



## Donovan Tyler Cook

July 27, 2014 - July 27, 2014

Donovan Tyler Cook

(November 29, 2003 - July 27, 2014)

Donovan Tyler Cook, 10, of Mooresville, passed away on Sunday, July 27, 2014 at the Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte.

He was born on November 29, 2003 in Mecklenburg County, to James Adam and Sarah Doran Cook. Donovan attended American Renaissance School in Statesville. He loved playing video games and Legos. He also liked to read and watch movies. Donovan also enjoyed raising awareness for others with his disorder, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, such as organizations like the United Way and Lifespan which had supported him and his family.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his grandparents, Mike and Brenda Doran, Roger and Joan Johnson; uncle and aunt, Jason and Jamie Cook; cousins, Jaritt, Jansyn, and Jaxson; and his friend and dog, Lizzie.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 30 from 5:00-6:00 PM with a memorial service following at 6:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Ehlers-Danlos National Foundation, 1760 Old

Meadow Road, Suite 500, McLean, VA 22102.

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# Tribute Wall

AE

“ *My name is Alli, and I went to American Renaissance with Donovan. He and his family have been on my mind, so I wanted to reach out in some way.*

*I am about to graduate from high school, and I keep thinking about how Donovan would be graduating, too. I wonder what he would be doing now? What path would he have chosen if he had the chance?*

*The thing I remember most about Donovan is his smile. I'm sure he had a lot of reasons to be angry with the world, but he was one of the kindest and most cheerful people I've ever met. My best friend at the time grew very close with him, and she and I would often play with him at recess. He wasn't bitter with the other kids for running and playing in a way that he couldn't; Donovan was happy making the best of what he had.*

*I hope his family is doing well, and I wish the best for them. I imagine that losing a child is an experience that never really stops hurting. I hope they continue to receive an abundance of love and support.*

*I know ARS made a center in his honor, and I hope everyone who sees it and learns about him is as inspired by his courage and kindness as I was. Donovan lit up the lives of many, and he will never be forgotten.*

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**Alli Eudy** - May 06, 2022 at 07:20 PM



“ *Donovan Tyler Cook*

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February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ Donovan Tyler Cook

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ Donovan Tyler Cook

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *"And with your final heartbeat kiss the world goodbye then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side, and fly to Jesus fly to Jesus fly to Jesus and live!" -Donavon! So many special memories with you! I will never forget all the fun times we had together: field trips, trips to the church playground, during summer camp, walks, and graduation. You were an awesome student and will never be forgotten! God Bless your family during this time!*

Carrie Powell - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We sure I loved Donovan. His smile and bright eyes always made me smile. We will always cherish his memory. We have been lifting you in prayer constantly.*

Sarah and Clara Wilkinson - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sarah and Adam, I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Donovan. What a special guy he was and I was so inspired by him when I met him. Sending you strength and peace during this time.*

Adam Higgins - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow. I loved seeing Donovans smiling face and following his journey over the last 11 years. He was an inspiration to many. God bless

Sarah Howard - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Heaven has truly gotten an angel. I've never met a more tender, sincere & caring heart. I will miss this sweet boy more than my words can express. Much love to you Sarah and family.

Amy Wheeler - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ So sorry for the loss of your child! Your family is in our thoughts and prayers! I continue to pray for awareness, research and hopefully one day a cure for the many who suffer with this horrible disease!

The Jeffersons - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ We are so saddened to hear of your loss. Little Joe loved Donovan and will miss him. We will keep all of you in our prayers. With love, The Dishmans

Nikol Dishman - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Sarah and Adam, My deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers are with you both. My heart is breaking for you. May God wrap you both in His arms and carry you through the grief until your tears become smiles from glorious memories made. We will never forget Van the Man!

Shannon Meyer - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Sarah & Adam ...you are both in my Thoughts & Prayers at this most difficult time. Donovan was such a special little boy and I will always remember his Sweet Smile. My Deepest Sympathies to you both.

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**Patti Lavin** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Seeing Donovan was always the highlight of my day. I will miss him greatly. My heart goes out to his family.

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**Mike Wattenbarger** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Sarah and Adam, We are praying for your comfort and peace.

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**Cynthia Mills** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

T.

“ I'm really sorry to hear about Donovan. You all have my sincere condolences. Death is an enemy, especially when the victim is so young. Please know that there are others who care. Most importantly God cares. He promises to bring an end to all pain and suffering. Even death will be no more. We will even have a chance to see our dead loved ones again. - 2 Corinthians 1:3,4, Revelation 21:4

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**T.C** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I know Donovan will always be close in your heart. What a wonderful young man.

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**Teresa Langdon** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *My deepest condolences to you and family on the passing of your loved one. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Margaret Lujan** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Cook, We are heartbroken to hear of your loss. We will all miss Donovan's smile & sweet personality. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. The Team at Paquette Orthodontics*

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**Paquette Orthodontics** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *My condolences to the Cook and Doran family. I know how much Donovan was loved by all. Working with Brenda put us here in the office just a little bit closer to Donovan, because we loved all the stories Brenda shared with us.*

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**Cindy Taitague** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ *My Sincerest condolence to you and your family. I know of Donovan through his Nana (Brenda) who loving spoke him. My love and prayers to you during this trying time. Ellie*

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**Ellie Olinger** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Donovan you were an inspiration to everyone that was fortunate enough to have met you. You always had a smile on your face and you never complained about your inabilities. I remember how much you loved the fish tank at grandpa and grandma's in Florida and leggo's. I will miss you but I know that heaven is a better place with you there and we know you are in good hands with God. I pray God gives your parents peace at this time. They too are an inspiration.

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**carolyn** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you both. Ken was really taken by that lil guy the last time you were here in Florida to visit. He was such a smart and sweet child. Ken says there is a special heaven for kids. Don't worry he is safe with God. We love you. Ken and Wanda Brement.

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**Ken and Wanda Brement** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your loved one. It's hard to understand why people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing you were a special part of a well-lived life. It will be the little things that you will remember, the quiet moments, the smiles, the laughter, and although it may seem hard right now, it will be the memories of these little things that help to push away the pain and bring the smiles back again. Keeping you and your family in my prayers

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**Desiree Thornton** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Brenda, It is with a heavy heart that I send this message your way. You have always talked about your grandson in a very loving and proud manner as you should be as a grandmother. It is very difficult loosing a loved especially a child so young. I can only offer you my condolences and prayers to you and your family. I am here as a friend with an ear to listen.*

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**Julie Taijeron** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *My deepest condolences the the cook family! My thoughts and prayers are with you guys!Sincerely, Keyla (Dr. Clark's nurse at Orthocarolina)*

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**Keyla Butler** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *Such a sweet boy with an infectious smile, you will be missed. We know you are dancing with the angels. God bless you and your family.*

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**Natalie and Pam Sigmon** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *So very sorry . Praying for you both. Donavan was a sweetie. He was and is an inspiration to everyone he met.*

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**Bobbi McCrary** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *Dear Adam & Sarah,Ronnie & I are so sad to hear of the loss of your son. You & your family are in our prayers for comfort & peace during this difficult time.Please call us if we can do anything for you all.With Sympathy & Love,Ronnie & Virginia Stewart*

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**va & ronnie stewart** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Sarah and James - please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers as we all remember your precious little boy. It was my honor and privilege to be a part of his life at American Renaissance - watching him grow and learn and touch the hearts of every student, parent and staff member. We all grew in some capacity because of knowing him. Much love, Ms. Dr. Cheryl Frey

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**Cheryl Frey** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Cook family!!

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**Mark and Billie Grubb** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I didn't really know Donovan but it was a joy to see him and his friendly dog when I would pick my children up from school. The heart of my family breaks for your family in your time of loss. We are so sorry. We are praying for you.

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**Scott, Malia, Bethany, Parker, Ingrid and Simon Je** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Donovan, I will miss you so much. We have been classmates since kindergarten. I remember the snowball dance and we made the paper the next day. I know you are better now with Jesus. Love, Timber

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**Kelly and Timber Hobbs** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Please accept our deepest condolences. Our prayers go out to your family during this trying time. Keep the faith. Love y'all.

Steve, Sharon, and Asia Soogrim - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the coming weeks. Ty's peace is knowing his friend is in Heaven doing all the things he was limited to in this life. Donovan was special and he will be greatly missed.

The Williamsons - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Adam our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Brandon & Jamie Smith - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Sarah, Adam and Potcy, I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a special little boy. Always had a good attitude and was full of life. He will be missed by everyone he ever met.

Lillian Stephens - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I am sorry for your loss. Donovan and Lizzie would come to the storytime presented by Ms Shannon Keaton! He was always happy . My prayers are with you and Lizzie!

Lisa McBroom - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kerry Rhodes - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Donovan was a very nice kid he had a smile on his face every day he walked in to school he was a happy kid he was nice to everyone he was a really good and nice friend to everyone. He was my best friend he was a sweet and kind friend to me. I am praying for him and his family and his mom and dad i will do anything to help. He was the most kindest friend you could have he was the best kid and student.

Mckenzie Fox - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ my daughter chloe moore went to life span circle day care she really love donoven he was always smiling and laughing sweet child my heart and prayer goes out to the mother and father of donoven i also pray god wrap donoven mother in his arms and bless her and easy her pain i know he taking good care of donoven im really sorry for ur loss and we going miss seeing him at life span circle day care may god bless the family

jessica moore - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I didn't know Donovan, but I am saddened for his family and the community for their loss. Like one of his friends, I also know his dog will miss him. May the peace of God fill your hearts and may you feel some comfort from sweet memories.

Linda Marshall - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Our sincere thoughts and prayers to your family! As the parent of 2 children with EDS, I cannot fathom what you must be going through. It sounds like your Donovan was an amazing young man and his short life has impacted many people. Sincere condolences from our family to yours. The Fournier Family in Las Vegas, NV

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**Stephanie** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, your family is in my deepest thoughts and prayers. I will never forget seeing that smile everyday at summer camp and having all the adventures we had. He will truly be missed. Fly to Jesus Donovan, fly to Jesus and live.

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**Anna Crider** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My thoughts are with you at this time. Donovan brought a light to my classroom, and I enjoyed his interest in science this past year. His thoughtful questions and comments led to great discussions each day. I wish you peace.

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**Laura Smith** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM