



## Luke Robert McDonald

December 7, 2009 - September 5, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce our beloved Luke Robert McDonald, age 15, gained his angel wings on September 5, 2025.

Luke's smile could light up any room, and he was known for the joy and happiness he carried with him everywhere he went. He loved football, race cars, movies, and Bluey. He found joy in days at the beach and spending time with his favorite people. With his innocent spirit and warm heart, Luke touched the lives of countless family and friends, leaving behind memories that will forever be cherished.

He is survived by his loving parents, Rob and Johanna McDonald; his siblings and best friends, Brendan and Leah; and his maternal grandparents, Robert and Elizabeth Gartz, and his paternal grandfather, Robert McDonald. Luke is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends who adored him.

Family and friends are welcome to join us for visiting hours on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 at DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 N Orlando Ave., Maitland, FL 32751 from 4pm-7pm. A Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, September 11th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4001 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32804, followed by a committal service at Queen of Angels Cemetery, 1901 Queen of Angels Dr.,

Winter Park, FL 32792.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made to the STXBP1 Foundation in Luke's honor at: <https://give.stxbp1disorders.org/campaign/723411/donate>.

Although his time with us was far too short, Luke's light will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of everyone who loved him.

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation & Reception

SEP 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory  
9001 N. Orlando Avenue  
Maitland, FL 32751  
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

## Funeral Mass

SEP 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
4001 Edgewater Dr  
Orlando, FL 32804

## Graveside Service

SEP 11. 12:45 PM (ET)

Queen of Angels Catholic Cemetery  
1901 Queen of Angels Drive  
Winter Park, FL 32792

# Tribute Wall



“ I remember watching Luke (about age 6) running through the waves at the beach, falling and splashing over and over again. He was boundless in his pursuit of fun! And I'll never forget riding the Harry Potter Quidditch ride with him a couple years later. That crazy turntable exit - I thought we would both fall down but I'm pretty sure he held me up! His innocence, combined with his mischievous humor made him and my boys fast friends. With all the miles and years between our visits, I am so grateful to have just spent time with Johanna, Brendan and Luke. May the memories bring comfort and the stories we share keep his spirit with you always.

*From the Humes Family to the McDonald family - we send you love and wish you peace.*

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**Leslie Humes** - September 18, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.*



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September 10, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.

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September 10, 2025 at 10:35 AM

ZJ

“ Zio, Denise, Tony & Jessica purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.



Zio, Denise, Tony & Jessica - September 10, 2025 at 07:34 AM

ZJ

“ Zio, Denise, Tony & Jessica planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.

Zio, Denise, Tony & Jessica - September 10, 2025 at 07:34 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.



September 10, 2025 at 02:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.

September 10, 2025 at 02:02 AM

WF

“ With love, The Begonia Brothers Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.



With love, The Begonia Brothers Family - September 09, 2025 at 10:21 PM

NC

“ North Carolina Gartzs' & Callahans purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.



North Carolina Gartzs' & Callahans - September 09, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.

September 09, 2025 at 07:58 PM



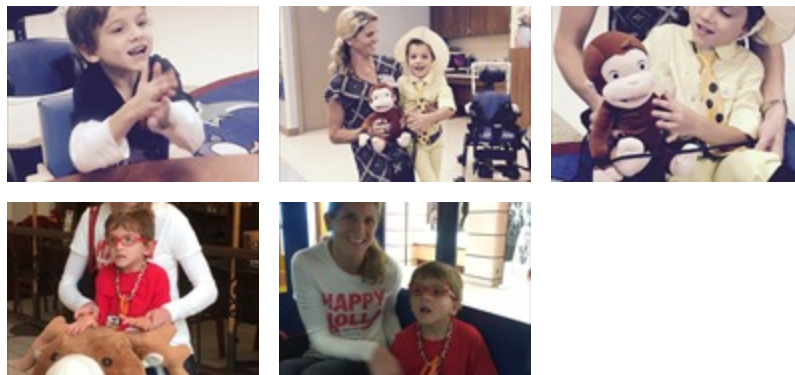
“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.



September 09, 2025 at 07:58 PM

SM

“ Luke was sunshine in my classroom. I'll never forget his smile, his love of swimming and his love of his family. My life is richer from having the opportunity to be his teacher. Sandy Mercer, Lake Silver Elementary School



Sandy Mercer - September 09, 2025 at 07:50 PM

GR

“ Gretchen purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.



Gretchen - September 09, 2025 at 02:50 PM

BG

“ Bona Buffalo House girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.

Bona Buffalo House girls - September 09, 2025 at 12:16 PM

BG

“ Bona Buffalo House girls purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.



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**Bona Buffalo House girls** - September 09, 2025 at 12:16 PM

SF

“ Santos Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.



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**Santos Family** - September 09, 2025 at 11:34 AM

SF

“ Santos Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.

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**Santos Family** - September 09, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.

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September 09, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.*



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September 09, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ *Luke was a larger than life person who touched so many lives with his warm and shining personality. He will live in our hearts forever. Thank you for sharing your beloved Luke with the world. My prayers for the family and our sweet angel, Luke.*

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**Mary Lou Chesarino** - September 09, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ *I remember Luke's smile as a young child and his delight in everything around him. He was always joyful and active when I was around him. Sending my deepest thoughts and prayers as you face his loss.*

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**Melissa Hooks** - September 09, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.*

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September 09, 2025 at 09:40 AM

LF

“ Love, The Meena family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.



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Love, The Meena family - September 09, 2025 at 09:10 AM

LF

“ Love, The Meena family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.

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Love, The Meena family - September 09, 2025 at 09:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.

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September 08, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.



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September 08, 2025 at 09:03 PM

JP

“ Jim, Carol, Ray, Jane, Gail K and Pam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.

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Jim, Carol, Ray, Jane, Gail K and Pam - September 08, 2025 at 08:54 PM

JP

“ Jim, Carol, Ray, Jane, Gail K and Pam purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.



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**Jim, Carol, Ray, Jane, Gail K and Pam** - September 08, 2025 at 08:54 PM

AT

“ All our love, Consuela and Trung planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.

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**All our love, Consuela and Trung** - September 08, 2025 at 05:36 PM

AT

“ All our love, Consuela and Trung purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.



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**All our love, Consuela and Trung** - September 08, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.

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September 08, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.*



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September 08, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ *Natasha L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luke Robert McDonald.*

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**Natasha L.** - September 08, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ *Liam Murray purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.*



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**Liam Murray** - September 08, 2025 at 12:56 PM

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“ Luke was so special and radiated love and happiness every time you saw him. In my case, he would immediately remove my baseball cap and glasses almost at lightening speed. Luke would then stare at me trying to remember how much I loved him. Although he was wired a little different his adoring family gave him every opportunity to grow and experience total love and security. Luke did not have a bad day. Mr dear wife Emily (Nonna), I am sure has him in her arms in heaven. Luke I miss you very much as many miss you. I was blessed to know your love. May peace be with you. Luv ya forever 🙏

Bob Mc Donald (Poppy) - September 08, 2025 at 12:46 PM

JC

Luke was definitely a force to be reckoned with. He was always active and smiling. He had more love & joy in his short life than most people that live much longer. He made the most of every day. He never met a stranger. He will definitely be missed by those who knew him. Fly high Luke! So glad I was part of your journey. Love you- Ms Cid

Julie Cid - September 08, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Luke Robert McDonald.



September 08, 2025 at 12:39 PM