



Joshua Z. Merritt

May 2, 1995 - May 16, 2020

Joshua Z. Merritt, 25, of Marietta, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Conestoga View Nursing and Rehabilitation. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of Jonathan and Kimberly (Rupp) Merritt.

Josh graduated from Donegal High School class of 2015.

Surviving in addition to his parents are two sisters, Kristen Wagman, wife of Seth of York Haven and Katelyn Merritt of Marietta; maternal grandparents, Mary Ann Rupp of Leola and Richard Rupp, husband of Debbie of Akron. Also surviving are many aunt's and uncle's.

A memorial service honoring Josh's life will be announced at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joshua Z. Merritt*

June 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about your family's loss. I remember Josh's hard work in speech therapy at Schreiber and how he would laugh at the Disney movie clips we would sometimes watch! Thinking of you all and keeping you in my prayers.*

Katie (Haldeman) Woods - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am sending my condolences to your family. I remember you and Josh as I had worked with you for Physical Therapy at Schreiber. I remember all of the fun that he had during therapy as well as all of the hard work he put into playing. You are amazing parents to an amazing and sweet child. I will keep your family in my prayers.*

Denisha (Kline) Roberts - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sending my sympathy to Joshua's family. I know his mother from Country Store and am so sorry for your loss.*

Sue Fisher - May 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Want to send my condolences to the family of Josh ! I am a recent neighbor of his maternal grandmother. Thanks Mary Ann, for sharing this with me only yesterday. Am glad I found Sundays Paper!*

James Shirk - May 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I had the pleasure of working with Josh at Pediatric Specialty Care in Lancaster. He was such a sweet young man. My condolences to his family in this time of sorrow. Crystal Jackson LPN

Crystal Jackson - May 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I only knew Josh from when I was a summer para educator at Reidenbaugh elementary, he was in the class with Katie. I remember him as a sweet boy. I knew Katie much better when I worked with her at Penn Manor High School. She used to call me "Pederson"! I hope she's okay, and bless you all.

Betsy Pederson - May 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember meeting Josh when he was a baby at Schreiber Pediatric Reha Center when he and our son were there for therapy and we were in a parent/child group called L.A.M.B. (for Look At Me Bloom). He was a sweet baby at the time and I enjoyed chatting with Kim while the boys were with the therapists and John and Chuck both worked at RR Donnelley so they knew each other also. I can't imagine the grief you feel at losing him so young. Deepest sympathy and prayers for your family. (Chuck said John can call him if he'd like to talk.)

Lois & Chuck Rhoads - May 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I worked with Josh at the elementary school level. He was one of the sweetest, kindest children I ever had the privilege to work with. He always called me Byers, which I found endearing. May he rest in peace. My condolences to his dear family.

Robin Byers - May 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AW

“Sweet gentle Josh”. That is how I remember this gentle soul. I was his personal care assistant at both Warwick High School and Conestoga Valley High School. He was a gentle and quiet kind of guy, but boy, on some days he could be a real stinker, I remember one time the class was learning about different types of weather, and we were talking about hurricanes. Out of the blue he looked at me and pointed to me with a big happy Josh smile and said "you are a hurricane"! And then he cracked up laughing and so did I! I have been thinking of Josh a lot lately, and I am so grateful that I got to see him one more time, after he was no longer in school. He gave me his famous "thumbs up👍" during that visit. Rest In Peace sweet one. I bet you are having the time of your life now!

Audrey Weber - May 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I was lucky enough to be Joshua's teacher from K-3rd grade. I have lots of great memories of him, but what sticks out the most is how joyful and full of laughter he was! He was always up for something silly or fun to do. I am thankful for having met him and your family and felt blessed to have worked with all of you during my time at IU13. My heart goes out to all of you!

Beth Welch - May 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I was lucky enough to be Joshua's teacher from K-3rd grade. He was so full of joy and always had a smile on his face! I have lots of great memories of him and your family and felt lucky to be a small part of that while I worked at IU13. My heart goes to our to all of his family. My condolences.

Beth Welch - May 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I will never forget Joshua. I had him and his sister in IU13 AS class. He always refer me as Benson when everyone else called me Amy. He was also happy unless he wanted to swim. And of course we didnt have a pool. I will never forget the joy he brought to me. He was a loving soul. May he be at peace. I pray his family is at peace as well. Amy Benson

Amy Benson - May 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM