



## Wesley Charles Lipicky

October 25, 2008 - May 18, 2018

Of Alexandria, Virginia, on May 18, 2018. He is the cherished child of Josh W. and Amy D. Lipicky; grandson of Lynn and Sallie Dievendorf and the late Dr. Raymond John and Janet Lee Lipicky. A memorial service will be held at All Saints Sharon Chapel, 3421 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310 on Thursday, May 24 at 3PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Penguins International at <https://penguinsinternational.org/donations/wesley-charles-lipicky-memorial-fund/>.

Wesley was such a wonderful son. It's hard to put into words how much he means to so many. He was an excellent student, a true friend to so many, a wildlife (especially penguins) lover, a teammate, companion, and the best son any parent could have ever hoped for. It's so hard to imagine a world without his glowing presence. Amy and I will miss him more than we can ever express and hope that you will join us on Thursday to celebrate such a wonderful soul.

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ It's hard to believe it's been eight years since you passed. Not a day goes by where I don't think about you. You were one of my best friends in elementary school and the first person to show me kindness after I had moved to Virginia. The kindness you showed to me at a time when I felt lonely will never, ever be forgotten. Not only to me, but you were kind to everyone. You showed compassion to everyone and had the most infectious smiles ever, one that would light up an entire room. You had a way of making people around you feel cared about and seen, and I don't think a single person who has met you would think differently. I would always remember your love of penguins and how you were as big a Pokémon fan as I, all of those little things that made you special.

I was there the night the tragedy occurred, and being only in third grade, I would have never understood how much this memory would stay with me. Losing someone I held so closely to my heart changed me in ways I wouldn't understand at the time. Even after all the time that has passed, moments like that feel surreal to me, and moments where I wish I could rewind time and go back to being kids, playing together again.

Eight years later, I want you to know that you can never be forgotten. While time can keep moving, your memory will always stay with me. I will never forget your smile, your kindness, and the kind of friend you were to me. I will always be grateful to have known you and to be able to call you one of my best friends. I miss you, Wesley, and I always will.

- Leon Brideau

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Leon Brideau - May 24 at 11:30 PM

EN

“ It’s been almost seven years since we lost Wesley. I miss him so much. He and I were friends, and he was one of the first friends I made after I started second grade. He was funny, kind, and caring, and I miss him. What happened to him was awful, and the grief still haunts me, even in high school.

The image is of a small penguin plushie I intended to bring to school as an offering, however my stepfather grounded me for trying to do it. I wish his parents the best, and I hope they’re doing well. If the spirit of Wesley ever sees this, I just want him to know that I will always miss him, and that he will always be remembered as a kind person who made every day a lot better.

-Erik Wilcox (I now go by Erika.)



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**Erika Norberg** - April 29, 2025 at 10:14 PM

AS

“ It’s been 6 years now i still think of Weasley. He was my best friend and kept asking me to teach him spanish. - Abisai Lopez

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**Abisai Lopez Sanchez** - September 28, 2024 at 07:32 PM

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Wesley\*

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**Abisai Lopez Sanchez** - September 28, 2024 at 07:36 PM



“ Wesley Charles Lipicky

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October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ My Daughter goes to Franconia SAAC - Natalia. We want to offer condolences to you for this horrible tragic accident. I do not know what you are going through but pray you get through it. I did not Wesley that well but remember him for his orange hair and cheery smile. May he Rest In Peace. SHAKEEL Natalia

Celebration Candle - June 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ "I was in Wesley's first and second grade class. I was also in SACC with him. He was one of my best friends. This is such a sad time. I'm going to miss Wesley so much." - Daniel Tio

Candle of Memories - May 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Wesley, we will always remember your infectious smile and your energy! Rest In Peace little friend.

Candle of Memories - May 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so incredibly saddened over your loss. Our hearts go out to you and we're thinking of Wesley. We've been sharing soccer memories. Lisa, Leah and Nate

May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Amy & Josh, our deepest sympathy from DC Rockers.*

May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wesley Charles Lipicky*

**Ocean Breeze Spray** - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Josh and Amy, we are so very sorry for your loss. Cahill says he will remember Wesley as always being energetic, and he enjoyed playing soccer with him.*

May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Amy and Josh, I don't have the words to convey just how sorry I am for this unbelievable loss of your beautiful son Wesley. He seemed to be a light that brought love to everyone around him and I can only have faith that he will continue to do so from afar. Sending you love and my most heartfelt condolences. - Sandy Girard*

May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of this tragedy. Our hearts are truly aching for you! Rest in Peace Wesley.*

**Candle of Peace** - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Wesley had such a profound presence. You could feel him in the room. Such a comforting and peaceful soul who was kind to everyone. When i reflect on our beach trips to rehobeth I always think of Wesley. The little sound of a scamper across the floor above. The first one up who could sit so quietly and entertain himself until others got up. This world will never be the same without him. Those who had the great fortune to know him will forever be changed by both his influence on them during his 9 years with us and by the painful loss of his presence in this world. We owe it to Wesley to continue to live with presence and purpose and exude the peace he provided to others.

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May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ So much has happened to your family this year and this would be the most devastating of all. All I want to do is cry for your family. It should never be this way. \*hugs\* & prayers to your family

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**Blue Collection** - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ is impossible for us to properly express how heartbroken we all are for you. He was such a wonderful, sweet little boy and we in the neighborhood will miss him dearly. You are both in our thoughts and prayers during this extraordinary difficult time. We love you guys. The Loggins Family.

Heart - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Wesley you and your family will be in our prayers. Brooklyn has very fond memories of you. Franconia has united beautifully in memory of you. Rest in peace you sweet angel.

Candle of Love - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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Sunny Memories - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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Beautiful in Blue - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ Amy this is Karen Bryan Timbrook's mom. There are no words to express the sorrow and all of our hearts . I know that you were always a very special young lady to me! I'm sure that your son Wesley was the sweetest kindest little boy that anyone would loved to have met and known.

Butterfly - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ We are heartbroken over the loss of your sweet Wesley. We pray that God's loving arms will comfort and uphold you as you walk through this time of unimaginable sorrow. You will forever be in our thoughts and prayers.

May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Wesley you were a big part of Christopher's life and although he doesn't quite understand why you are no longer with us know that your memory will live in our hearts forever. We are very lucky that our paths crossed and got to know you for the special little boy that you are.

May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ The 3 musketeers

May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I offer my most heartfelt condolences to Josh, Amy, and family. There are no words sufficient enough to cover over the grief of losing your beloved Wesley. The resurrection hope God gives lets us know that we may see our loved ones again-Acts 24:15, John 5:28-29. May this help comfort you and your family during this most difficult time.

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May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Wesley, I will always remember that amazing dive that left us all in awe. You were such an amazing kid. William and Brady are going to miss playing with you. Our entire family is heartbroken. We will cherish you in our hearts forever.

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May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ The members of the Franconia Museum Board of Directors wish to express their deepest, most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Wesley Lipicky, in the tragic loss of this precious child. Praying that your treasured and beautiful memories will bring you comfort at this sad and difficult time. May God hold you close and bring healing and peace to your hearts.

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May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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**Secret Garden Basket** - May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Amy, Josh and family. We are so sorry to hear about your young, beautiful boy. We love you, Charlene, Dan, Jules, and Kerry O'Brien, and Chris and Erin Flowers.

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May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ My daughter was in SACC with Wesley and said he was such a nice boy. Our hearts are breaking for you with this tragic loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Lauren Antelo*

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**Candle of Memories** - May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Both of my children go to Franconia, we didn't get the chance to met Wesley. We are all feeling the loss and we are praying for your family. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. I am so sorry for your loss. ~ the Martinez Family

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**Candle of Peace** - May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ My son, Blake, is a fellow third grader at Franconia. He loved playing with Wesley after school and during recess. He especially enjoyed trading Pokemon cards with Wesley. Blake described Wesley as a loving child and a great friend. He will miss him dearly. Wesley will be in my son's heart and memory forever.

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“ I am truly heartbroken for you and want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Sending much love, Shira Jorgensen

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“ We are holding Wesley's family in love and light and praying for comfort during this time. My children were in SACC with Wesley and described him as funny and incredibly kind. He will be truly missed by the whole community.

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“ Wesley you are so funny all the jokes you make up are so funny I can laugh for minutes.  
I will miss you.

love, Yara

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CM

“ Dear Josh, Amy, and Family,  
Nicky and Nate both loved playing with Wesley in SACC, and Nate often came home talking about something nice that Wesley had done for him. Nate describes Wesley as one of his best friends. Our hearts and prayers are with you. The loss of such a sweet, sincere, and generous child is unfathomable.  
The Ashenfelter Family

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“ We are so very, very sorry to hear of your loss. As fellow Hayfield Swim/Dive Parents, our hearts and prayers go out to all of your family. May you feel peace knowing you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Wesley at the assessment for baseball this spring and coaching against him early in the season. I'll never forget the tough at bat he had against one of the league's best pitchers or the pride that poured out of Josh when he spoke about him. This is as heartbreaking as anything that I can remember. May God hold his family, friends and teammates in the palm of his hand. Rest easy Wes. You will never be forgotten.

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CP

“ I never met your son, Wesley, in person, but as a parent, my heart just aches for you and your family. You are deeply in my family's hearts. He will never be forgotten.

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“ Many teachers at St. John's ECEC remember sweet Wesley from 4 years ago. He was such a sweet young boy who loved animals and playing with his friends on the playground. He was always giving hugs and just so incredibly kind and sweet to everyone. I only knew him for a summer, but I still remember it like it was yesterday.

We are all so sorry for his tragic loss, and our hearts and prayers go out to his parents. We were all so shocked to hear the news and heartbroken over this tragedy. I know that nothing will truly heal the pain, but we pray for peace in your hearts and hope that God can help you through this difficult time.

Love, Ms. Stephy (& Ms. Patty)

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“ As a Hayfird Swim/Dive family we are so saddened to hear this news. Wes was so much fun at dive practice and we loved spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed by all.

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“ Wesley was what my son JJ described as “his very best friend”. JJ always came home with tales of what he and Wesley did that day, how they sat together at lunch, traded Pokemon cards and just played at recess together. Not everyone takes the time with JJ as Wesley did because of JJ’s Autism and how quirky he is. However, Wesley was always kind and patient with JJ and we appreciated that greatly. It was nice to see JJ have that excitement about a friend. When JJ won the raffle at school for the breakfast with their teacher, he of course invited Wesley. Please accept our sincere condolences and know that we are praying for you. Wesley will be deeply missed.

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