



# Gavin Edward Rupp

SEP 24, 1999 - JUL 30, 2013



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## **Gavin Edward Rupp**

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**G**avin Edward Rupp, 13 of Ashburn, Virginia passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, after an inspiring 30 month battle with cancer.

Gavin was born on Friday, September 24, 1999 in Columbus, Ohio. He attended Eagle Ridge Middle School. He was passionate about playing baseball and football and spending time with his friends. He was also an avid fan of Ohio State and the Washington Nationals. He was an exuberant young man that loved life and believed in paying forward.

Gavin leaves his loving family to cherish his memory including his parents, Chris and Sandy Rupp, his brother, Ian and sister Abby Rupp; his maternal grandparents, Fred & Jane Ramsey of Lucasville, OH, paternal grandparents, Larry & Sally Rupp of Lucasville, OH; his aunts and uncles, Mark Rupp, Dennis and Kathy Ramsey, Sigrid and John Wolford, Marsha and Howie Fraley; and five cousins including Mark Rupp, Jr., Tracy Rupp, Lauren Wolford, Drew Wolford, and Aubree Fraley. Gavin was predeceased by his aunt Carole Ramsey.

Locally, the family will receive friends from 4 pm to 6 pm on Friday, August 2, 2013, at Crossroads United Methodist Church, 43454 Crossroads Drive, Ashburn, Virginia, where Funeral services will follow on Friday at 6 pm.

The family will receive friends from 4 pm to 6 pm on Monday, August 5, 2013 at Evangelical United Church of Christ, 701 Fifth Street, Portsmouth, OH; where funeral services will follow at 6 pm.

Interment will be held on Tuesday in Tyn Rhos Cemetery, Rio Grande, OH.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made in Gavin's memory to the Children's Hospital Foundation. Please note on the check the gift is in honor or memory of Gavin and please send it to the following address: ATTN: Martha McCollum Children's Hospital Foundation, 801 Roeder Road, Suite 300, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.



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Local arrangements have been entrusted to Loudoun Funeral Chapel, Leesburg, VA.  
Ohio arrangements have been entrusted to Ralph F. Scott Funeral Home, Portsmouth, OH.






# Events

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## Visitation

-  **Friday**, August 2, 2013
-  4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET
-  **Crossroads United Methodist Church**  
43454 Crossroads Drive, Ashburn VA




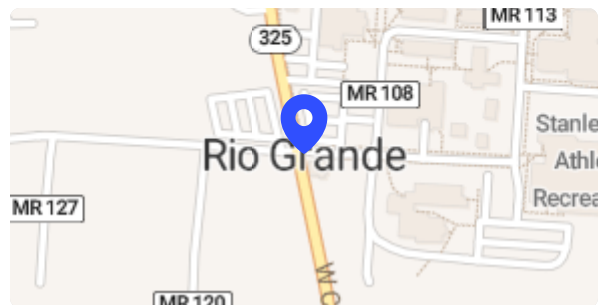
## Service

-  **Friday**, August 2, 2013
-  6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
-  **Crossroads United Methodist Church**  
43454 Crossroads Drive, Ashburn VA



## Cemetery Details

-  **Tyn Rhos Cemetery**  
Rio Grande OH





# Tribute Wall

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**Kellie L** shared a **Tribute Video**.

Very beautiful, thanks for sharing

March 2 at 10:40 AM



**Landon Chu** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

August 10 at 8:29 AM



**Gregg Herbst** posted:

Dear Chris and Sandy, With a very heavy heart and our deepest sympathy, we want you to know that our prayers and thoughts are with you. I have read the story of Gavin's courageous 30 month battle against this relentless disease and I am overwhelmed by his strength and all the lives he has touched. Your son was special and has made significant changes in so many people's lives, some who you will never know but he is truly God's child who lived his life and reached a level of influence and inspiration that most people will never attain no matter how many years they live. When I was 13, my brother who was 12 lost his battle as well to this disease and I will always be impacted by the tremendous loss and toll it takes on the parents and siblings. So I pray for your strength to carry you through the very rough times ahead and that you draw the faith you need to know he is with God and you will be with him once again. Gregg Herbst and Family

August 6 at 12:49 PM



**Kathy Brogdon** posted:

Paul & my hearts go out to Gavin's family. It's just so difficult to survive your child...

August 4 at 5:53 PM



**Janet Span** posted:

I am so sorry for your tremendous loss. I pray for strength and God's hand over your family to get you through this. What a beautiful boy and what tremendous strength and courage he had. My husband has been dealing with tonsil cancer for the past six months and I know how difficult it is. I pray daily for him and a cure. May God bless and watch over you all.

August 4 at 8:05 AM



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WP

**Wendy Potts** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Barry and Wendy Potts, Chillicothe, Ohio

August 3 at 6:41 PM

JH

**Julianna Kirk Hasche** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.



August 3 at 11:27 AM

JH

**Jeanne Hooks** posted:

Dear Rupp family, Our son's team wore a ribbon this season in honor of your brave and courageous son, Gavin. We have been part of the Loudoun baseball family for many years. We send you our heartfelt sympathy and God's love and comfort to your family. Gavin touched so many people's lives. He truly is a gift from God and now in his loving arms. Sending blessings and prayers to you and your family. Jeanne and Wright Hooks and son Wright

August 3 at 3:53 AM

SS

**Sujata & Raj Sundaram** posted:

Dear Sandy & Chris: We will miss Gavin flashing his lovely, shy smile and playing in the street. In these past three years we have learnt a lot from him. He has shown us courage and strength that is expected from a much older person. But we also see where he got that great quality – from the two of you. Today, we stand with you in celebrating Gavin's life – he has touched many and shall continue to inspire all! Love Sujata & Raj

August 2 at 1:56 PM

AF

**Arielle & The Mock Family** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.



August 2 at 1:38 PM



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**Carrie Ball** posted:

Gavin, So strong, so mighty, may you feel the wind in your wings and be free forever, Prayers and support to your family and loved ones. I may have never met you, only through cancer advocacy and prayers and support but I prayed and advocated for your cancer to be removed, you WON the almighty prize, I have prayed and loved the hero young man you are and always will be. May the Lord bless your family with support and love during this awful time and to receive blessings and healing in your name, Your mom and dad and siblings and all of the so many who love you, Lord please cover them in your strength and love. Carrie from Arizona

August 2 at 1:01 PM



**Susie Doss** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.



August 2 at 10:49 AM



**Bob & Robyn Preston** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.



August 2 at 10:44 AM

**BP** **Bob And Robyn Preston** August 2 at 10:55 AM

Gavin's courage and strength is an example for all of us. Love and prayers to you all, dear neighbors.



**Jason Morrow** posted:

What an inspirational young guy! Gavin definitely lived his life to the fullest. Thank you, Chris and Sandy, for sharing him with all of us as we celebrate his amazing life. His precious memory will live on in our hearts forever! Prayers to the entire Rupp family. Jason Morrow

August 2 at 10:08 AM



**Jason Morrow** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.



August 2 at 10:05 AM



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**Doreenia Meddock** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

August 2 at 6:59 AM



**Julie Hickerson** shared a **Tribute Video**.

An Absolutely beautiful tribute!

August 2 at 4:35 AM



**Debbie Schuler** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

Although friends of the Rupp and Ramsey family for years, I never got to meet Gavin in person. This beautiful young man will live in my heart with the memory of his courage and determination.

August 2 at 4:26 AM



**The Lough Family** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

August 2 at 3:47 AM



**The Lough Family** August 2 at 3:52 AM

Gavin touched the hearts of Brad and I and each one of our sons. He will always be remembered. His eternal light will shine forever in our hearts. We continue to pray for peace and strength for Sandy, Chris, Ian and Abby. Your light, Gavin, will show you the way.



**The Hentz Family** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

A great tribute to a young man who touched so many lives. Your memory will live in all of us; you will never be forgotten. RIP Gavin

August 2 at 2:08 AM





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DD

**Daniela Duncan** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

August 1 at 11:59 PM



BR

**Barbara Richardson** shared a **Tribute Video**.

Beautiful treasury of memories! Thank you so much for sharing!

August 1 at 7:25 PM



MV

**Marisa Veltri** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

Words cannot express how heart broken I am for the Rupp family. You have never left my thoughts, and prayers have never stopped. I will continue to pray for all of you through this very difficult time. Rest in peace sweet Gavin. We love you and will NEVER forget you!

August 1 at 6:57 PM



BJ

**Barbara Jefferson** posted:

I wish you all peace and warmth through the wonderful support of your family and community, and through the memories you will always cherish of your sweet boy, Gavin. My thoughts will be with your family as you honor Gavin.

August 1 at 6:15 PM

WW

**Wendy Williamson** shared a **Tribute Video**.

Very warm and beautiful.

August 1 at 6:01 PM





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MI

**Michele** posted:

Gavin, we never met. I have heard wonderful things about you from people who have known you. I would like to thank you for cool, sweet, and 'way above your years' taking the time to provide inspiration to those who battle cancer. I was reminded today again by another amazing child how much you helped him by inspiring him in his own fight against this awful disease. I wish I could tell you in person how much I so appreciated you doing such a kind act. You will never be forgotten and may you be reaping your rewards in Heaven right now! You fought a good fight, may we all be half of who you were, half as courageous, and half as kind. The world would be a better place. Praying for your family.

August 1 at 4:59 PM

CD

**Caleb Dudek** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.



August 1 at 4:25 PM

DJ

**Dan And Jodi Fry** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.



August 1 at 4:13 PM

MR

**Maureen Reagan** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.



August 1 at 4:02 PM

DR

**Debi Rainey** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.



August 1 at 3:53 PM



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**Mandy** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

I didn't know Gavin personally but I've been following his story since I saw it on Thetruth365 Facebook page. I lost my 8 year old cousin Addison to brain cancer (DIPG) in February. There are no words. Praying for your family Hang on to love and memories. Mandy

August 1 at 3:11 PM



**Jennifer Manning** shared a **Tribute Video**.

Beautiful video!

August 1 at 2:52 PM



**Ally** posted:

I never met Gavin but I wish I could have had the chance to. He will forever be in my heart in soul. Praying for the Rupp family. Rest in peace Gavin.

August 1 at 2:12 PM



**Steven & Dolores D'argenio** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

August 1 at 2:09 PM



**James Duncan** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

August 1 at 12:57 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Rupp family.

August 1 at 12:53 PM





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LM

**Lisa Kaminsky Millar** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

From the movie Ghost "It's Amazing..All the Love..you take it all with you.." We will continue this fight for Gavin.he will forever be our inspiration. Much Love and Constant Prayers to all who Love sweet Gavin..for Peace..

August 1 at 12:52 PM



LM

**Lisa Millar** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

August 1 at 12:51 PM



IL

**Ilona Lantos** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

August 1 at 12:17 PM



BW

**Bud West** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

August 1 at 9:01 AM



MK

**Michelle Kirkpatrick** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

I read a poem once about the 'dash' - the years between your birth and your passing. Our loved ones remember us by our dash and how we chose to live those years. We wish that Gavin had more years of his dash, but in his short 13 years, he really lived. He touched the lives of so many people and left footprints on our hearts and for that we will never be the same. We are so thankful that we had the honor to know Gavin. He was an inspiration to us all, and his 'dash' will continue to live within our hearts and memories. We will really miss him. The Rupp family continues to be in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

August 1 at 8:12 AM





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**Mary Pollack** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

Words are not enough to express the sorrow we feel for your loss. Gavin was an inspiration to everyone that he met, and to those who never met him but followed his battle. We have been blessed to have been graced by Gavin's big heart and personality. Such wonderful parents to have raised such a warrior. We ache with every bit of our hearts for you, Sandy, Chris, Ian and Abby. The Pollacks

August 1 at 6:09 AM



**Meg Lewis** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

August 1 at 5:30 AM



**Meg Lewis** August 1 at 5:31 AM

Rest in peace, Gavin. May God hold you close. You will be missed. Love, Matt, Meg, Kyle, and Samantha Lewis



**The Mawyer Family** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

August 1 at 5:25 AM



**Donna Gebhard Speckhard** lit a candle in honor of Gavin.

When Gavin passed, I was and still am just heartbroken. He was such a bright light - a kid with a real spark. He touched so many lives even before he was sick. While he leaves a large hole in the lives of his family, friends, and neighbors, his legacy is that he will remain a warrior for the kids that remain fighting, for the kids that will have to fight, and for those that have already sacrificed their lives in fighting pediatric cancer. O-H-G. Love you dearly kiddo. The Speckhards

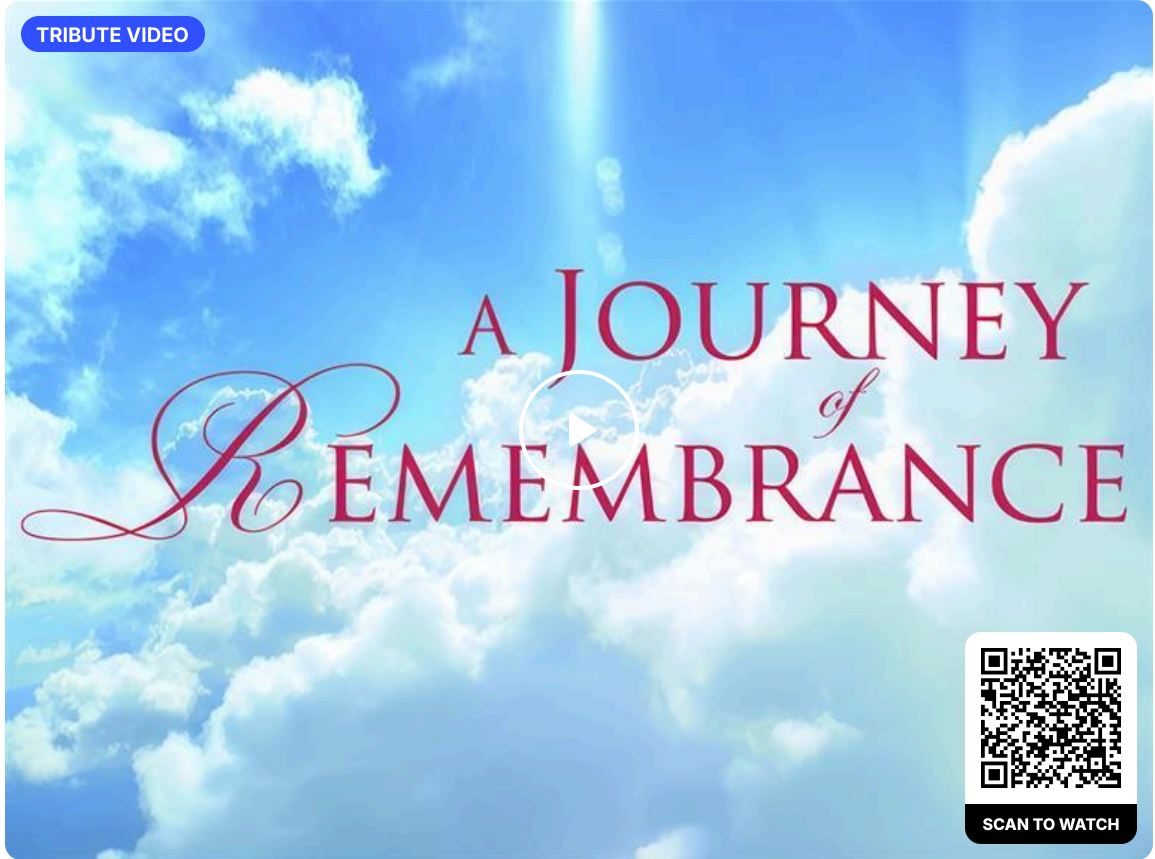
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Kellie L shared a **Tribute Video**.

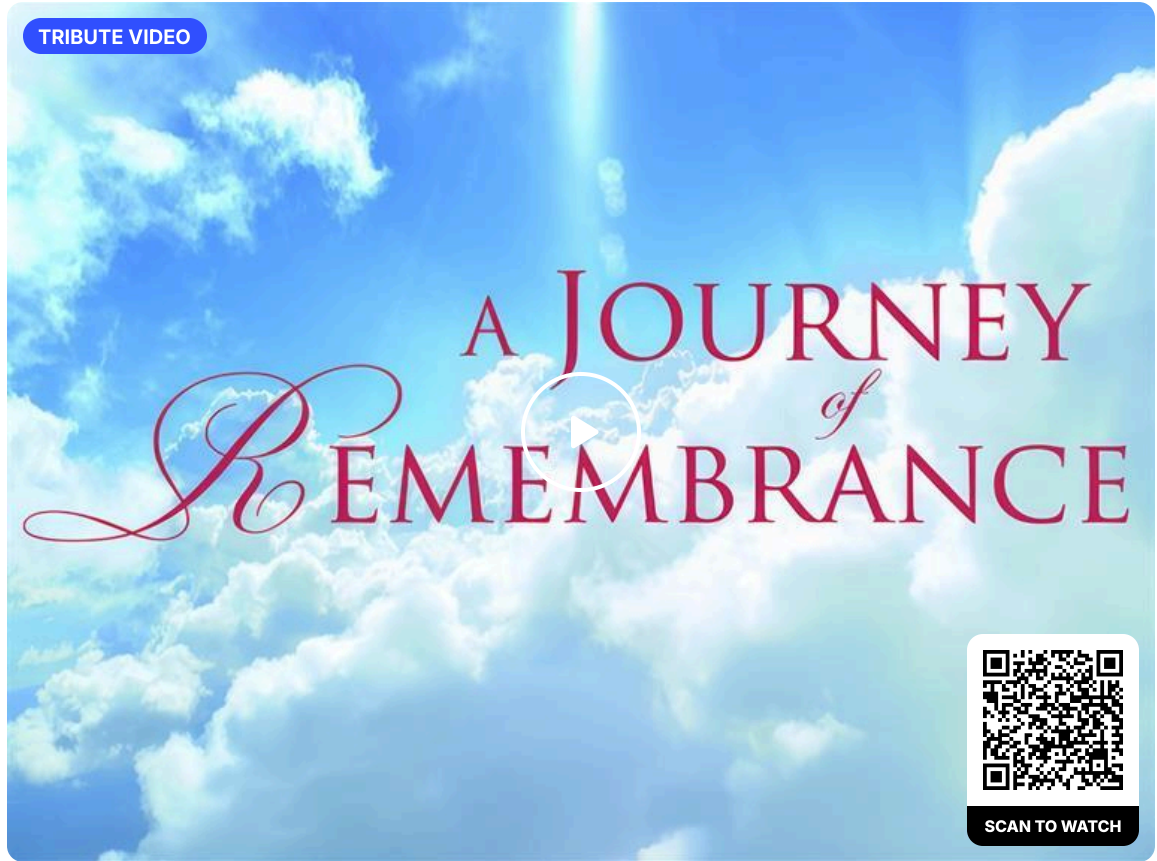
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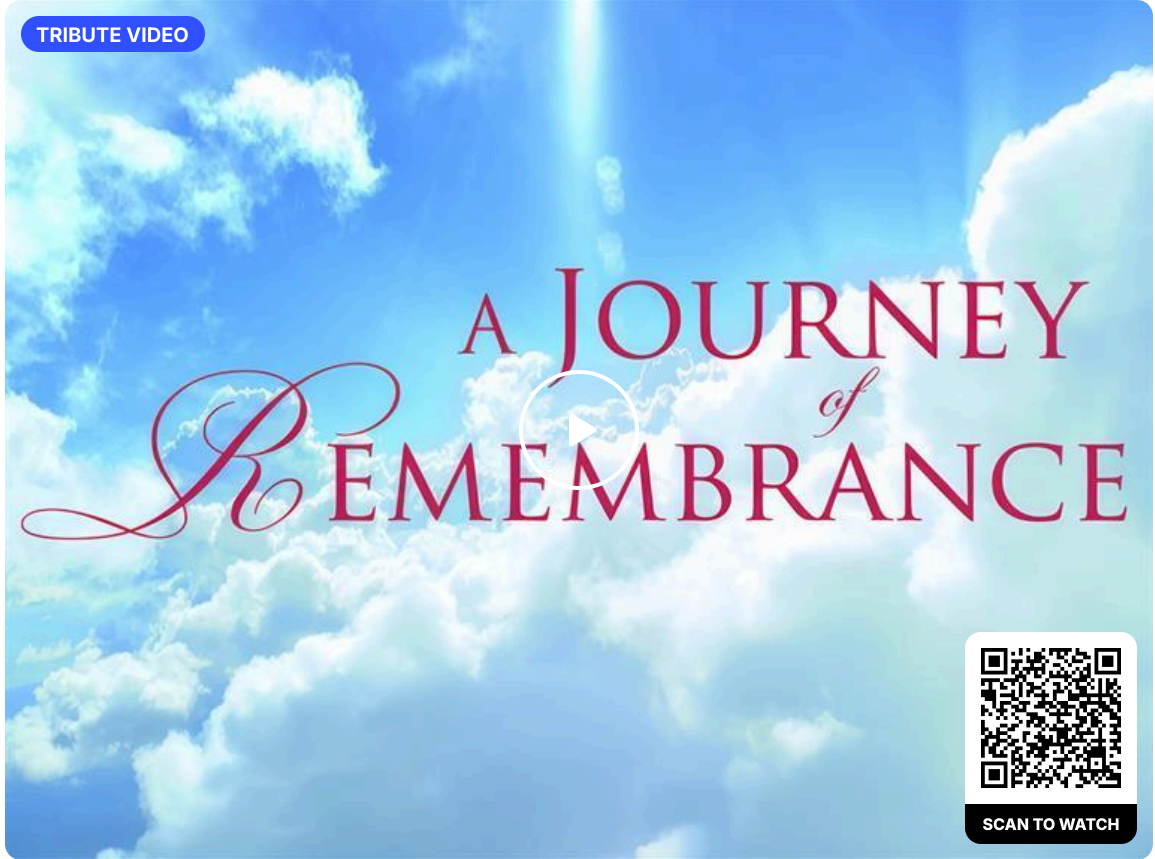
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Barbara Richardson shared a **Tribute Video**.

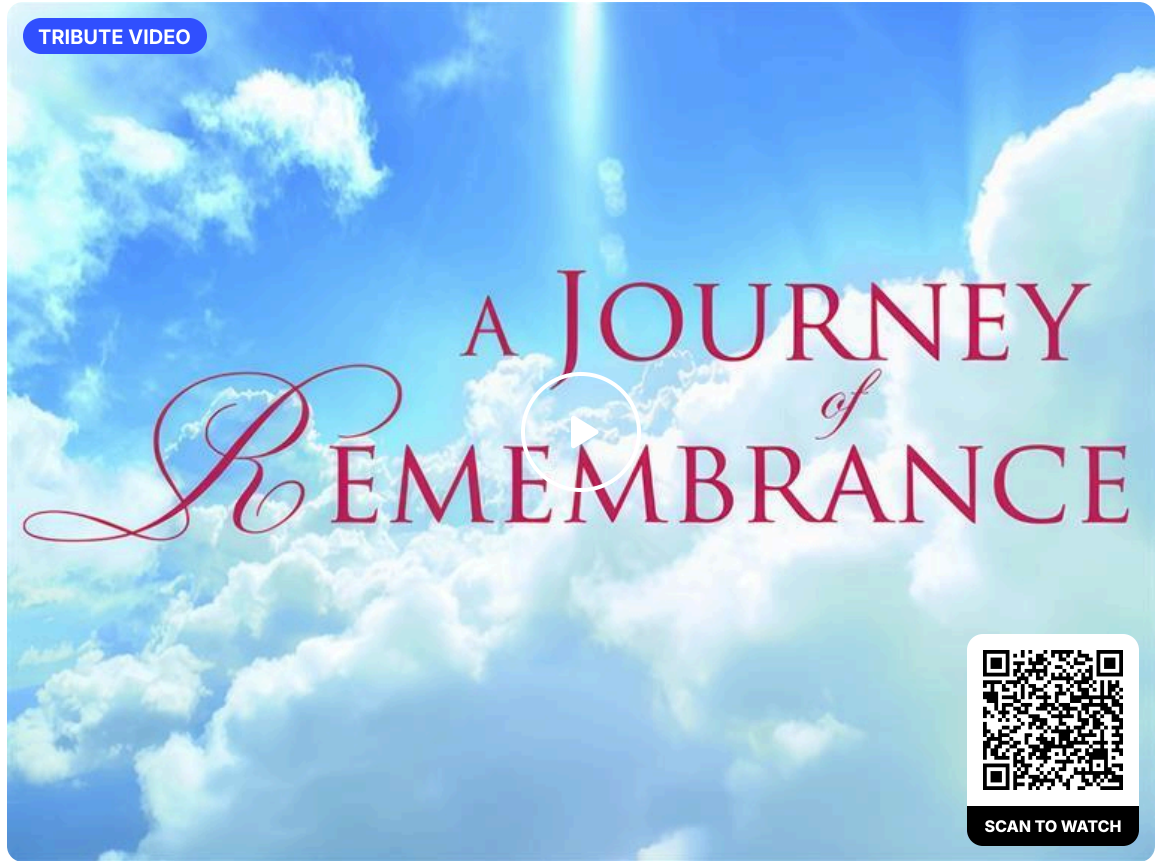
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Wendy Williamson shared a **Tribute Video**.

August 1 at 6:01 PM





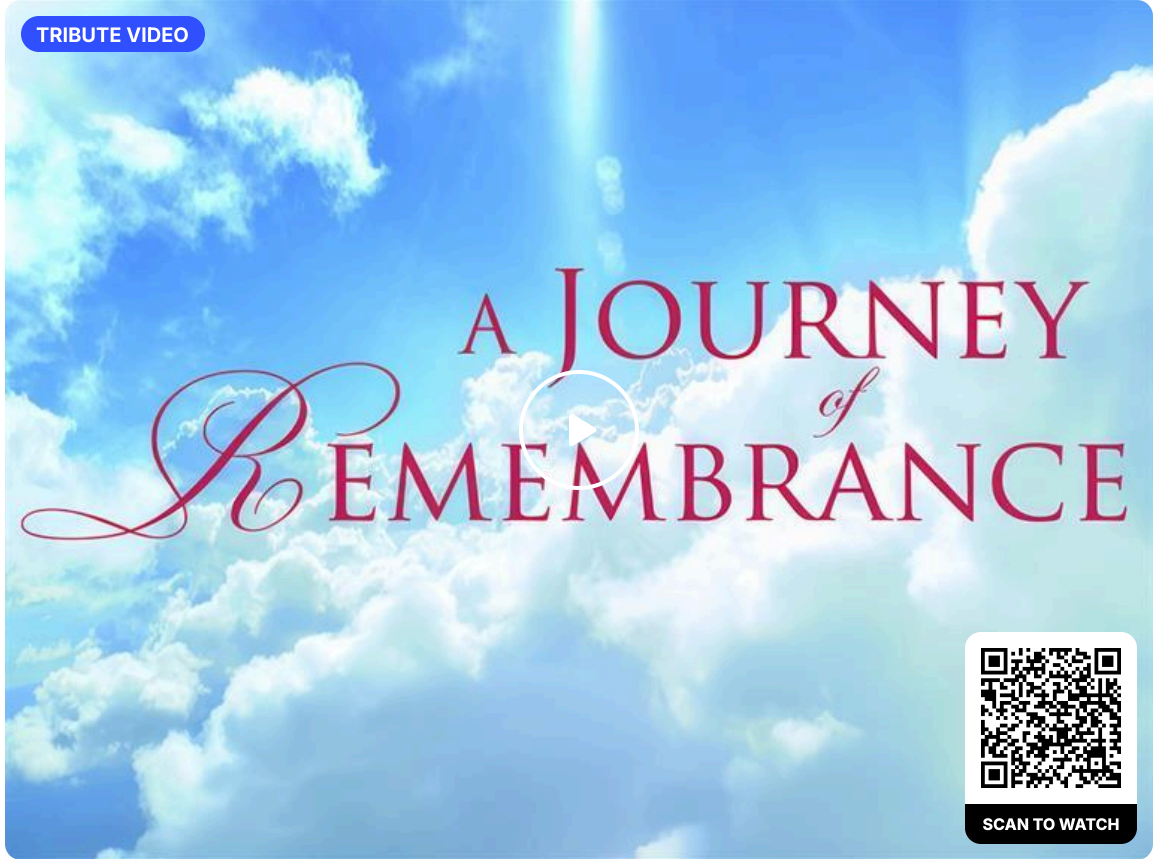
## Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gavin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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