



## Wesley Otis Hanson

February 5, 2012 - April 23, 2019

Wesley Otis Hanson passed away on April 23rd, 2019 at the age of seven. Born in Oakland on February 5th, 2012, Wes was a first grader at Joaquin Miller Elementary, and previously attended the Ducks Nest Preschool. He was a friend to all, a loving big brother, and a beloved son.

Wes was a sweet, silly, and fun-loving little boy. He had a keen interest in the natural world, especially lizards, octopuses, and deep sea creatures. He was a consummate lover of trains, particularly steam engines, and was always eager to share his passion with friends and family. He rode the Roaring Camp railroad, the Mendocino Skunk Train, the Tilden Steam Train, and went as far as riding the Georgetown Loop Railroad in Colorado. His two Make-A-Wish trips even featured trains: one with Amtrak and one riding in the steam engine at Jamestown 1897 Railtown.

Wes enjoyed camping and loved taking family trips to Lake Tahoe, where he skied, tubed, and in the summers hiked and rode his mountain bike. He was camping in Pt. Reyes just one week before his death, enjoying time with friends and family, biking along the beach, sitting by the campfire, and watching the surf.

Wes was a loving big brother to his four-year-old sister and best friend. He revelled in each milestone she reached and was always thinking of her. The loss of their daily playful banter has left an irreparable hole in our lives.

The last year of his life, Wes bravely fought Glioblastoma Multiforme, an aggressive brain cancer. He faced three surgeries and three rounds of radiation with curiosity and interest. He had a natural ability to focus on the present moment and find joy in the little things—even during challenging times.

While we are profoundly sad at the loss of our little boy, we feel incredible gratitude for the time we had with him, and eternally grateful for the lessons he taught us during his short time on this earth. His was a life of pure joy, lived entirely in the present. He has deeply touched the lives of all who knew him.

Wesley is survived by his parents, Jeffrey and Nicole Hanson, his sister, Sydney Hanson, his grandparents, Robert and Beverly Hanson and Michael and Susan Russo, and his aunts Barbara Hanson and Catherine Bieber.

Wesley's memorial service will be held at 10 am on Saturday, June 22nd, at Chapel of the

Chimes in Oakland.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Family Reach, Make-A-Wish of the Greater Bay Area, the Oakland Public Education Fund, or the Glioblastoma Foundation.

# Comments

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. It is so hard to lose a loved one, but losing a child is devastating. There are a few scriptures in the Bible that have helped me in times of sorrow. The first is found in John 5:28 that says “Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will here his voice.” The other one is found at Revelation 21:4 And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.” I hope these will bring you some comfort as they have me.

**Lisa** - June 06, 2019 at 11:40 AM

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“ All my love to the family. Wes was a beautiful soul and his presence brought something wonderful to the lives of all his friends and family. I'll am grateful for the time and the visits we were able to have with him, and his smile will be part of me forever.

**Cat Bieber** - May 16, 2019 at 07:55 PM