



## Joshua Gregory Yale

January 11, 1988 - September 2, 2021

Joshua Gregory Yale came into this world on the 11th of January in 1988, a cold gray day in Nuremberg Germany. He was the first child of Brad (then serving in the U.S. Army) and Traci Yale, their blue-eyed, red-haired boy. Josh passed away at his Visalia home surrounded by family in the early hours of Thursday, September 2, 2021, as the result of complications caused by Duchenne muscular dystrophy. He was 33 years old.

In addition to his parents, Josh is survived by two younger brothers, Ian and Cody Yale; aunts Lorie and Jaymie Yale; uncle Steven Looney; and 3 cousins (Jeremy, Nathaniel, and Danielle). He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Jim and Rayanne Yale, and maternal grandparents Emery and Shirley Looney.

He attended Willow Glen Elementary, Green Acres Middle School, Redwood High School, and Golden West High School. He was a Christian believer, attending Parkside Chapel through his teen years. He was an avid player of video games and was able to meet people and develop friendships through online games.

Some people who encouraged and helped Josh along the way include his 4th grade teacher, Jan Champion; Dr. Theodore Sobieralski; Dr. Steven Kindy and staff; and Dr. Soloniuk-Tays. The family offers their sincerest thanks to all these wonderful people as well as Valley Children's Home Care staff and respiratory care practitioners Peggy and David, and the nurses and staff of Kaweah Health Private Home Care. A special debt of gratitude is owed to

Barbara Mayeda, who supported us and helped us in so many ways over the years. Many thanks to Kaweah Health Hospice (nurses Kelly and John) and Dr. Howard who stepped in to help us in the final hours of Joshua's life.

Private burial at Visalia Cemetery will be Thursday, September 9, 2021.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

SEP **9**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Traci and Brad, our hearts and prayers go out to you and family. May you find comfort in faith. We are in awe of the intensity with which Josh lived 33 years with DMD - what a remarkable life he lived despite debilitating illness. His love of life up to his last breath is a beacon to all. Josh's life - every day for 33 years - was a real miracle!! Hugs, love, and prayers. Your cousin, Edie Littlefield Sundby and family

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**Edie Littlefield Sundby** - October 17, 2021 at 02:22 PM

KJ

“ Tracy and Brad, my condolences to you on the loss of Josh. I had a soft spot in my heart for that Kid when I met him and started cleaning his teeth at Dr Kindy's office. I enjoyed talking to him about Zelda as my son was a big Zelda fanatic. Although I moved away from Visalia 3 years ago he often came to my mind. When Dr Steve texted me today to tell me he had passed last week, I remembered that Josh was on on my mind last week. I think God had put him in my heart and prayers at that time.

You were wonderful parents for Josh. You took such good care of him and I can only imagine how hard it had to be. Gods bless you as you grieve and I rejoice for Josh as he is fully healed in Heaven with Jesus!

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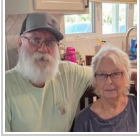
**Kelley Joslin** - September 08, 2021 at 08:15 PM

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Thank you, Kelley. We appreciate your kind words. It sounds funny to say someone enjoyed their dentist visits, but Josh really did. Thanks for taking such good care of him.

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**Traci Yale** - September 15, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ I came to know Josh through being his nurse for his last two years of high school. After those to years I was honored to go into his world of gaming, where he kept me on my toes by watching and quizing me on what he had just done. I would ask him what he had just done and he would happily explain. He was a shinning star and will always hold a special place in my heart.

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**Patti Tollison** - September 08, 2021 at 04:59 PM

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Thank you for the kind words and memories! He really had a good assistant in you (and a nurse!) because you would help him research whatever he wanted to do. You were a great team.

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**Traci Yale** - September 15, 2021 at 06:40 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Josh and looked forward to seeing him twice a year at Dr Kindy’s office. I will miss him dearly. I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Christina Rodriguez

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**Christina Rodriguez** - September 08, 2021 at 12:01 AM

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Thank you, Christina. You have been an important part of his life. He took his teeth seriously! I will be in to see you soon, but it's going to be hard. We appreciate your kind words.

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**Traci Yale** - September 15, 2021 at 06:42 PM