



Samuel Marcus Osborn

April 28, 2005 - June 1, 2022

Samuel Marcus Osborn of Elkhorn passed away peacefully at Children's Hospital of Omaha on June 1, 2022, surrounded by his family.

Sam was born into his adoring family on April 28, 2005, in Omaha, NE. He was the youngest of four tremendously close siblings.

He is survived by his father, Mark Osborn; his mother, Nicole Osborn and her husband, Andrew Kimball; his siblings, James 'Jack' Osborn, Grace Osborn, and William Osborn; his grandmother, Mary Allen [all preceding of Elkhorn, NE]; his grandmother, Joyce Osborn of Treynor, IA; his uncle, Mike Osborn and his wife, Kay, of Los Angeles, CA; his aunt, Michelle Osborn of Treynor, IA; as well as many cousins, extended family members, countless friends, and two dogs whose hearts ache for their boy. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, David Allen of Elkhorn, NE; his grandfather, Ken Osborn of Treynor, IA; and many great-grandparents who all cherished him deeply.

Final arrangements have been made by Reichmuth Funeral Home. A public visitation will be held at The Barn at the Ackerhurst Dairy Farm on Tuesday, June 7, from 5-7 p.m., followed by a celebration of life ceremony from 7-8 p.m. (15220 Military Rd., Bennington, NE 68007). A public funeral mass will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Wednesday, June 8, at 10:30 a.m. (20500 W. Maple Rd., Elkhorn, NE 68022), with interment of ashes to follow at Old Elkhorn Cemetery (22400 Wright Plaza, Elkhorn, NE 68022). Visitation attendees should wear their favorite team's gear in honor of Sam, who was the ultimate sports fan.

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Brilliant, yet never too serious, Sam was magnetic and charming. Often sitting with an arm across his knees as if leaning into this very conversation with you, Sam used his remarkable intellect to bring warmth, humor, and happiness to all. He was an old soul, reliable for sage advice and incredible wit.

At 6 months old, Sam's journey to a diagnosis of congenital muscular dystrophy began. The progressive disease debilitates the body yet leaves the mind intact. As the disease affected him physically, Sam responded by becoming more endearing and unbreakable. He carried a level of courage few ever could. He never resented his disease and instead focused on the opportunities brought to him by being differently abled.

He was expected to live to age 8. He leaves us at age 17, having just finished a spectacular academic year as a junior at Elkhorn South High School. Consistent academic success was important to Sam, as was his mission to beat his siblings in class ranking upon graduation. Sam scored a 34 on his ACT exam, which surpassed his brothers and sisters — a fact he would be glad for you to know and share with friends. He planned to apply his flourishing mind to engineering or architecture in his college studies.

Sam loved video games and sports. He was an encyclopedia of basketball and football knowledge. Having vetoed all trade requests, he will be remembered as a fair but strict commissioner of fantasy football and March Madness leagues. He was a prolific joke-teller and could always make you laugh.

To his loved ones, Sam will also forever hold the titles of Best Catholic, Connect Four Champion, and Mayor of Everytown. Sam received his mayoral appointment at an early age — no matter where he went, he was the most interesting and engaging person. His wheelchair was always surrounded by a crowd, and he had the BEST friends who ALWAYS looked out for him.

Pure of heart and soul, Sam was a devout Catholic, and could claim to have never said a curse word, though he sometimes began spelling them and finished with, “You know the rest.” He took great pleasure in the pickle cards and hijinks at Fish Fry Fridays at church. In his younger years, his family nicknamed him ‘the Pope’ for keeping them on their toes, yet he was the best card player of the bunch.

Will was Sam’s brother closest in age and his partner in all activities. These ‘Irish twins’ had their own language and an impenetrable bond. Sam often called Grace, his fiercely protective sister, his ‘fake mom.’ He sometimes meant it as a compliment. The two always pursued family game nights. On one such night the pair masterminded such violent competition among the family that their mother was provoked to destroy a Catan board to save them all from future ruthlessness. Sam adored Jack, his kind-hearted, oldest brother, who served as a role model and companion on many adventures. However, try as he might — and he did try mightily — Jack could not evolve Sam’s taste in music past disco, rap, and 90’s adult pop, which Sam called the oldies.

With Sam, his family never took a day for granted. In doing so, they enjoyed lifetimes’ worth of experiences in Sam’s 17 years. Profound curiosity and a mantra of ‘Take the Trip’ led Sam and his family to explore the farthest reaches of our world. He loved Disney World in Orlando, his annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Nebraska summer camp, a cruise to Alaska including his best friend Carter Jorth, boat trips with ‘the Brotherhood’ in St. John, and jet skiing with his dad or Andrew in the Ozarks.

His parents imagined countless plans and designed equipment to ensure Sam had full access to every experience and every element of life. God blessed these two parents and their family with Sam, and even gave Sam the perfect ‘bonus dad’ in Andrew, and ‘thank God second-mother’ in Laura Falcone, his mom’s best friend. Every day, Sam and his

expansive tribe lived life fully.

Sam illuminated a more fulfilling way to approach life. Facing tremendous challenges, he chose to push beyond them. He never let his physical condition limit his spirit or capacity for kindness. As his body grew more fragile, Sam became a greater source of strength and positivity that brightened the lives of those around him.

Sam's loved ones cannot imagine being so strong as they were with him. Yet, they must. As Sam always said, "There is no try, there is only do." He was a Yoda to so many. His endless care for others, his positive outlook, and his dedication to putting others first are testament to the beauty of God's creation in His image. He was perfectly and wonderfully made.

Know that Sam had unwavering Faith and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Remember that every moment presents a choice to decide how we can live and support one another. Let Sam influence your choices. Take solace in knowing he is Home, watching over you with that familiar, loving smile.

We are beyond grateful for every minute Sam was here.

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In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be sent to: AllPlay (1229 N. 97th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68114); St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn (20500 W. Maple Rd., Elkhorn, NE 68022); or the Muscular Dystrophy Association, in memory of Sam Osborn and with a directive to 'Nebraska Summer Camp' or 'Congenital Muscular Dystrophy Research' (P.O. Box 7410354, Chicago, IL 60674-0354).

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

The Barn at the Ackerhurst Dairy Farm
15220 Military Road
Bennington, NE 68007

Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Mass

JUN 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
20400 W. Maple Rd.
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ I was Anna's buddy on the Bluejay team when All Play first started, of which I'll always remember Sam as her teammate. The love and support of family Sam was surrounded with was second to none! Whether it was his siblings as his buddy, dad as coach, and/or his mom and grandparents in the stands cheering him on. May he be hitting many homer runs up in heaven and running freely around the bases.

Lynn Johnson - June 12 at 10:47 PM

CO

“ While I'm sad to hear about Sam's passing and to read his obituary, I smile at how much he crammed into his 17 years here on Earth. I can only imagine the adventures he's having in Heaven without his physical limitations he had here. It was a pleasure to have been on the receiving end of his smile during our time with him at AllPlay. Fly high Sam
~Connie and Anna Grover (Go Bluejays)

Connie - June 10 at 02:41 PM

PM

“ I had the pleasure of teaching Sam during his sophomore year. He was learning remotely during that year but that didn't diminish Sam's commitment to learning. He was unwavering in his dedication to doing his utmost best in all his tasks. He was always a polite and respectful young man and was an inspiration for his peers. We will miss you, Sam.

Pina Miceli - June 08 at 11:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samuel Marcus Osborn.



June 07 at 03:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Marcus Osborn.*



June 07 at 03:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Marcus Osborn.*



June 07 at 01:41 PM

SS

“ *I only got the pleasure of seeing Sam a handful of times. Vince & I would see him at Lancer Hockey games on occasion and I'll never forget how his smile lit up the arena. Sending love and prayers to the family and hope you all find comfort in knowing he's safe in Jesus' arms.*

Shelly Scott-Briskey - June 07 at 10:01 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel Marcus Osborn.*



June 06 at 09:20 AM

PR

“ *Sending prayers for comfort to all of the Osborn family. I was on Sam's school team for 10 years, during which time we shared many stories and adventures. I have so many joyful memories with him. That boy stole a piece of my heart, and I was so proud of the young man he was becoming.*

Penni Romero - June 05 at 03:24 PM



“ *With love Sam! Coach Christina*



Christina Lewis - June 04 at 10:55 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel Marcus Osborn.*



June 04 at 09:38 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Marcus Osborn.*



June 04 at 06:02 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Marcus Osborn.*



June 03 at 08:36 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel Marcus Osborn.*



June 03 at 08:20 PM

LM

“ I'm sending many thoughts and prayers to you all during this time.

Lindsey Marshall - June 03 at 07:40 PM

EO

“ Sending prayers to the family



Ed & Mary Osborn - June 03 at 12:56 PM

AL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Sam's family. What a great kid. He always brought his positive attitude each day at Skyline. I still remember all of the awesome Halloween costumes each year during the annual Halloween parade. Thinking of you!

Mr. Luebbe

Andrew Luebbe - June 03 at 12:06 PM

BK

“ Beverly K. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Samuel Marcus Osborn.



Beverly K. - June 03 at 11:40 AM

DW

“ Drs Ward/Sterner/Neustrom/Lavery/Everist purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Samuel Marcus Osborn.



Drs Ward/Sterner/Neustrom/Lavery/Everist - June 02 at 03:13 PM