

A celebration of Luke's life will be at Aurora High School in Aurora, MO on Saturday, February 26, 2022, beginning at 11:00 AM with Pastor Lendall Morris and Pastor Larry Herndon officiating. Burial will follow at Maple Park Cemetery in Aurora, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Barry-Lawrence County Developmental Center building fund in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Cemetery Details

Maple Park Cemetery

Aurora, MO 65605

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Aurora High School
Aurora, MO 65605

Celebration of Life

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Aurora High School
Aurora, MO 65605

Tribute Wall



“ *Luke Allen Willhite*

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM

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“ *Randy, Lenee, and Lauren, I am so very sorry to hear about Luke. He was one of my favorite kids at the clinic. He always had a big smile and I loved to see him and both of you. I wanted to come to the service, but I had just come home from having Theresa in the hospital with COVID and we were still in quarantine. Know that you all have been in my thoughts and prayers. He was such a sweetheart. Love, Patty Pippin*

Patty Pippin - March 03, 2022 at 01:29 AM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Luke Allen Willhite.*



February 24, 2022 at 07:37 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathies , condolences, and prayers to the families of Luke.*

Marietta and David Cox - February 20, 2022 at 11:03 AM

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“ *Luke came to as many soccer games as possible. He was always cheering and smiling whether we won or lost. I will never EVER forget his positive attitude! He made our days less stressful whenever he was around.*

Linda Osmani - February 19, 2022 at 10:54 PM

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“ I remember as the school secretary whenever Luke would not be feeling well he would come to the office to ask me if he could call his dad to come go home. The whole time we were talking he had that big grin on his face. Whenever I saw Luke in the hallways, lunchroom or wherever that beautiful grin was always present 😊 So whenever I hear his name that great big grin is what I will think of and always will till I see Luke again. Until then his smile will brighten those in Heaven till his family can one day join him. ❤️

Rhonda Boatwright - February 18, 2022 at 03:50 PM