

Our Beautiful Angel in Heaven
Tucker Lynn Ragsdale

Tucker is an amazing little baby, and we wish so badly everyone had a chance to meet him.
He was so joyful and expressive and not just a "sick baby"; his personality came out very early in his life.
Tucker loved to be held close and would lean into our hands when we touched him.
He was incredibly strong, and we couldn't be more proud of him.
Truly, we are proud to be called his Mom and Dad.
We are and forever will be honored to call him our son.
God decided we were worthy of Tucker's love, bravery, and strength if even just for awhile. Tucker is loved by so many; unfortunately, he did not have enough time here on earth to meet everyone who loved him.
Not a day went by where one of us didn't hold his hand, kiss his cheeks, or talk with him about the dreams we have for him.
On days where we were gone for hours at a time, we know his nurses and doctors did the same.
He lit up his room and brought a smile to everyone's face.
We praise God for our precious Tucker Lynn.

Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.

~1 Corinthians 13:7-8



NOVEMBER 29, 2018 - APRIL 2, 2019

Remembering Our Angel Tucker Lynn Ragsdale

Tucker Lynn Ragsdale, 4-month old son of Nathan & Ariana (Oliver) Ragsdale, earned his tiny but mighty angel wings on Tuesday, April 2nd at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City, after a brave fight in his short, but beautiful life. Visitation for Tucker will be held on Monday, April 8th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Abels Funeral & Cremation Service-French-Hand Chapel in Reinbeck. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 11:00 AM, preceded by an hour visitation at Candeo Church, 1405 Greenhill Rd., Cedar Falls, IA. A private family burial will follow the funeral service at the Reinbeck Cemetery. The family kindly asks that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to them, where they plan on establishing a memorial in Tucker's memory. Memories of Tucker or messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com

Tucker was born on November 29, 2018 at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, 22 weeks and 5 days' gestation (18 weeks premature), weighing 1 lb. 4 ounces and measuring 12 inches long. Tucker was a twin, his fraternal brother Beckett was born the following day, November 30th. Although Tucker suffered many health obstacles, he miraculously overcame many of those. Because of the expertise and excellent care of the U of I team of doctors and nurses, Tucker's family was able to have him as long as they did, 124 blessed days.

Although sick, Tucker was very aware of his surroundings and was very expressive, giving those near him his infamous 'side eye'. Tucker was able to smile through the pain and loved to hold his mommy and daddy's finger and he loved being sung to. His big brother Oakley was extremely proud of him, calling him 'my Tucker'. His twin brother Beckett enjoyed lying next to Tucker, resting on his chest, a bond only twins might know.

Tucker was able to light up the room by his tiny, but mighty presence. Right up until the end, Tucker was a joyful baby. His family is so proud of his strength and because of it, they realized how much stronger it made them. Tucker was resilient, a fighter, until he could no longer fight the battle he endured for 4 unbelievable months. He will be so dearly missed by his family, but the memories they made in those 4 months will last a lifetime, bringing them comfort when they need it most.

He is survived by his loving parents Nathan & Ariana Ragsdale of Reinbeck; older brother Oakley and twin brother Beckett, both at home; paternal grandparents Randy (Patricia) Ragsdale of Reinbeck and maternal grandparents Robin Oliver of Burnsville, MN and David Oliver of St. Paul, MN; paternal great-grandma Rita Rosauer and maternal great-grandpa Richard Brown; uncles Jesse Ragsdale and Michael Ragsdale & aunts Sarah (Joshua) Martin & Randi (Joshua) Roloff; cousins Tobi, Paisley, Matthew & Brinley. Tucker is joined in heaven by his paternal great-grandparents Donald Rosauer & Bill & Barb Ragsdale and maternal great-grandparents Betty Brown and Thomas & Germaine Oliver.

Born Strong & Mighty

November 29, 2018
Iowa City, Iowa

Earned His Angel Wings

April 2, 2019
Iowa City, Iowa

Funeral Service

Tuesday, April 9th, 11:00 AM
Candeo Church
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Officiating

Pastor Cody Cline

Pianist/Soloist

Josh Allen

Cellist

David Andrew

Cajon Player

Nick Anderson

Special Music

"It Is Well"
Bethel Music
"Even If"
Mercy Me
"The Old Rugged Cross"
George Bennard

Casket Bearers

Jesse Ragsdale Michael Ragsdale
Joshua Roloff

Honorary Casket Bearers

Oakley & Beckett Ragsdale
Joshua Martin

Interment

PRIVATE

Reinbeck Cemetery
Reinbeck, Iowa