



Michael Johnson

August 3, 1988 - October 29, 2021

Aurel 'Michael' Johnson (August 3, 1988-October 29, 2021)

It is with a sadness which knows no depth that the Johnson family bids farewell for now to Michael Johnson, who on Friday, October 29, 2021, passed from this world, and into a glorious place of rest in heaven.

For 33 years Michael's mere presence brightened what can often be a dark and broken world. Born in Romania in 1988, he was housed in an orphanage for essentially the first three years of his life. When Cheryl Deluca-Johnson became aware of the tragic plight of so many orphans like Michael, she ventured to Romania in the hope of adopting one of these kids. Michael was the first little boy she met. He had physical disabilities and developmental delays, but Cheryl's thought at the time was that she couldn't go the rest of her life wondering what would become of that blonde-haired boy in that Romanian orphanage. So with that he became a member of the Johnson family, welcomed to his new home on July 6, 1991 by his new family, including an older brother and sister, Eric and Maggie, and father, Ernie.

Michael's life was challenging. Diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, the prognosis was sobering; his life expectancy at best, the family was told may not exceed his teenage years. But he defied the odds. He was confined to a wheelchair for twenty-one years, and for every second of the last decade

of his thirty-three years Michael required a ventilator to breathe.

He was a warrior.

He was a miracle.

And he was ours. On loan from the God who made him and now cradles him, pain free and carefree.

Michael is survived by his parents, Cheryl and Ernie, his brother, Eric, and sisters, Maggie, Carmen, Allison and Ashley. Other survivors include his brother-in-law, Dustin, sister-in-law, Quynh, nephew Everett, and nieces, Katie, Amy, and Bennett.

Michael's life will be celebrated on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 12Stone Church (Main Campus) 1322 Buford Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30043.

Visitation from Noon-1:45 Celebration 2:00.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to the foundation established to honor Michael's favorite phrase-'Love You Too.'

<https://www.cfneg.org/fundholder-profiles/love-you-too>

The Love You Too Foundation gives to organizations which support faith and help children and the disabled.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

12Stone Church (Main Campus)
1322 Buford Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Service

NOV 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I just found out about this. I really enjoyed being around michael the years I drove him on the school bus. He was a delight to be around. I have often thought of him since leaving Gwinnett County bus driving. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I used to hear stories about all of you and how much he truly loved each one.

Phyllis Britt - January 27, 2022 at 10:47 AM