



## Bryce Thomas Heckendorf

May 6, 2013 - November 26, 2014

Dodgeville - Bryce Thomas Heckendorf, 18 months, earned his superhero cape and angel wings on Wednesday, November 26, 2014, after a brave and courageous yearlong battle with Krabbe Disease.

He was born on Monday, May 6, 2013, to his loving parents, Kyle and Jenna Heckendorf, at the Upland Hills Health Center in Dodgeville. Bryce was a happy, smiling baby boy, growing and thriving for nearly six months before his diagnosis. His favorite book was *Commotion in the Ocean*, and upon turning the page to "SHARK!" his sky blue eyes would light up and he'd let out the cutest, raspiest little laugh you'd ever heard. His smiles lit up the room — and the lives of every single person who knows and loves him. He is and always will be loved beyond measure. As much as we want Bryce here on Earth with us, he is now free from this horrible disease. Our most handsome boy is whole once again, smiling, running, playing. Doing all the things little boys are meant to do.

He leaves behind his family who will always love and miss him: Parents Kyle and Jenna Heckendorf (Dodgeville); Grandparents Bart and Wendy Heckendorf (Mosinee); Grandparents Tom and Sue Kuenster (Glen Haven); Uncle Keith (Mia) Heckendorf (Cary, NC); Uncle Kole (Kristen) Heckendorf (Sauk Rapids, MN); Aunt Jamie (Brady) Martin (Shoreview, MN); Uncle Jake Kuenster (Madison); Uncle Josh Kuenster (Glen Haven); cousins Madelyn

and Elizabeth Martin; Great Grandparents: Geraldine Kutz (Lodi), Betty Berghammer (Kenosha), Neil and Rosemary Kuenster (Lancaster), and Bob and Marcia Mezera (Glen Haven); many great aunts and uncles, cousins, and friends; and the amazing #B.Strong family. Bryce and his story touched so many lives, and he has taught us so much about life, love, and what's truly important.

A celebration of Bryce's life, a mass of Christian burial, will be held Monday, December 1, 2014, at 11 am at ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH in Glen Haven, followed by a luncheon. Please wear your best blue for our blue-eyed boy.

In lieu of gifts and flowers, please consider a donation in Bryce's memory to Hunter's Hope Foundation, which works to educate and raise awareness about Krabbe Disease and newborn screening, as well as support the families of children afflicted with this devastating disease: [HuntersHope.org](http://HuntersHope.org).

# Tribute Wall



“ Bryce Thomas Heckendorf

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ I didnt know the little guy but im sorry for your loss. He will be watching over your family . Remember all the beautiful memories

**Brenda Schambow** - April 28, 2018 at 02:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss of your beautiful blue eyed baby boy.

**Jeneen Henry** - April 28, 2018 at 02:00 AM



“ We are so sorry for your family's loss. I have been watching Bryce's story and wish there was more we could do to help your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family and may your blue eyed boy rest in peace.

**Bridget And Scott Nichols and Family** - April 28, 2018 at 02:00 AM



“ Though we do not know you personally, we have read many stories and posts regarding you and your beautiful boy. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. May you find peace knowing your loss may be someone else's gain as more people gain more knowledge of this disease. This is due, in large part, to your efforts. Thank you

**Tina Amundson** - April 28, 2018 at 02:00 AM

TB

“ Kyle & Jenna, You two are wonderful people who have been through so much. Just remember that Bryce is looking down and smiling on you, being free from his pain. Prayers to your entire family --Tina, Buck, and Dawson

Tina Benish-Holmes - April 28, 2018 at 02:00 AM

AK

“ The photo brings tears. Such a loss for all of you. Thank you for having the courage to share your year-long journey with Bryce with the rest of the world. Jenna, Kyle, and Bryce, you have all earned Superhero capes.

Ann Kleppe - April 28, 2018 at 02:00 AM

NM

“ I am so sorry you have to have such anguish. Our son, Finn, passed away at 2 from a brain tumor. If you ever would like to communicate I am on Facebook. The 1 experience that has helped the most is to go to Compassionate Friends support meetings.

Nicole Mondroski - April 28, 2018 at 02:00 AM



“ Kyle, I'm so sorry for your family's loss! I have no words... Praying for your healing.

December 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My deepest sympathies to you in your loss of Bryce. He is a special angel who will be with you in spirit until you meet again in heaven.

Linda Schildgen - December 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Kyle & Jenna, Our deepest sympathy to you and your families. We will pray for you and Bryce' little soul. He is God's little angel now. So sorry for your loss. Scott & Sheryl Sullivan

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December 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM