



Colin J. Bloom

November 3, 2008 - July 14, 2020

Live Stream Monday's service at:

<https://www.standrewsomaha.net/watch-live/>

Colin Bloom was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on November 3, 2008 to Jeffrey and Heather (Graff) Bloom. He lived in Lincoln with his parents and his older brother, Matthew, until the family moved to Omaha in November 2017. Colin went to Maxey Elementary in Lincoln through part of third grade, when he began attending Aldrich Elementary in Omaha. Colin completed fifth grade at Aldrich and was set to enter Kiewit Middle School this fall.

Colin was active outside of school. In Lincoln, he played soccer beginning in Kindergarten with the YMCA and moved on to the Capital Soccer Association in Lincoln. He played basketball in the Lincoln Parks & Rec league as well as the YMCA. When he moved to Omaha, after playing in the YMCA league, he began playing select basketball for Omaha Sports Academy. He then decided to take up swimming the summer of his fourth-grade year, passing out of all levels of lessons that summer and joining the YMCA swim team and then the Millard Aquatic Club swim team. Participating in both select basketball and club swimming during the year kept him busy, with practices most nights and games or meets on the weekends. He loved music. He started playing cello in

third grade, played with the fifth-grade orchestra in fourth grade, and auditioned and made the Omaha Area Youth Orchestra's Concert Strings in fifth grade. In that group, he was a younger participant, but he made it to first chair cello ahead of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Unfortunately, the end of the season concert was cancelled because of COVID-19, so he did not get to perform as first chair.

Colin liked to travel. He went with his family to Walt Disney World and Disneyland more than a dozen times. There, his favorite things to do were to ride roller coasters and see the Star Wars attractions. He loved Star Wars, Marvel, the Simpsons, Legos, Minecraft, playing video games, and drawing comics. When Colin heard a song he liked on the radio, you could be sure he would be signing and dancing along with it.

Colin loved reading books, so much so he could not fit all of his books in his room. He also loved acting, participating in plays with the Lincoln Community Playhouse and Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln, and taking classes from the Rose Theater in Omaha. Colin enjoyed going to movies, and you would be hard pressed to find a movie or TV show he didn't like. When he heard a quote in a movie, he would be sure to reference it later. He was remarkably well versed in pop culture for someone his age. He was also constantly helping his family take care of his older autistic brother, Matthew. He was kind and friendly to those around him. He was quick to make people laugh, tried to make new people feel welcome, was humble in his accomplishments, and loved his friends.

Colin passed away at Children's Hospital in Omaha on July 14, 2020. Surviving are his parents; Jeffrey & Heather Bloom, along with his brother, Matthew all of Omaha; maternal grandmother, Kay McLaughlin-Graff of Walton, NE; paternal grandparents, Bruce & Deb Bloom of Elkhorn; aunt and uncle, Dawn & Trent Melcher of Elkhorn and his four cousins, Chandler (Skye)

Melcher of Sedalia, MO, Katiya, Rylan and Azaria Melcher all of Elkhorn. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Willard Graff.

In Lieu of Flowers, Memorials are Suggested to: Omaha Area Youth Orchestra
~ oaya.org
or to a Library of your choice, in memory of Colin

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Andrew United Methodist Church
15050 W. Maple Rd.
Omaha, NE 68164

Tribute Wall

EH

“ I was one of the first kids to talk to him when he came to Aldrich. He was always a loving spirit and always inviting to people. He had such an amazing personality. Just a great kid. It broke my heart to hear what happened. I saw something in him when we were kids, I just knew he could be a light in other's lives. I miss him lots.

Emma Hinson - October 09, 2024 at 09:56 AM

EL

“ he was my brothers best friend when they were younger. my brother is now in high school but sometimes i see him look at a booklet he has of colin. i only remember so much about colin but he made my brother so happy and i'm so sad he has been gone for many years. my brother had grieved and i still think a part of him wishes he could have done something. i'm so sorry to all that didn't know him because he was such a kind person- elena thome

elena - May 29, 2024 at 11:45 PM



“ Colin J. Bloom

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

AZ

“ To Colin
I miss you every day, I don't have anyone to watch movies with anymore. I don't have anyone to hang out with during the football games. I think of you all the time. Everyday I think what if I could've done something that would've changed your mind about what happened. Im sorry.

azaria - October 16, 2021 at 02:13 PM

VI

“ Today is my first practice in gold group and Collins should have been here with me i still miss you goodbye

Vivian - November 17, 2020 at 08:28 PM

TN

“ I'm so sad to hear this his great grandmother Verna would always talk about him and his brother she was so proud and his grandmother Kay too im at a loss for words and his mom and dad I can't imagine im so sorry ill keep you all in my prayers and I'm donating to the Omaha youth Orchestra in honor of him. I'm so sorry

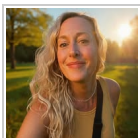


Thomas Nelson - September 29, 2020 at 05:36 PM

VR

“ My favorite memory of colin is that in swim team we would do a race a who ever got first would get emerald and second would diamond and he would get emerald all the time and I guess his is my way of giving him his emerald

Vivian revord - September 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Colin's passing. Chandler has great memories of their friendship and their days together at Maxey. We are praying for you during this difficult time. -Lindsey Kowalke

Lindsey Kowalke - July 23, 2020 at 04:50 PM

KU

“ Jeff, Heather, and Matthew,

I am so deeply sorry for the loss of Colin. He was such a sweet boy in my first grade class at Maxey Elementary. His smile could light up the room! Wishing all of you peace at this difficult time.

Kim Uhing

Kim Uhing - July 21, 2020 at 07:34 PM

CC

“ Heather and family,

I am so sorry to hear of your son's passing. He sounds like quite the accomplished little man! My thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.

Carrie Curtis Boes (former English teacher at WHS)

Carrie Curtis - July 21, 2020 at 09:16 AM

AB

“ Dear Jeff and Heather and the extended Bloom family, I have not stopped thinking about you and send my deepest condolences to you on the loss of your beloved son, Colin. We live down the street from you and please know that all of us neighbors are here for you in any way that you need. Please don't hesitate to reach out. Continuing to keep your family and Colin in our hearts and prayers. We are heartbroken by your loss and grieving alongside you. Hugs and love to you. - Alice Blake

Alice Blake - July 20, 2020 at 10:30 PM

SW

“ There are no words to ease your pain. I pray every day that God gives you peace. Even though I never knew Colin, after today, I feel like I did. He was pure joy and kindness and in his honor, I will strive to be just like him every day! Rest In Peace, Colin!

Sheri White - July 20, 2020 at 07:56 PM

JA

“ To the Bloom Family, I am so sorry to hear about Colin. I only knew him through OSA basketball when my son and Colin got tangled up on a jump ball a couple weeks ago and both got ejected. I remember wishing Colin was on our team because he was a real competitor and wasn't afraid to get after it. I could tell he really loved playing and looked like such a nice kid, I have not been able to stop thinking about him and just wanted to tell you that he made an impression on me and my son. I am praying for healing for your family.

Jon Alexander - July 20, 2020 at 04:55 PM

PA

“ Heather,
Thinking of you and sending love!!! I am a phone call away... please don't hesitate if you need anything!!

- Peggy Jo

peggy archer - July 20, 2020 at 09:11 AM

RK

“ Heather, I am sorry. I am keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.


Rachel (Witt) Kaboré

Rachel Kaboré - July 19, 2020 at 11:05 PM

JH

“ Heather and Family,
I have been praying for you and asking God to help your family, as you grieve the loss of your beloved son. I pray that God will show you his outstretched arms and embrace you with his love. Helping the Bloom family stay strong and give you peace over your loss. My heart breaks for your family.
God bless the Bloom Family, in Jesus name amen,
Jerry Hernandez

Jerry Hernandez - July 19, 2020 at 08:47 PM

 Joe
Bolubasz

“ Heather, Jeff & Matthew -

We send you our love and heartfelt prayers that you find the strength and courage to move forward each and every day Colin in your heart. May our God bless you and keep you in his loving arms.....Joe & Carol Bolubasz

Joe Bolubasz - July 19, 2020 at 08:25 PM

MB

“ Heather, I'm so sorry to hear this news. I remember seeing you with him and his brother at Prairie Life struggling through swim lessons, as I did the same thing with my two boys. Please know that you are in my heart and on my mind as you move through this unspeakable time. Love in our bond, Molly Egley Brummond

Molly Brummond - July 19, 2020 at 12:10 PM

AC

“ Abram will always remember goofing around with Colin before OSA games, we remember him happy and smiling. Our prayers are with your family. The Castleberry's

Angela Castleberry - July 18, 2020 at 07:54 PM

KD

“ Colin was such a great student! I could always count on his enthusiasm, whether it was in Spanish class, Spanish study sessions before school, Latin Club, or our summer book clubs. He was always there to learn and add fun and share his knowledge and expertise with others. He will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this extremely difficult time.
Kathy deBoer



Kathy deBoer - July 18, 2020 at 07:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Colin J. Bloom.



July 18, 2020 at 04:25 PM

CS

“ Jeff, Heather and Matthew,
We are so very sorry to hear of Colin's passing. He was always friendly when we saw him outside when you lived across the street in Lincoln. He always had a smile and a wave. You are in our prayers. Take care of each other.
Mike and Connie Stefkovich

Connie Stefkovich - July 18, 2020 at 03:58 PM

MG

“ Heather and family,

We are so incredibly saddened to read of Colin's passing. Sending you our deepest sympathy for this unthinkable loss. Just remembering our many times together when the children were small, and your generosity when Olivia came for a play date. Praying for strength in the difficult days. Will continue to keep you in prayer.

Jason and Michelle Grieser

Michelle Grieser - July 18, 2020 at 09:45 AM

RA

“ Dear Heather, Jeff, Matthew and the entire Bloom Family

In this time of sorrow, we are thinking of you. We pray to God to ease your pain and increase your patience.

Rana Zabad and Ben Chaara.

rana - July 18, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Colin J. Bloom.*



July 18, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colin J. Bloom.*



July 17, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ *Bill and I don't have words to express how sorry we are for your loss and can't even imagine the ache in your hearts. We live across the street and always enjoyed it when Colin was in your driveway bouncing his basketball and shooting hoops. It reminded us of our own sons younger days. Keeping you in our prayers.*

Bill and Donny Paisley

Donny Paisley - July 17, 2020 at 10:16 PM



“ *Your Elkhorn Hills family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Colin J. Bloom.*



Your Elkhorn Hills family - July 17, 2020 at 06:21 PM

RT

“ *Heather and The Entire Bloom Family,*

*We are so sorry to hear of Colin's passing.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you
during this difficult time. God bless you.*

Rob, Melanie, Cooper and Samantha Timm



Rob Timm - July 17, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of
Colin J. Bloom.*



July 17, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Colin J. Bloom.*



July 17, 2020 at 02:44 PM

BB

“ *Brian and Jodi Bloom purchased the Beautiful in
Blue for the family of Colin J. Bloom.*



Brian and Jodi Bloom - July 17, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Colin J. Bloom.*



July 17, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Hugs and prayers to your family! I could always count on a smile and hug from Colin to make my day!*

Bev Randazzo - July 17, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colin J. Bloom.*



July 17, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Colin J. Bloom.*



July 17, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Colin J. Bloom.*



July 16, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ *Tim & Mary, Andy, Sarah & Caleb, Andrew & Julie purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Colin J. Bloom.*



Tim & Mary, Andy, Sarah & Caleb, Andrew & Julie - July 16, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ *Colin loved to read and visit the library. He always was excited to tell me about books he was enjoying. He will always be in my heart.*

Sheri Christen - July 16, 2020 at 10:34 PM



“ *Colin was a delight to have in my Kindergarten Class at Maxey School. Prayers for his family and friends during this difficult time.*

Diane Ziemer - July 16, 2020 at 10:18 PM

MS

“ Colin was a sweet, kind, funny and energetic young man. I so enjoyed sharing silly puns and jokes with him. Our deepest sympathies to Heather, Jeff, Matthew and Kay. Wishing you all God's peace.

Mary Schuster-Graff - July 16, 2020 at 10:18 PM

CW

“ We unfortunately don't know you, nor had we had the chance to meet Colin. But we can tell just from his picture that he was a special boy. As a Barrington Park neighbor, we share your pain today and pray for your strength to somehow ease some of the pain.



Chris and Lori Walker - July 16, 2020 at 10:16 PM

LS

“ Lindsay Spencer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Colin J. Bloom.



Lindsay Spencer - July 16, 2020 at 10:12 PM

LS

“ Colin was loved by the whole Spencer family as one of our own. He will be deeply missed. We are so sorry Heather, Jeff, Matthew and Mrs. Graff.

Lindsay Spencer - July 16, 2020 at 10:07 PM

KB

“ *Dearest Colin was a bright light in our family. Such a sweet and special Godchild to Tom & I. Will miss that wonderful smile 😞 With love & deepest sympathy to Heather, Jeff, Matthew & Kay.*

Kathy Bass - July 16, 2020 at 08:30 PM