



## Maddox Joseph LoPriore

April 10, 2010 - October 17, 2018

Maddox Joseph “Maddog” LoPriore (8 1/2 years old) passed on to Heaven on October 17, 2018. He slipped into a diabetic coma due to Diabetic Ketoacidosis and a blood clot on his brain. He will now be another of God’s angels. “Madman” was a true force of nature and well-loved by ANYONE who met him. He was smart, funny, loving, kind, and thoughtful. He always smiled and asked “why?” incessantly! This athletic little boy played sports, especially soccer and basketball, with such intensity that he easily competed with older children. He also had the positive energy to be considered the mascot of all the teams he was on (and not on, lol!). Maddox had every plan on playing baseball this spring. His athletic prowess did not stop on the field either; he was a little ESPN junkie who was able to rattle off every single score and statistic after watching a game even when you thought he wasn’t watching the game!

Maddox was a true force of nature and he was always smiling, a ray of sunshine, and when he walked into a room, it literally lit up. There was never a time where he did not want to help people; he always made himself known at any event and basically said, “I’m here, too!” One could possibly say that he was everyone’s little brother. He was stubborn, in a good way, but had the knack of making everyone he came into contact with feel very special. Those beautiful green eyes, mischievous smile, and optimistic nature made him an exceptional little boy. If one received a hug from this little boy (and you probably did at one point or another) you know how special he was.

Some of Maddox’ family members all shared something about a great memory of theirs. Grandpa Frieders remembers taking him to his first Packer game and he was so excited. He said he noticed everything and could spew back any play or score. Grandma remembers him saying, “Gwamma” and running to give her a hug. His dad always had these Peanuts cartoon blankets and every single time he “lost” one, it was usually found in Madman’s room! (The count was like 7!) His mom loved that Maddox never failed to ask about her day and truly listened to her response. A very rare thing for a little boy to do. AJ will miss not seeing him or not being able to take him to summer camp or picking him up from extended care. Zach loved playing Call of Duty Zombies, NBA 2K, or FIFA with him

but noted that Maddox “tended to go down first! “ Cooper shared a bedroom with him and he will miss most that Maddox always tried to be like him and was annoying! (Can you say, Mini Me?!) He so loved Captain America, Paw Patrol, Cars, and the cartoon, Henry Danger. He would wear his Captain America outfit even if it were in June! His plan this year for Halloween was to go as Aaron Judge, from the Yankees.

One person said that Maddox lived his life fully: “He lived every single day of every single year of his eight and a half years.” Another lady wrote on the Go-Fund-Me page, “He spread more love and joy in his 8 1/2 years than some people do in a very long lifetime!” His final gift was to be an organ donor to the Gift of Hope organization. So some very lucky 0 to 10-year-old boy received his heart early Friday morning! And some five-year-old girl, another organ. And also, several thousand children will be affected by Madman’s donation of his two lungs. They are going to use his lungs to help develop a steroid-free medication. The tissues portion of the organ donations were done Friday morning and that would mean that he could help several other children with their eyes or with bone transplants. This child is truly an Angel of Mercy.

His family has been through a harrowing experience in two different hospitals over the past week and it still resulted in his death. All of the personnel at Lurie’s Children Hospital were wonderful, especially the PICU nurses and even though they didn’t have the luxury to see this Maddox in action, they treated him with extreme respect and love. The funeral will not be the end of this awful ordeal; it’ll just be the start of a very heartbreaking experience in paying hospital and funeral expenses for a family of 6 (3 of whom are diagnosed as Type 1 Diabetics) and all of them attempting to reconcile this extremely sad loss of such a beautiful soul. People, whether we know them or not, have been amazing and the overwhelming response is a testament to this little boy’s loving manner and how people typically responded to him!

Maddox is survived by his mother and father Kathleen and Ralph; his older brothers AJ, Zachary, and Cooper; maternal grandmother and grandfather Betty and John Frieders; paternal grandfather Ralph LoPriore; paternal grandmother pre-deceased him Frances LoPriore; uncles and aunts John (Kim), Jeanette (Dennis), Benedetta (Frank), Rosemarie (Frank), and Michael (Jeanne); cousins Madison, Thomas, Jack, Will, Nicholas, Nicole, Michelle, Brianna, Frankie, Madeline, and Michael; and Godparents, Victoria and Dave Moisa.

Visitation will be at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, IL 60046 from 9 AM to 1 PM and the church services will be 2 PM at Prince of Peace, 135 S. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, IL 60046 this Saturday, October 20th, 2018. If you come to the

visitation, you will enjoy some of his favorite foods, like strawberry frosted donuts!

In lieu of flowers, if you could donate to the JDRF organization (<https://goo.gl/yh2q7a>), Ronald McDonald House (<https://goo.gl/voCFbd>), Prince of Peace Church, or the Go-Fund-Me fundraiser: 'Maddox LoPriore Being Laid to Rest' (<gf.me/u/myp43c>), that would be most appreciated by the family.

God Bless and hold Maddox Joseph LoPriore in your loving arms and give him eternal life.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **20**. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
info@ringafuneralhome.com  
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

## Mass

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
135 S. Milwaukee Ave  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
(847) 356-7915

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maddox Joseph LoPriore*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Maddox Joseph LoPriore*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Kristina Botkin lit a candle in memory of Maddox Joseph LoPriore*



**Kristina botkin** - April 10, 2019 at 08:19 PM



“ *Linda Nicolette lit a candle in memory of Maddox Joseph LoPriore*

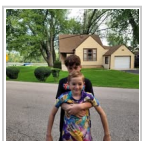


**Linda Nicolette** - October 22, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ *I've been moved to tears reading all of the wonderful things being said about Maddox, it is evident he touched a lot of people during his 8 1/2 years here on earth. Ralph, my prayers to you and your wife and boys. Jeanette, saying prayers to your family too, I know how much you all loved this special young boy. Keeping you all close in thoughts and prayers during these difficult days ahead. xoxo Maureen Diem*

**Mauren Diem** - October 20, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ *Eli was having a rough time adapting to before care at PoP. We arrived one morning and Maddox welcomed Eli with a smile and told him to come sit by him and play. Very sweet boy.*

**Emily Johnson Fordham** - October 20, 2018 at 11:08 AM

PB

“ One occasion that I had the opportunity to do lunch duty for the class when the kids were in 1st Grade. I struck up a conversation with Maddox, probably because he was so darn easy to talk to. We talked about video games and he mentioned he had played Call of Duty before. I gasped and said, “you’re not old enough to play that!”, and with a mischievous little grin he snickered. The next time I passed by he goofed on me and I came back with a “hey you hurt my feelings!” - totally joking. I got sidetracked opening a lunch for another kid and lunch ended shortly after. When I got to pickup that day he ran up to me with a picture he drew and said he was sorry. I was taken aback, and didn’t figure out why he was sorry? Later I realized that he had probably thought I was serious when I said my feelings were hurt. The next day I straightened him out and let him know I was only messing with him. He was amazing. Ralph and family please know that while we aren’t in your shoes, we are all grieving through this with you and you are never going to be alone. May God bless your family and give you the strength need during this awful time. I still have the picture somewhere - I’ll send a snapshot when it turns up. I know I kept it - it was special to me then and I’ll always treasure it.

Pete Byrne - October 20, 2018 at 09:35 AM

JW

My favorite memory of Maddox goes back to kindergarten where I volunteered in his class. Whenever he would see one of his brothers in the hall, he would get very excited, and have to share, “That’s my brother!” He was very proud of his big brothers.

Joan Weiss - October 20, 2018 at 09:25 PM

JE

Dear Mr. Byrne, I’m Maddox’ aunt and actually was the one who wrote the obituary. I truly wish I knew this before and I’m extremely glad you shared this! I would LOVE to see that picture! I am a school counselor and on a daily basis I am trying to teach kindness and attempt to have children really see how their words and actions affect others. Who knew all I had to do was bring my nephew around as exhibit A of what kindness really looks like in a child? 😭 I miss him terribly and you made me cry but then smile knowing that he affected adults and children alike. God really did just loan us this angel! Take care, Jeanette LoPriore Fox

jeanette - October 20, 2018 at 11:59 PM



“ *Maddox's smile was so radiant and brighten up this world. Heaven is sure brighter now with his smile and his love for Jesus. As a lunch mom, I enjoyed watching Maddox play soccer with Rose or kick ball with AJ. He was loved by so many and will be missed more than words can say. Our prayers are with Kathleen, Ralph and the boys. Hugs and prayers to your family and all those that loved this sweet boy. Tobias, Susan, AJ, Rose and Kayla Hogan*



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**Susan Hogan** - October 20, 2018 at 08:25 AM

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“ *Words will never be enough Ralph. Our hearts are broken with yours. Such an amazing soul! My family will be praying for Maddox and your entire family. He's such an amazing soccer player and a fantastic teammate. I will forever remember his smile.*  
*The Ref*



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**The Mulloy Family** - October 19, 2018 at 09:54 PM

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“ *My guy, my assistant coach, and an inspiration to the Lakes JR Eagles Basketball Program. Always positive and could light up a gym with his energy and smile. Maddox made me smile seeing his love for life and his family. He was an amazing athlete and an even better person. Blessed to have gotten to know Maddox and have him around my team so much the past 2 years. Being with us on the court during warm ups, sitting with us on bench during games and watching him cheer Cooper and our team. Blessed to call the LoPriores friends. Prayers and love for Maddox and the Lopriores. Tony (Sarah, Cade, Taylor) Primack*



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**Tony Primack** - October 19, 2018 at 08:45 PM

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“ *An Angel will now watch over his family. May you Rest In Peace sweet boy.*



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**Ana Paliotta** - October 19, 2018 at 08:25 PM

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“ *The Mozny Family (Stephanie) lit a candle in memory of Maddox Joseph LoPriore*



**The Mozny Family (Stephanie)** - October 19, 2018 at 06:53 PM

ET

“ *Emil, Guiling, and Bobette ( & Allscripts's Team) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maddox Joseph LoPriore.*



**Emil, Guiling, and Bobette ( & Allscripts's Team)** - October 19, 2018 at 04:48 PM

CC

“ *Chuck and Kathy Cook purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maddox Joseph LoPriore.*



**Chuck and Kathy Cook** - October 19, 2018 at 11:31 AM

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“ *Sincerely, Brett and Marianne Hurt purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maddox Joseph LoPriore.*



**Sincerely, Brett and Marianne Hurt** - October 19, 2018 at 10:25 AM

KA

“ *Words cannot express our sadness at the loss of your son. May the peace of Christ which passes all understanding guard your hearts and minds,  
Chuck and Kathy Cook*



**kathy** - October 19, 2018 at 10:22 AM

DB

“ *Maddox was well-loved by the RLAPD staff and will be greatly missed. We are grateful that he was part of our lives and deeply saddened that it was for such a short time. Our thoughts are with the LoPriore family during this difficult time.*

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**Dana Bundy** - October 18, 2018 at 04:28 PM