



Our little Viking
Jonas Conrad Konge

May 17, 2007 – May 12, 2010

On May 12th, our son Jonas was granted his angel wings following a valiant fight against a congenital heart defect. His final days were spent surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Jonas' life would seem too short for many, but for those who were touched by him, they understood the quality of existence far exceeds quantity of time. His gentle smile could melt the hearts of those around him and through his true viking spirit he forged a path for those to come.

Although Jonas' condition would make the strongest of men weak, he possessed strength, perseverance, the ability to overcome incredible odds and physical challenges in true viking spirit. With his courage he led us to believe that each day is a blessing and an opportunity to create lasting memories. He led the way to discover new things about his condition. A medical frontier, no child has ever lived without their own heart, the doctors hoped that it would last for hours, then days, but never 10 weeks. He has made the fight easier for those following in his footsteps.

Jonas was ready to go to a place where there was no more hurt. With our support, Jonas understood as much as a three year old could. Those that were in Edmonton at his beside were able to have private cuddle time to say good bye, sing, rub his face and hold his hand. Jonas then went on one more adventure outside to feel the warm Alberta sun on his face. While being held and supported by his mom and dad and with his family by his side, Jonas peacefully passed away.

With Jonas' passing we remind others that his life is one to be celebrated, although we will miss him every day, especially his winning smile, he will always remain forever in our hearts. Through his teachings about life, we were able to create wonderful memories and it has been a privilege to be his parents. We are so thankful Jonas' brother Leo and sister Tegan met their brother and they will hold dear the memory of his true viking spirit.

Jonas' spirit has touched many people and leaves behind special Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, Cousins, close friends and many wonderful caregivers who provided love and support which enhanced his quality of life.

There is a special place in our hearts for Jonas' team at the Stollery Childrens' Hospital; because of their continual dedication, love and support, Jonas was able to survive some of his toughest medical challenges. He will be clearly missed by the community of Yellowknife, special people, too numerous to mention who provided Jonas with love and dignity in his life and also in his death.

As life will be different now, a new adventure for those left behind, we must remember to embrace this new adventure with the same spirit that Jonas has taught us all.

Rest peacefully Jonas Conrad Konge.

We will always love you.
Mom, Dad, Leo and Tegan

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