



## Cooper David O'Brien

July 5, 2014

Cooper David O'Brien, 14, of Suwanee, Georgia, passed away July 5th, 2014 at 1:35 am after a long and courageous battle with Clear Cell Sarcoma. Cooper was born February 21, 2000 in Suwanee, the son of Kevin David O'Brien, originally from Hammond, Wisconsin and Donna Underwood O'Brien, originally from Macon, Georgia. A lifelong resident of Suwanee, Cooper was to attend North Gwinnett High School this year as a rising 9th grader. An avid sports fan and terrific all around athlete, Cooper was recently a member of the North Gwinnett Middle School 8th grade basketball team, and played throughout his youth for the Gwinnett Basketball League (GBL), North Gwinnett Basketball Association (NGBA), I9 Sports, and Upward Sports youth leagues. Cooper was a passionate Georgia Tech, Atlanta Falcons, Atlanta Braves and Atlanta Hawks fan. He could rattle off statistics about teams and players no matter the sport, and was quick to give you that sly smile when he was right, which usually was the case.

Cooper thoroughly enjoyed vacations and getaways to the beach with family and friends. He was beloved by so many people throughout the community, and he never met a stranger. Your life was changed for the better when you met Cooper. A caring and incredibly energetic and loving friend, Cooper left an indelible mark on everyone he touched. The way he lived his life was a testament to him as a person; emphasizing others, not his own accomplishments. Cooper will continue to inspire those who follow to have the

strength and the will to accomplish their own unfulfilled dreams; that will be his legacy.

Cooper is survived by his parents Kevin and Donna of Suwanee, and his 11 year old brother Parker. He also leaves his maternal grandmother and step-grandfather, Ramona and Jim Duckworth of Flat Rock, NC; and his paternal grandfather, David O'Brien of Blaine, Minnesota. He is also survived by his aunt and uncle Michael and Kimberley Maffei of Suwanee and Steve and Laura Underwood of Macon; cousins, Kyle Underwood, Wade and Crystal Leigh Bennett, Brandon and Brady Maffei, and Kaiden and Karson Underwood. Cooper was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather Eddie Underwood, paternal grandmother Jane O'Brien, and his maternal great-grandparents Watson and Estelle Underwood.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at Noon; Shadowbrook Baptist Church of Suwanee with Pastor Bobby Linkous officiating. Interment will follow immediately afterwards at Level Creek United Methodist Cemetery in Suwanee. The family will receive friends at Flanigan Funeral Home in Buford, Georgia on Friday July 11, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to the Cooper Fund ([www.curecooper.com](http://www.curecooper.com)), which supports Miles2Give ([www.miles2give.org](http://www.miles2give.org)) and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center ([www.fhcrc.org](http://www.fhcrc.org)). Clear Cell Sarcoma is a rare and very aggressive soft tissue cancer unresponsive to chemo and other traditional cancer treatments. Because this type of sarcoma is so rare, there are very few studies or clinical trials currently available to treat this type of cancer.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cooper David O'Brien*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Donna, I am so sad to hear about your son. My heart breaks for you and your family.*

**Terry Shepard Thompson** - July 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers go out to your family and friends. May God continue to wrap His loving arm's around you. May He fill you with peace and comfort.*

**Kim, Scott & Samantha Jones** - July 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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**Kim, Scott & Samantha Jones** - July 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I am very sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. Life is such a precious gift, yet it can be so short. Our loving Heavenly Father has promised to one day soon eliminate death forever, along with all sickness, pain and sorrow. (Revelation 21 : 3 and 4 ) He has also promised to reunite us with our loved ones on a Paradise Earth. The Bible says he yearns to do so. (Job 14: 14 and 15) I hope these scriptures will be of comfort to your family and bring you peace during this difficult time.

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**Kim Bailey** - July 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Dear Family and Friends,  
I am very sorry for the loss of your loved one. May you find hope and comfort in the promises of our loving God and Creator at John 5:28, 29 and 1 Corinthians 15:26.

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**Ravinna Wills** - July 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers have been and will continue to be for strength and healing during this time of great loss. Know we will be there in the days, weeks and months to come.

*John and Paula Wilkie*

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**John Wilkie** - July 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ We never had the honor to meet this wonderful young man but heard cute stories from when he was a toddler to present. We are deeply sorry for your loss.

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**Sue and George Harmony** - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Kevin, Donna and Parker,

*You are in our thoughts and prayers. Hope the days and weeks ahead bring you God's peace knowing Cooper is an angel, he is at peace, and with those who love him.*

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**Bob and Vicki Cavanaugh** - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Cooper. I know he was very special to you guys. My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Troy Conley** - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Prayers for comfort during this time for family, friends and all those touched by Cooper!

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**George and Misty Aguilar** - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I cannot even begin to imagine the pain and emptiness you must feel at this moment. Please allow God to be your comfort in this most unbelievable time for you. I am cut to the heart at the thought of the loss you have experienced and will be praying for you and your family to be comforted. cooper must have been an incredible young man and I am certain that there are many memories which, one day, will be thought of with smiles rather than tears. I am so so sorry for your loss.

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**Cliff Howard** - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Please know that your family is being thought of and prayers are being said for your comfort.

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**Tina Singleton Hodges** - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ We have lost an selfless, courageous, bright young man. But, heaven has gained an amazing point guard. We stand alongside the Stoneridge cul-de-sac and all of Suwanee in support of Kevin, Donna and Parker.

*Jeff, Ilia and Collin Jones*

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**Jeff, Ilia & Collin Jones** - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Kevin and Family: Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Community Management Professionals** - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ We are so very sorry. Cooper was an inspiration to our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Suwanee Magazine- Angela Veugeler** - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ WE love you guys and will be here for you in the months to come. Words cannot relay what is in our hearts and how you all have inspired those of us watching as you have dealt with this personal tragedy. Cooper got his sweetness, courage and all around good attitude from his wonderful parents who daily teach us all how to live ones life being honest, kind and of good nature. You are an amazing family who will get through this one day at a time with each other by your side. Hold each other close while you remember all the many cherished memories of Cooper. Even though his years were short, he made a tremendous impact on his world and has touched many young lives with the truth that he will live on forever with his heavenly father.

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**Cindy, Gary and Tucker Hipps** - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Kevin and Donna,  
Cooper's life was a reflection of your strength, faith, and love. You both are truly an inspiration! Your journey has not only touched my heart but the hearts of many others, as well. May God continue building your strength and give you peace, as He heals your heart. My thoughts and prayers remain with you and your family.

*Jennifer Mitchell (Dr. Brown's office)*

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**Jennifer Mitchell** - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ To Cooper's family and loved ones, I am so sorry for this tremendous loss. I never met Cooper but know his grandparents Ramona and James Duckworth. I know he fought the hard fight and was motivating to so many others. I pray for peace and some understanding for the family. Though his life was shorter than we feel it should have been, he made a significant impact. You have my earnest and heartfelt sympathy.

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**Leanne Ruff** - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Thoughts and prayers go to you and your family.

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**Tami Machado** - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Donna and family are in my constant thoughts. I pray for their continued strength.

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**Anne Sawyer** - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Offering sincere condolences. I do not know the family but I too have lost a close loved one due to cancer. What has helped me is the promise God holds out in His word the Bible of a time in the very near future when sickness (Isaiah 33:24) death (1Cor. 15:26) and tears caused by pain and sadness (Rev. 21:4,5) will be done away with. May this hope bring you comfort. (2Cor. 1:3,4)

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**TJ** - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Don't think of him as gone away--his journey's just begun. Life holds so many facets--this earth is only one. Just think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched, for nothing loved is ever lost, and he he was loved so much. My prayers are with you all! Gladys Hall, McRae, GA

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**Gladys Hall** - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Praying daily for peace and comfort for Kevin, Donna, Parker, and the rest of the family. We love you all.

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**Greg and Dani** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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DW

“ On behalf of the Lanier Middle School PTSA, I would like to express our deepest condolences. Cooper's life touched many in this area, and his legacy will be remembered.

*Denise Wilcox*

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**Denise Wilcox** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I know Cooper through your good friends Bert and Theresa Cochran. I am so sorry for your loss and will keep you in my prayers often. I wish I could have met Cooper. Everything I have heard from Bert and what I have read makes me miss him without ever meeting him. You guys must be wonderful parents!

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**Deanna Hunt** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

IF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We pray that the Lord holds Cooper's family in the palm of his hand. In his name, Thai, CJ, Isabella, Harrison, Francesca, and Georgiana Nguy

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**Isabella Nguy & Family** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ To the entire O'Brien Family,

Words cannot adequately express the sorrow we feel for the loss of Cooper. He was an inspiration to so many and a true Hero, braver than most could ever hope or aspire to be. We are blessed for having known him. May his spirit and the sacred memories of your time together always bring you comfort until you are reunited again. God Bless you.. The Farkas Family

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**Frank Farkas** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Although I never met Cooper, I have heard only great things about your boy. He clearly made a positive impact on everyone he came into contact with. My heart is so saddened by your loss. I pray our Heavenly Father surrounds you now and gives you peace that only He can. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

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**Elaine French** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Words cannot express my sadness. May the comfort of God help you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Vega Oviedo Family** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ Please accept my sincere condolences in the loss of your son Cooper. Although I did not know him, he sounds like a fine young man; the type any parent would be proud of. I understand the loss of one so young as my nephew also passed away at the young age of 16. Know that I am praying peace and comfort for your family during this difficult time. God Bless You.

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**Hellen Pendley** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ You do not know me but I know of Cooper and his illness through a friend. I have been hoping and praying for you and I am so sorry that for your terrible loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers and I hope the fun and silly moments that you remember with Cooper can bring you comfort.

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**Jill Nobles** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I never met Cooper but he and the rest of the family have been in my prayers since learning of the diagnosis. I work with Cooper's grandfather, Jim Duckworth. I am heartbroken that Cooper passed away. I know he was a special young man and much loved by everyone. This is such a difficult time but I know your memories of Cooper will lighten your burden. Please know that your family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Debra Pressley*

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**Debra Pressley** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To our sweet Coop, we always considered you one of our own. We will always treasure the time we had with you. We'll miss you every day and look forward to the time we meet again. Watch over us sweet boy.

*.....until we meet again*

*Miss Rachel, Mr. Vinny, Joey and Jake*

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**The DeSilva Family** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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**The DeSilva Family** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Kevin, Donna, and Parker,  
Words cannot express how deeply sorry we are for your loss. Cooper accomplished more in his short life than most people in a lifetime. We know how extremely proud you are of your son and brother and know that you all are in our prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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**Steve and Marsha Huelsbeck** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ So very sorry for your lose.

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**Deede Vick** - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Kevin, Donna, and Parker,  
Our most heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this terribly difficult time. May the sweet memories of Cooper bring you comfort and wishing God's peace and strength to carry you through. You are in our hearts and thoughts and prayers.

Dan, Nilka, John Michael, and Kiara Rios-Burrows

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**Dan and Nilka Rios Burrows** - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He sounds like an incredible young man. Thoughts and prayers to the family and community.

Michael Thompson - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Cooper we love you and you are such an inspiration.

James Duckworth - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ May god bless you and your family our prayers are with you

Gary and Betty obrien - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our prayers are with you and your family during this time of mourning...and healing.

Tanisha Robertson & Robertson Family - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Jim, I'm so sorry to learn of your family's loss...I'll lift all of you up in prayer.

Melodee Edington-Leyshon - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ We know of Cooper and your family through his Grandfather, Jim, who is a wonderful friend. We praise God for your faith and love. We pray for your peace which only God can provide. Our prayers are with you.

Katherine and Tom Gainer - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Kevin Donna Parker and Dave Mary Lou and I are thinking of you and will be in our prayers God Bless

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**Donnie Mary Lou Heintz** - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful child. May God comfort you all. God Bless. Tracy Powell(Emory)

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**Tracy Powell(Emory)** - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ We are so sad to hear of Cooper's passing. "He fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith. Now there is in store for him the crown of righteousness, which The Lord, the righteous judge, will award him."

*2 Timothy 4:7-8*

*Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Phelan-Dempsey Orthodontics*

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**Phelan-Dempsey Orthodontics** - July 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Randy and I send our deepest sympathy, we wish you peace in the days ahead...Memories last forever my friends

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**Martha Higginbotham-Sorenson** - July 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM