



Alvin Dieter Linde

January 4, 2017

Alvin Dieter Linde died on January 4, 2017. Alvin was born in Lancaster on March 1, 2016 with a severe congenital heart defect, and was expected to live no longer than a week at most. Through the gracious hand of God and the tenacity of Alvin, he survived and lived his 10 months to the fullest. Alvin joined his friends for baby dedication at his church, he took an airplane ride to North Carolina, he celebrated his 6 month birthday, he attended two family weddings, he saw pigs and goats at the Lancaster county fairs, he enjoyed sleepovers at his grandparents' house, and he was honored by many visits from family and friends both near and far.

Alvin's trademark was his gigantic smile, his large brown eyes, and his hair that always stood on end. He loved rustling papers, being held, and riding around Lancaster city in the double stroller with his brother Henry. Alvin lived his short life courageously and abundantly, viewing his challenges through a broader lens than the normal human perspective. Alvin taught many to challenge and exceed expectations, he confounded the experts, he embraced the challenge with a strength, resiliency and attitude that is enviable. Alvin's life and illness brought many questions about death and suffering and the role of God in the most painful moments of life. But the miracle of so much unexpected time with someone so wonderful as well as the hope for eternal life in Jesus is the best balm for the hearts of those who grieve Alvin's loss.

Alvin is survived by his parents, Cooper and Sarah Linde, and his big brother, Henry. Alvin is the grandson of Andrew and Tena Bell and Karl and Lynn Linde. Alvin is the great grandson of Jason and Leora Martin, Christine Bell, Robert and Macy West, and Karl Dieter (his namesake) and Else Linde. Alvin was well loved by his many aunts and uncles, cousins, and friends at West End Mennonite Fellowship. Alvin and his family are grateful for the excellent care he received from his doctors, nurses, therapists, and everyone else on Team Alvin. The prayers said on his behalf by so many have had an impact that cannot be fully understood or comprehended in this lifetime. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Water Street Mission in Lancaster, PA and the Zambia Project in Mongu, Zambia.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Alvin's life will be held at Mellinger Mennonite Church in Lancaster, PA on Friday, January 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is my strength and my portion forever." Psalm 73:26

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 13. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mellinger Mennonite Church
1916 Lincoln Highway E.
Lancaster, PA 17602

Tribute Wall



“ *Alvin Dieter Linde*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Sarah, I saw the news about your dear little boy. I am so sorry for your loss! What a blessing that he was able to be part of your family for those 10 months and what a glorious day it will be when you reunite one day in Heaven! Prayers and condolences for you and your family! Michele Sipel*

Michele Sipel - January 17, 2017 at 07:22 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the family of baby Alvin . The loss of a little one grieves the heart, and words are never enough to take away the pain. Our heavenly Father knows your grief, and as a loving and caring Father, he will be there to comfort and soothe your broken-hearts and crushed spirit. (Psalm 34:18) May you find comfort and hope in God's promise of the day when you will reunite with your dear child again. (Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2).*

Cheryl D. - January 14, 2017 at 10:03 AM



“ *We're so sorry for your loss! Thanks for sharing Alvin with your work family, and friends - he has been a blessing to us as well! My family, our church (Berean Bible Church) family, and the staff at High Point Baptist Academy have all been praying for you over these past months and now. May you find comfort in your memories, and strength in the Lord!*

John Hansen - January 12, 2017 at 12:06 PM

PP

“ I am so sorry for your loss! May the cherished memories of your precious Alvin provide you with comfort. I will keep Alvin and all of you in my thoughts and prayers!

Pal Pusztai - January 11, 2017 at 03:37 PM

LA

“ I am so sorry to hear of Alvin's passing. He was a true miracle in so many ways. He was the longest living child I know with the type of congenital heart defect he had. He was a fighter in so many ways. We will miss seeing him in the office. He always made us smile and showed us how even the smallest of children can cause great wonder and faith. May you feel the arms of our Lord around you in your time of grief.

Lou Ann - January 10, 2017 at 08:53 AM

BW

“ To all the Linde family. Alvin touched so many lives that you may not be aware of. I learned of Alvin from a friend and have been praying since he arrived. It has been a privilege and joy to pray for all of you. Your loss is great but what a wonderful sure hope of seeing him again. In Christ's love and comfort. Barbara Wickstead Florida

Barbara Wickstead - January 09, 2017 at 04:35 PM

LW

“ Thank you for sharing Alvin's life, story and photos with us on his whole journey here. He definitely had a life well-lived, to the glory of God! Alvin has challenged me to face difficult circumstances with resoluteness, peace and joy, as he did!! I pray that our Lord will comfort each of you deeply and continually! "He carries the lambs in His arms, holding them close to His heart!" Isaiah 40:11

Linda Wanaselja - January 09, 2017 at 11:08 AM

BE

“ *The many tears that will fall are memories filled with love. Let them flow freely. I am so sad for your family's the loss of this beautiful baby boy.*

A hug from Grandview -

Beth - January 09, 2017 at 10:59 AM

BS

“ *I do not know your family, but learned of Alvin from the friend of a friend. My husband and I have been reading our friend's posts of your messages regarding Alvin over these past months, and have prayed for him and you many times. We are so sorry for your loss and your grief. We do rejoice that Your little one is with his God and has no more illness. Thank you for sharing Alvin's story, and for such a beautiful description of a little life well lived. Barb and Wes Smith, Cary, NC*

Barbara Smith - January 09, 2017 at 10:56 AM

SU

“ *My sincere condolences to the Linde family. I do not know you but felt this adorable angel dancing in heaven. His memories and zest for life will live on. May you find peace knowing he is pain free and happy.*

susan - January 08, 2017 at 02:37 PM