

Peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday February 6, 2019, our cherished son, brother, grandson and friend, Devin Neal Dixon was released of his illnesses and disabilities into loving arms where he is finally free.

Devin was a joy and inspiration to all who were privileged to know him. He was a testament to the power and strength of one's soul. The purity of his soul inspired, influenced and blessed all who knew him. He came into this world as a miracle and left this world as a miracle. Having a stroke before birth left Devin with severe disabilities, born on February 16, 2000 in Dublin, GA to Benjamin Neal Dixon & Jodi Rae (Murray) Dixon. He grew up in Alexandria, MN where he graduated in 2018. Devin loved nothing more than watching WWE Wrestling, GA Bulldogs football and his favorite movies. Though he was nonverbal, he had no problem getting his wants, needs and opinions across with the brightest infectious smile and mischievous eyes. However, fortitude, strength, endurance and sheer stubbornness allowed Devin to live almost nineteen years tightly wrapped in the love of his family, friends and care providers. His family was privileged to share their lives with him here upon earth, to learn from his courage and marvel at his constant joy and happiness in the face of struggle. All who know Devin will be eternally changed by his presence and forever changed by his passing. His presence inspired all those who knew him. With all of Devin's medical mysteries he helped to educate the doctors, nurses and students of his extensive medical care team. He opened their hearts as well as their eyes.

A special Thank You to Dr. Brian Carlsen for getting us through almost nineteen years of the craziest roller coaster ride ever! Thanks to Next-Step Home Care for taking care of Devin like he was one of their own – he loved every one of you! Thanks to the Minneapolis Children's Hospital – there are so many people I can't begin to list everyone. Just know all of you helped Devin live as blessed of a life as he could. You helped us laugh, cry, have hope and know when to gracefully let go. Lastly, every other person and agency that touched Devin's life – Thank You. I hope he left a lasting touch in your life too.

Devin was preceded in death by his grandmother, Anne Gardner. Devin is survived by his parents, Benjamin & Jodi Dixon of Alexandria; brother, Thomas Dixon of Alexandria; sister, Ashley Dixon of Alexandria; grandfather, Bennie Dixon of Rentz, GA; grandparents, Lennie & Jane Murray of Alexandria; and many special friends and caregivers.

*In Loving Memory of
Our Sweet Boy*



Devin Dixon

2000 ~ 2019

In Loving Memory

Devin Neal Dixon

February 16, 2000 ~ February 6, 2019

Funeral Service

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Alexandria, Minnesota
Friday, February 15, 2019
2 PM

Officiant

Reverend Sherry Braun
Reverend Michael Fritz

Casket Bearers

LeRoy Gylsen	Jeremy Gauthier
Justin Fischbach	Mark Bergan
Brad Humphrey	Bobby Nicholson
James Huston	Butch Engel

Honorary Casket Bearers

Dr. Brian Carlsen
Staff of Next-Step Home Care
Nurses and Staff of
Minneapolis Children's Hospital
Staff of Acara Care
Every Person and Agency
that Touched Devin's Life

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.
Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*