



Dempsey J. Akerson

September 2, 2019 - October 23, 2019

Dempsey J. Akerson
Kearney resident

Dempsey Jennings Akerson, 7 weeks of age, of Kearney passed away peacefully Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019 surrounded by his family at his home. Memorial services will be Monday, October 28, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at First Lutheran Church in Kearney with Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson and Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson officiating.

Dempsey was born September 2, 2019 to Adam and Mollie (Sheffield) Akerson, completing their family of five alongside sisters Collins (5) and Winstin (3). Though his short life was marked by multiple health challenges, Dempsey left his own mark on the hearts of his family, friends, community, and countless health professionals. His sweet demeanor and luscious locks never went unnoticed, earning him the nickname "Baby McDreamy." Dempsey was doted on by many NICU nurses, but his biggest admirers were his big sisters who showered him with endless love and attention. Despite spending the majority of his life in the wonderful care of Children's Hospital, Dempsey was able to spend his final days in the loving arms of his family in his home, enjoying countless snuggles and kisses.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Adam and Mollie Akerson; sisters,

Collins and Winnie Akerson all of Kearney; grandparents, Jeff and Tanny Akerson of Bellevue, NE, Monte and Ruth Sheffield of Wallace, NE; aunts and uncles, Aaron and Amy (Akerson) Bomgaars of Dakota Dunes, SD, Matt and Wendy Sheffield of Council Bluffs, IA, Mike and Wendi (Sheffield) Hadley of Holdrege, NE; eleven cousins, and an army of family and friends.

Memorials are suggested to the Division of Pediatric Palliative Care, care of Children's Hospital & Medical Center Foundation, 8404 Indian Hills Drive, Omaha, NE 68114. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
3315 Ave G
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Dempsey J. Akerson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dempsey J. Akerson.*



October 31, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dempsey J. Akerson.*



October 29, 2019 at 10:29 PM



“ *Lavender Sympathy Box was purchased for the family of Dempsey J. Akerson.*



October 28, 2019 at 03:31 AM

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“ *Sandy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Dempsey J. Akerson*



Sandy Hubbard - October 28, 2019 at 01:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dempsey J. Akerson.*



October 26, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dempsey J. Akerson.*



October 26, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dempsey J. Akerson.*



October 26, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dempsey J. Akerson.*



October 26, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Dempsey J. Akerson.*



October 26, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ *So very sorry for the loss of your son. May God bless and comfort you during this time. Sending you prayers from the Frerichs Family, Adam, Lisa, Johanna, Jillian, and Cordell.*

Lisa Frerichs - October 26, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dempsey J. Akerson.*



October 26, 2019 at 08:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dempsey J. Akerson.*



October 25, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers to you all. An adorable baby with all that dark hair. One of your nurses from CHI St Francis. Denise S.*

Denise - October 25, 2019 at 05:27 PM



“ *Dempsey was born into this world as part of the most loving and caring family that any little man could want. He spent his entire life surrounded by people - both near and far - who showered love and good wishes upon him. He made a lasting impression - the good kind of impression - on everyone who ever met him, as well as many who never got the chance. And now, he will spend eternity in the loving embrace of his Father - assuming of course that the Good Lord can ever pry him away from the arms of Phyllis or Bob or Clara or Elmer or any of his other ancestors who were there to greet him at the gate. Although far, far, far too brief...that's still a pretty amazing life. God bless.*

Bryan Burdick - October 25, 2019 at 10:18 AM