

Landon Matthew Crook

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Landon Matthew Crook was born into this world on March 17th, 2008. He was our little Leprechaun, and just as magical as his namesake, Landon was magical. He was a very chubby, happy, beautiful baby. He was a whopping 9 lbs, 3 oz!! Just like his stature, Landon was made for big things in his life! He loved having St. Patrick's Day as his birthday. You could often find him wearing shamrock shirts and hats, anything that said "Lucky" on it, and his favorite color, green!

Landon has 3 brothers, Jaxon, Cannon, and Boston, that he loved fiercely. They were his best friends. He was a nurturer, defender, and protector to them all. He would do anything for them. He loved to joke around with them, create art masterpieces, play sports, pull pranks, catch bugs, snakes, and lizards, and drag them along on his mischievous adventures. They loved being together. He was Jaxon's wingman and Cannon and Boston's "Mother hen". Even though he teased and harassed them on a daily basis, his brothers knew he loved them dearly.

Landon was a warrior. A fighter. He had a lot of incredibly hard trials throughout his life, which he fought so hard to overcome. When he was 8, he was diagnosed with T-Cell Leukemia. His diagnosis required a 3 ½ yearlong chemotherapy treatment. He endured months in the hospital, heavy chemo, steroid treatments, and lumbar punctures. He lost all his hair, and struggled with nausea, migraines, weight and appetite loss, and kidney stones. Due to complications associated with chemotherapy, he developed a condition known as PRESS. For 3 weeks he was in a comatose state, where he lost his sight, his memories, his ability to walk, feed himself, even perform simple tasks like stating his name, or saying the alphabet. Through incredibly hard work and perseverance, Landon made a miraculous recovery from PRESS, and ultimately beat cancer. On December 9th, 2019, surrounded by all of his family, he was able to ring the bell at Primary Children's hospital, celebrating his victory. It is a day we will all cherish in our hearts. Despite being cancer-free, Landon developed Epilepsy due to the side effects associated with chemotherapy. He worked with several doctors to help minimize his seizures. He was a warrior through it all. He was brave, courageous, determined, and he never gave up. He endured it all with a strength and grace that few possess.

Through his life struggles, Landon grew up very quickly. He possessed a strong empathy and compassion for others. He was a very kind person, and often thought of himself last. On birthdays and holidays, he made sure to let people know how special they were to him and that he loved them. He would save his own money, to make sure that on someone's special day, they would receive a present specifically, and individually wrapped by him. Landon loved to make rainbow loom bracelets, and during his stay and check-ups at the hospital, he would hand them out to all of the doctors, nurses, and patients there. He spent hours teaching himself different patterns and made 100's of bracelets. There isn't a member of the Oncology team that doesn't have a Lando bracelet, or 2! Landon had an

infectious smile and laugh. He was a clown and a trickster. He loved to make people laugh and to brighten their day. His home was often filled with laughter due to his humor, theatrics, and sly wit. He was a good friend, and a good listener. He knew what it was like to be bullied, and he became a defender of all who struggled with it. He made friends with everyone. It didn't matter to him who they were, where they came from, or what they believed. He loved people for who they were, and he acquired a very eclectic group of friends from different backgrounds and circumstances. He would do anything for everyone. He loved his doctors, teachers, counselors, hall monitors, Principals. He made a point to develop a relationship with as many people as he could. His heart was pure gold.

Landon loved to learn and was so smart. He excelled in school. He had a 4.0 GPA all through middle school and was a member of the National Junior Honor Society. He had just become a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. He was planning on graduating from high school with his associate degree and dreamed of attending an Ivy League college and becoming an Oncology Doctor and helping to find a cure for cancer. He took school and his grades very seriously and was a self-motivator. Whenever the end of the quarter came, he was always checking his grades and asking for extra credit, if needed, to ensure that he got an A. He had just finished an AP class where he received the highest score possible on his exam, a 5! He was so excited and proud! Landon couldn't wait to attend Copper Hills with his brother and take more classes to earn college credits. Landon was a doer. He had an unbelievable drive and determination, on about him. When he set his sights on something, he would stop at nothing to achieve his goals.

Landon had a love and passion for the arts. Drawing, painting, sculpting, singing, and theater. He loved it all and was very talented in all aspects. He enjoyed taking drawing, painting, and ceramics classes, and made the most amazing creations. Landon was a performer. He loved being on stage! He was involved in musical and community theater, and performed in Shrek, Moana, and Oliver. His favorite art was singing. He loved to sing. He sang in the choir all through middle school and enjoyed every minute of it. He was so excited when his choir recently got the highest marks achievable at their festival performances. He had purchased recording equipment through his make a wish and was learning how to record his own songs. The videos we have of him singing and doing what he loved will always be a treasure to his family.

Landon was a joy and light to all that knew him. He lived life with a purpose. His struggles gave him a beautiful perspective, and he knew and cherished what was most important. He loved his friends and family fiercely and always wanted to be doing something to make memories with his loved ones. What Landon craved more than anything in this life was time. He always had a sense of urgency about him, like subconsciously he knew he had limited time to be with his people. He always wanted to spend time with those he cared about and could never get enough of it. So, he made every second count, and he made the most of every moment. He made a lifetime of memories packed into his small number of years. He will forever be engrained in our hearts and our minds. His impact and example will never be forgotten. His warrior heart and memory will go on in all the lives he touched.

Landon is survived by his father Tyson Crook (West Jordan), his mother Hollie Wilde (South Jordan), his brothers, Jaxon, Cannon, and Boston, and his grandparents Theresa Larsen (Draper), Duane and Bonnie Crook (Las Vegas), Scott and Karen Wilde (Idaho Falls). Our hearts are broken without him. He will be missed and thought of every day. We will honor his memory by choosing to live a life filled with love and purpose. Sweet Landon, until we see you again, we love you to the moon and back. For always… #fortheloveoflando

Funeral services will be held Saturday August 12, 2023, at 11am at Larkin Riverton, 3688 W 12600 S, Riverton, Utah. A viewing will be held the evening prior, Friday August 11, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 pm. A private viewing will be held the day of services for family members.

Interment will be held at South Jordan City Cemetery, 10630 S 1055 W, South Jordan, Utah

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