

Celebrating the Life of...

Zephaniah Flores

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*Psalm 119:105
Your word is a
lamp unto my feet.
And light unto my
path.*

Service

*2:00 PM Saturday, March 19, 2022
First Baptist Church
Quitman, Texas*

Officiating

Pastor David and Melissa Hartley

Special Music

*"This I Believe"
"Who You Say I Am"*

Pallbearers

<i>Dakota Anglin</i>	<i>Bradyn Anglin</i>
<i>Ty Harkins</i>	<i>Kiptyn Rinks</i>
<i>Jeremy Newsome</i>	<i>Braylon Low</i>

Honorary Pallbearers

<i>Maci King</i>	<i>Brennan Smith</i>
<i>Reagan Watson</i>	<i>Logan Ellison</i>
<i>Kinsey & Dexter Kirkland</i>	
<i>Lesleigh Read</i>	



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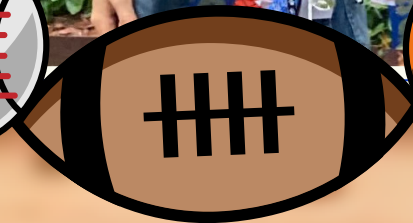
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June 6, 2010 - March 12, 2022

Daniel Zephaniah Flores, "Alias Z", "Nepi", "Zeph", was born June 6th, 2010, in Sulphur Springs. He passed away on March 12th, 2022, after giving life to others by donating his organs. He was surrounded by those who loved him dearly. He lived a full life in his short years.

Nepi was a boy of many interests, abilities, and smart as a whip. He was hyperactive fun, happy, competitive, sometimes annoying, but wonderful. He was nominated and accepted to attend the stem conference in Dallas for one week. He was also in the Gifted and Talented program at school. Playing with other kids gave him the opportunity to use his leadership skills, much to the aggravation of some of the kids.

He loved to help his stepdad with mechanics, and was good at it. When he was 5, he wanted a floor jack. He didn't get it that year, but the next year he got it and said, "FINALLY I GOT WHAT I WANTED!!" Then, he proceeded to jack up everything in the house. He fixed his neighbors lawn mower when he was going to throw it away, and was always helping the neighbors kids fix their bikes.

He loved to go to Papa T's and help him work and get paid. Then, he had money to pay his tithe and invest in the stock market. No one could ever call him lazy!

Sports were also a delight for him. He was a catcher in baseball (maybe because he was built so close to the ground). When he played basketball, a child on the other team said "I looked over there and there you were, then I saw you way on the other side. You must be superhuman!" Nepi replied, "It's my hyperactivity!". In football, he played center. During one of the games, he saw the big guy coming and he ran the other direction... remember, he was smart!

When it came to hunting, he said he would shoot a deer when he reached puberty. Him, not the deer.

He got an oculus for Christmas, and he gave it his all. Arms flailing all over, and before long he would say "I'm exhausted." We didn't wonder why. He loved to fish, but strangely enough he never came home with big fish stories.

The school nurse complained to Zeph that someone played a prank on her. Z said he would investigate and came back shortly identifying the culprit. Nepi also enjoyed creating videos, facetimeing, and playing Fortnite with his friends.

Of all his interests, his greatest passion in life was his love for Jesus. He was known by many as the boy who carried his bible to school. He wanted to buy bibles for his whole class, and now others are doing it for him. He loved to read God's word. Now he gets to be with the Savior he loved so much. Zephaniah's name means "Hidden in God" and that's where he is now, but his heart beats on in another child. Zephaniah was able to multiply his life through the gift of organ donations.

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If Tomorrow Starts Without Me...

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise you find your eyes
all filled with tears for me:
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today.
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
But when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand.
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand.
He said my place was ready, in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But as I turned and walked away a tear fell from my eye.
For all my life I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do.
It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays the good ones and the bad.
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized that this could never be.
For emptiness and memories would take the place of me.
When I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow
I thought of you and when I did my heart was filled with sorrow.
When I walked through heavens gates I felt so much at home.
God looked down and smiled at me from his great golden throne
He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you"
Today your life on earth has passed but here life starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last
And since each day is the same there's no longing for the past.
You have been so faithful so trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things
you knew you shouldn't do.
You have been forgiven and now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?
So when tomorrow starts with out me
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For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

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