



Jayven D. Martin

March 18, 2012 - July 23, 2025

Jayven David Lee Martin, age 13, of Barnett, MO, was carried home to the arms of Jesus on July 23, 2025.

He was born on March 18, 2012, in Marshall, MO, to LaTasha Grimes, and died in a drowning accident in Barnett, MO, at the age of thirteen years, four months, and five days.

Jayven was a student at the Ridge View Mennonite School in Barnett, MO, and attended Ridge View Mennonite Church with his family, where young and old alike knew his wide smile, his lively energy, and his unbounded ability to talk people into sharing their possessions with him, especially pens and Tic-Tacs.

In addition to his parents, James S. and Keri (Sams) Martin, he is survived by his birthmother LaTasha Grimes, of Marshall, MO, two brothers, Elliot Martin and Jason (Walker) Martin, two sisters, Savannah (Walker) Martin, and Isabella Martin of the home, maternal grandparents Michael and Debra Sams, of Kemp, TX, and paternal grandparents Aaron and Verna Martin, of Lewisburg, PA.

Visitation will be held on July 29, from 2-4pm and 6-8pm, with a funeral on July 30 at 10:00am. Visitation and funeral services will be held at Versailles Mennonite Church, with Sherwin Weaver, Stephen Zook, James Allgyer, and

Timothy Hoover officiating. Directly following the funeral service he will be laid to rest at the Big Rock Cemetery in Barnett, MO, adjacent to his family home.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home Versailles Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Versailles Mennonite Church
17577 Highway K
Versailles, MO 65084

Visitation

JUL 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JUL 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ He was our little neighbor boy and was full of joy and always smiled and waved when me and my mother in-law would drive by just an all around sweet little boy

Brandy D Bailey - August 02, 2025 at 07:15 PM



“ This is my nephew. I was nit raised by my birth mother either. It hurts me so much that I will never be able go get to know my blood  my nephew. You can be adopted but even I know blood is blood. I'm so sorry nephew I wish you guys had been with me!

Treesa Harris - July 31, 2025 at 11:41 AM