



Mason Brian Parchim

June 23, 2010 - March 7, 2026

Mason Brian Parchim, age 15, of St. Anne, born June 23, 2010, to Robert and Amanda (Ifland) Parchim, passed away in the arms of his parents on March 7, 2026, at Lurie Children's Hospital Chicago.

Remembered for his contagious dimpled smile, joyful laugh, and silly personality, Mason brought happiness to those around him. He loved spending time with family and friends, enjoying jokes, and was admired for his beautiful, soft hair. Mason is remembered as a brave fighter and a true superhero whose spirit deeply touched everyone who knew him.

Mason lived with more courage than most shows in a lifetime. Living with Dravet Syndrome meant fighting battles most never see, yet each day was faced with remarkable determination and strength. A fighter in every sense, a warrior and a hero in every moment, his strength, resilience, and spirit inspired everyone who knew him. Though Mason's time was short and his journey brief, his bravery, love, and the impact he made will leave a legacy that will never fade.

Mason is survived by his parents, Robert & Amanda Parchim of St. Anne; one sister, McKinley Rae of St. Anne; grandparents, Patti Jordan of St. Anne, Peter & Colleen Foley of Metamora, and Wendy Watkins of Momence; aunts and uncles, Nicole & Brad Jensen of Limestone, Colin Foley of East Peoria,

Brian & Pamela Parchim of Rolling Meadows, and Luxianna Watkins of Chicago; cousins, Rebecca Jensen (Jason Janssen and baby Henry) of Buckingham, Nicholas Jensen of Limestone, Zachary Jensen (Leighann Allison) of Kankakee, Andrew Parchim of Rolling Meadows, and Zoe Parchim of Rolling Meadows; and special caregiver, Julie Jackson of Aroma Park.

Mason is preceded in death by grandparents, Linda Foley, Rick Ifland and Jerry Jordan.

Mason was a Gift of Hope tissue donor.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the 2:00 p.m. funeral service on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services.

Memorials may be made to Dravet Syndrome Foundation at www.dravetfoundation.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
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Funeral Service

MAR 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CI

“ As a grandpa to a 6 year old boy that is my shining star who had open heart surgery 3 weeks ago at Lurie Hospital, our family feels your pain. I'm certain he was a wonderfully loving young man.

Chad Imig - March 11 at 02:45 PM

BS

“ That smile, though.... just melts my heart! Prayers and thinking of you all ❤️
Beth

Beth Schafer - March 11 at 12:15 PM

JS

“ Mason had a contagious smile and bright demeanor felt by anyone that crossed his path.
Prayers of strength and comfort to the family.
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Joyce Shoemaker - March 11 at 08:48 AM

FW

“ Father Bryan Wolf lit a candle in memory of Mason Brian Parchim



Father Bryan Wolf - March 10 at 02:57 PM

FW

My nephew's daughter fights this mysterious horrible disease every day. Merciful God, help them find a cure

Father Bryan Wolf - March 10 at 03:01 PM

RC

“ *McKinley & Family,
We are thinking of you and sending you all much love and many prayers to you during this time. The love you & Mason shared goes beyond this world and is infinite & everlasting. May God bless you all. xo*

*Love,
The Bishop McNamara Junior High Teachers
Miss Czernik, Mrs. Menard, Mrs. Langelett, Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Mesenbring, Mrs. Bennett, & Mrs. Gaca* 💜

Rebecca Czernik - March 09 at 08:30 PM

BS

“ *Mason, I will miss you and your smile. I know you're at peace. Enjoy your life in heaven. We will miss you at school every day. I will keep your family in my prayers.*



Belinda Smith - March 09 at 07:53 PM

SC

“ *Praying for Mason's family during this difficult time of mourning. Kankakee High School Living and Learning staff are praying , we will miss him and his beautiful smile. Rest in peace* 🙏

Shelly Covington - March 09 at 07:46 PM

BH

“ *Sincerest condolences to the Parchim Family.
It was such a blessing to know Mason*



Barnetta Harris - March 09 at 07:17 PM

TS

“ *Sending my sincere condolences and keeping
you and your family in my prayers. May God
bring you comfort, strength, and peace in the
days ahead.*



Thomas Edison Staff - March 09 at 05:07 PM

DS

“ *Im so sorry to hear about Mason's passing. My heart and prayers
go out to all of you. Much Love and sympathy.... Darlene, Dr.
Sullivan's nurse.*

Darlene M Simkhin - March 09 at 01:51 PM

TP

*Mason was a. Very special person with a wonderful Mon Dad and
sister instead of all of you looking after Mason, he is now looking after
all of you. My sympathy. Run Mason,dance Mason you can do it all
now.*

Therese Phillips - March 10 at 05:12 PM

PZ

“ I am sure you don't remember me, but I met Mason at our first Dravet conference in Downtown Chicago. My daughter, Erin and her husband attended their first conference to understand and navigate Dravet. Their daughter, Coral was diagnosed with Dravet and what I understand Coral and Mason have similar diagnosis of Dravet. My heart aches for you and your family. I know in my heart Mason is at peace and is looking down at his family, saying thank-you for always being there and loving me. Hugs....P. Ziegler

Patricia Ziegler - March 09 at 01:34 PM