



## Dawson Wayne Henderson

April 14, 2021 - May 24, 2023

Dawson Wayne Henderson, fourth child of David Otto Henderson and Kristin Leann (Nelson) Henderson was born on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Missouri.

The moment little Dawson was born, he captured everyone's hearts with his sweet tender loving smile. He loved being held and cuddled by everyone; however, his mommy and daddy's hugs and kisses were the best! His big brothers and sister always made Dawson giggle with excitement!

Dawson was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia at age six months and for the next year and a half of his life, Dawson bravely battled the disease with his mommy by his side in Saint Louis. The hospital became their home, away from home. After Daddy's work weeks ended, David would bring the children up for visits, which brought great joy and much needed comfort to the entire family, however, leaving was especially difficult for everyone. Many of the staff become family to the Henderson's. Kristin and David will always appreciate all the love and support from so many people along this most difficult journey of their family's life.

Dawson enjoyed life and his energy had no boundaries. Some of Dawson's favorite things to do included blowing bubbles, drawing, coloring, marking up the glass doors at the hospital, playing with his brothers and sister, farm

animals, watching Cocomelon, and the Minions, or “Mimi” as he called them. Dawson also liked the song, “We Don’t Talk About Bruno” from the movie Encanto. He loved music, people, and playtime. Dawson especially loved donuts, and every time he get one, he’d say...YAY!! His newfound love was sweet tea. He also enjoyed rides and being on the go. In his quiet moments Dawson loved having his hand held.

Dawson went home to heaven in the arms of the angels on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 in the Saint Louis Children’s Hospital having attained the age of two years. In his brief life, Dawson touched the hearts and lives of everyone who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his great grandfather, Don Trandum Sr., great aunt, Brenda Trandum, and the family’s dear friend, Bob Hibbitts.

Dawson leaves behind to cherish his memory, his loving parents, David, and Kristin Henderson of their home in Richland; his siblings: Donavan, Kadie, and Declan Henderson of the home; paternal grandparents: Robert Henderson, Sr. of Stoutland, MO, and Dawn Trandum of Phillipsburg, MO; maternal grandparents: Kathy Brandt and her husband, Preston of Sleeper, MO; and Timothy Nelson of Camdenton, MO; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and a host of other relatives and many friends.

Though Dawson’s time here on earth was brief, he, and his family have touched more people than we’ll ever know this side of heaven. His memory will forever remain in all those he knew and loved. Today our hearts ache however, yet we find joy in knowing that little Dawson is healthy and happily playing in God’s great big, beautiful garden until we see him again!

A Celebration of Life service was held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 3, 2023 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Dawson’s Uncle, Pastor Tony Shaw

officiating. Music selections included, Danny Gokey's, "Hope In Front Of Me," Sherrie Austin's, "Streets of Heaven," and Casting Crowns, "Praise You In The Storm" were played. Touching stories and wonderful memories were also shared by Dawson's paternal grandmother, Kathy Brandt, and his Aunt Ashley Shaw.

Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

- Remember, "And we don't talk about talk about Bruno!"

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Dawson Wayne Henderson, and may be left at the Memorial Chapel of Richland.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dawson Wayne Henderson*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - June 05, 2023 at 11:45 AM

AD

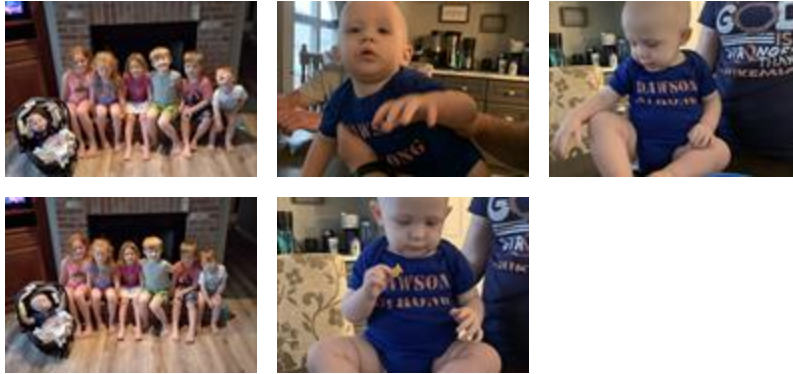
“ *Alex and Dawson Wayne Henderson*

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**Alex Dawson** - December 21, 2024 at 07:01 PM

LA

“ *Sweet Dawson, we love you.*



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**Laramie Aronson** - June 02, 2023 at 07:07 PM

CP

“ I live many miles away, but our community of Emmett, ID has grown to love this brave young boy and have lifted him and the family up in prayer during his illness. My most heartfelt condolences to his parents, siblings and all family and friends who loved Dawson. So many share the grief and sorrow you are going through. God Bless each and every one!

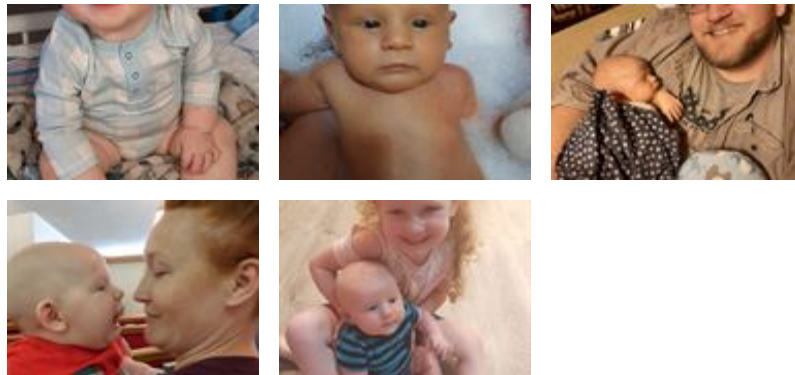


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**Carla Jo Porath** - June 02, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ 149 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - June 01, 2023 at 12:00 PM

MS

“ Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of Dawson Henderson



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**Marge Scott** - May 31, 2023 at 04:53 PM

SH

“ I am sure Bob is playing with Dawson and making sure he is OK. We have loved your family for a long time. I am here for you and Bob is there for Dawson ❤️



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**Sheila Hibbitts** - May 30, 2023 at 12:29 PM

CK

“ I'm so sorry 4 ur loss... I dont know ur fam. but I am here as a bereaved parent 25yrs (if u need 2 talk) 541910 3524

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**Cathy Keeling** - May 27, 2023 at 09:33 AM

MW

“ My very favorite picture of Dawson! Connected to all the IV pumps and he happily cleaning his room. such a sweet little man!



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**Melanie Wiggins** - May 26, 2023 at 08:03 PM

BO

“Awesome little boy, so full of life! I thank God for blessing ALL of our lives with Dawson's presence!! Even though his time on this earth was brief his legacy will live on forever. David and Kristin... You both are such wonderful parents! I THANK YOU for sharing your precious son, Dawson with us! I know I will always cherish being one of many to cuddle and hold Dawson during the first 6 months of his life each Sunday during church. Our continued prayers are with you all as God heals your broken hearts. We love you!!



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**Barry and Cheryl Oursbourn** - May 26, 2023 at 02:18 PM

PG

“Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Dawson Henderson

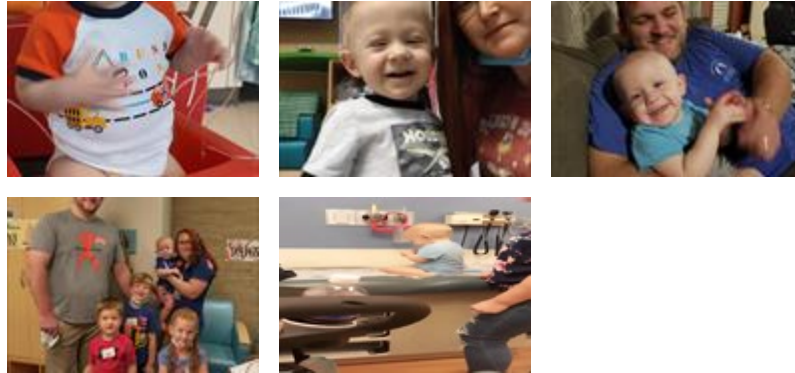


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**Pulaski County Camp Gideons** - May 25, 2023 at 10:09 AM

BH

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



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**Bob Henderson** - May 25, 2023 at 12:42 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Bob Henderson** - May 25, 2023 at 12:39 AM

BH

“Dawson Strong” was the theme behind his fight with Leukemia. But that can’t describe just how tough he was and how full of fight he was throughout his battle with this disease! Not many (I don’t know of anyone) could carry on with everything he had to go through and experience and still find a smile. And he had a great smile! He should be best remembered for his joy and love of life. Connected to cables and wires didn’t appear to slow him down. Thanks to David and Kristin and others we have a wonderful selection of pictures and videos to remember Dawson best by. A short life free of sin to be celebrated as we all feel the loss of Dawson we just need to remember he is not truly gone. He has just moved “up” and waits for those of us that might join him some day. While he should have outlived this old man, I look forward to the day we meet again. Until then I will enjoy the pictures and videos and my memories of him and try to find all the strength that was in him. Rest now Dawson, you’ve earned every bit of it.

Bob Henderson - May 25, 2023 at 12:06 AM

DV

“A happy, loving, cuddly baby boy. Not shy and always a smile through the storm; stole my heart. Sweet memories.



David Vaughn - May 25, 2023 at 12:03 AM

LS

“David and Kristen you are in our prayers. So terribly sorry for your loss... my the Lord comfort you and keep you in your time of mourning. Lorna and Michael Spackman

Lorna Spackman - May 24, 2023 at 11:21 PM

RS

“ I shall never forget the day when I was given the awesome privilege to hold Dawson. It was at Grace Baptist Church in Richland, Mo. It was a birthday party, I think but can't remember who it was for. All I know is that was the smartest baby, the most loving baby and the happiest baby I ever met for his age. I was especially intrigued by all this because it was the first time we had ever met! Rest in peace in the arms of Jesus.

Rev. Tony G. Shaw Sr.

Mrs. Ruth (Bader) Shaw

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Rev. Tony G. Shaw Sr. & Ruth Shaw - May 24, 2023 at 11:20 PM

JM

“ Jerry Morgan lit a candle in memory of Dawson Henderson



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Jerry Morgan - May 24, 2023 at 07:34 PM