

Loreina Checketts

May 12, 2021 ~ March 24, 2024

Loreina Checketts, age 2 ½, died at home in her father's arms on Sunday, March 24, 2024. She was surrounded by her parents and siblings.

A celebration of life will be held for Loreina on March 30, 2024 at 10 am at 951 E 100 S, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102. A short service will be held in the chapel followed by a fiesta including some of Loreina's favorite foods and activities. Her family would like to invite anyone who was impacted by Loriena's sweet smile to join them in celebration. Interment will be in Glenrock, Wyoming on April 2, 2024 at 11am at the Glenrock Cemetery.

Loreina was born on May 12, 2021 in Salt Lake City to Hyrum and Becky Checketts. She was born with a congenital heart defect (CHD) called hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS). Due her condition, she underwent multiple open-heart surgeries, including a heart transplant in December of 2023. Loreina's life was filled with frequent cardiology visits and therapy appointments. Smiling through it all, she made many friends and won hearts everywhere she went. She was a true "heart warrior" and inspired many in her short life with her grit and gusto for life.

She enjoyed being with her siblings and liked to try everything they did. She was never afraid of a challenge and was very strong willed, as her therapists can attest. From wrestling with her brothers to playing dolls and dress up with her sister, Loreina brought joy and happiness to every situation. She liked to help out in the garden and was a very efficient tomato picker, regardless of the ripeness of the tomato. She loved being included and was quick to say, "mí, mí" when her parents asked who wanted to help or participate.

Loriena was full of light and joy despite her medical difficulties and won hearts fast with her bright smile. She was frequently seen calling out to others and waving at them up and down the hallways of the hospital. She was smart, a hard worker, and quick to help others. Her zest for life and contagious happiness will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her parents-Hyrum and Becky, her siblings- Josiah (7), Zella (6), Lamont (4) and Oren (3mo).

Hyrum and Becky thank the medical team and staff at Primary Children's Hospital in the CICU, CCU, and Heart Transplant team for their tireless efforts to provide amazing care to Loreina which allowed her family to enjoy her for 1047 days. They also express their heartfelt gratitude to the donor family for their selfless decision in their time of loss. Thank you, Doug and Kristin!