

# Malcolm Pdraig Austin 2008-2015

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Malcolm Pdraig Austin: fiercely loved son of Andrew and Kim, adored little brother of Mairéad (Maggie), and identical twin and best friend of Lachlan. Much to the delight of his parents and older sister, he was born in Yellowknife on October 1, 2008, entering the world a few minutes after his brother.

Malcolm was an exceptional little boy possessing a great intellect, a witty sense of humour, and a loving heart. He had a passion for life that included: culinary pursuits, dancing, singing and making music, playing super heroes with his brother, and attending the Yellowknife Church of Christ. Malcolm's favourite place to be was in the outdoors; he loved fishing, camping, cooking over an open fire, picnics, climbing rocks, gardening, and riding his bike. Malcolm had a tender and kind heart. He cared deeply for the feelings of others and had a natural tendency towards social justice. He was known for constantly creating fabulous crafts and gifts for those he loved.

Malcolm loved attending Range Lake North School where he felt the love and support of the staff and his many friends.

On October 1, 2014, our precious boy was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor known as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), one of the worst childhood cancers known to doctors, with no known cause and no known cure. Malcolm was a courageous soul who was blessed with a loving family and many friends, an incredible medical team, and an enormous outpouring of love from our supportive community. He never gave up and always spoke positively of the future and getting back to the normal pursuits of childhood. As his cancer progressed, Malcolm often expressed his heartbreak about leaving his family, but he knew he would be safe in Heaven and asked Jesus to take him home and make him whole again. Surrounded by his family at home, he passed from this life into the hands of his saviour Jesus on Tuesday, August 25, 2015.

*A* memorial service for Malcolm will be held Saturday, September 5, 2015, at 1:00 pm at Sir John Franklin High School. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Malcolm's name to Children's Wish: Alberta and Northwest Territories (<http://www.childrenswish.ca/en-ab/>), or the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation (<http://www.stollerykids.com/>).

