



## Eli Brandt Fondren

August 29, 2012 - May 7, 2021

Eli Brandt Fondren, age 8, of Braselton, GA passed away Friday, May 7, 2021. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, James D. Fondren, III; and great grandfathers, L.B. Reichert; and William Sutphin. He is survived by his parents, Jimmy and Mandy Fondren of Braselton; sister, Olivia Fondren; brother, Isaac Fondren; grandparents, Tony and Rosa Jenkins of Winder, GA, Peggy Fondren of The Villages, FL; great grandmother, Jessie Reichert, The Villages, FL; aunts, Jennifer (Justin) Breedlove of Auburn, GA, Stephanie (Adam) Shubert of McDonough, GA; uncle, Todd Fondren of The Villages, FL; and several cousins. Eli was born August 29, 2012 in Lawrenceville, GA. He was a student at West Jackson Elementary in Hoschton, GA. Eli spread joy to everyone he met. His infectious smile and amazing dance moves brought smiles to all the people who knew him. He loved to play games of all types-video games, board games, card games, and even games that he made up on the spot. Eli was known for awesome high fives and never met a person he didn't like, or a vegetable that he did. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Cross Pointe Church, 1800 Satellite Blvd NW, Duluth, GA 30097 with Pastor Chad Logan officiating. Masks are required upon entering, but can be removed upon seating. Interment will follow at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens in Buford, GA. The family will receive friends Friday, May 14th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Flanigan Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **14**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 South Lee Street  
Buford, GA 30518

## Funeral Service

MAY **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Cross Pointe Church  
1800 Satellite Blvd  
Duluth, GA 30097

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eli Brandt Fondren*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Choosing my favorite memory of Eli is nearly impossible, because there are so many amazing ones. From Easter egg hunts where he would try to run so fast he tumbled over, to watching him dance and play around everyone at family events. He had so much love to share and oh, how he shared it with everyone. Eli was the smiliest, most tickle-y, sweetest, dance loving boy in the world. I am so blessed to have known him. The light that he left in this world will never dim. I love you all* 💙



Rebecca Fondren - May 15, 2021 at 11:50 AM



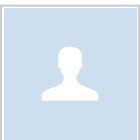
“ *Everytime Eli would visit me, he would run to me screaming my name and start tickle each other. He was my tickle buddy, we would laugh. Oh how I'm going to miss my little tickle buddy. Fly high my sweet angel. Love uncle Todd*

Todd Fondren - May 14, 2021 at 11:22 PM



“ *Eli, you were always a happy kid. We enjoyed getting to know you in kindergarten. You will be missed. Fondren family, you are in our prayers. Love, Ron, Krisite and Kaylee Stegall*

Krisite stegall - May 14, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Eli Brandt Fondren.*



May 14, 2021 at 01:36 PM

LE

“ *Eli was a one in a million. His smile as soon as he walked in the door, well danced, made every family event a fun one. The endless dinosaur roars we shared back and forth, priceless. Nothing will ever be the same without him. But knowing that we have this sweet boy watching over us. The rooms will be still be lit up because there wasn't a time when Eli wasn't smiling. He genuinely made anyone happy with his contagious smile. We love you so much sweet boy.*

lexi - May 14, 2021 at 11:21 AM

DC

“ *There was this one time we all went to visit Peggy in The Villages, we were sitting at the square listening to the band sing and Eli came up to me and started to play with me grab my hat and turn it around and just stuff like that.. well I was sitting there and I heard Eli whispering something in my ear and he's calling me pumpkin head. Ever since that day he'll randomly say hey pumpkin head and hey pumpkinnnnnn. I'll never ever forget that night...*



Derek Cruz - May 14, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DF

“ *Eli was not only my nephews child, he was like my own grandchild. I remember the time at the beach when we were coming in from the ocean and I was carrying him over the waves when one knocked both of us down. I was trying to keep him up and he was more helping me. Lol. Never saw him sad, I will miss you Eli, I am glad God chose you to be part of our family.*

Denise Fondren - May 14, 2021 at 11:06 AM

PF

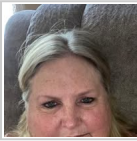
“ *This is the hardest thing I've ever had to do.  
My sweet Eli, I loved our vacations, especially when it's just you and myself, getting up in the mornings, when we shared our breakfast, I sat and listened to your wild and crazy stories, but loving every one you told and oh my how I loved to see you dance.  
Save a dance for me.  
Love you so much  
Grandma*

Peggy Fondren - May 14, 2021 at 08:19 AM

PF

“ *This is the hardest thing I've ever done.  
My sweet Eli, if you just know how much I love you and miss you.  
We have so many fun memories of you.  
I enjoyed getting up early with you and having my cup of coffee while you eat  
your cereal, and you would talk and tell me so many stories.  
Now you are my angel, who will never be forgotten, dance your little heart out,  
save me a dance. Till I see you again.  
Love you  
Grandma*

Peggy Fondren - May 14, 2021 at 06:42 AM



“ *May God bless each of you at this time of grief and sorrow.  
Our prayers are with each of you.  
Love,  
Doris and Angela*



Angela Brannon - May 14, 2021 at 04:50 AM

AF

“ *If only the world had more Eli's. He was truly a light on the darkest days. A friend  
of everyone no matter how young or old. He was a gem. Now he's shining bright  
dancing in the sky. He took a piece of our hearts when he left. Love you Eli,  
jimmy, Mandy, Isaac, and Olivia.*



april fondren - May 13, 2021 at 10:51 PM

CF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We are so  
very sorry for your loss.*



Connie OBrien & Family - May 13, 2021 at 09:38 PM

JC

“ *Eli was the happiest kid I know and is missed so very much already! His smile and laughter were contagious. I miss our afternoons of talking, laughing, and tap dancing before he left to go back to his mom's room. I thank God and the Fondren's for sharing Eli with me this year and allowing me to be his teacher. A piece of my heart is now in heaven. Rest in peace, my sweet buddy. I love you, Eli Fondren!* ”



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**Jessica Cole** - May 13, 2021 at 05:37 PM

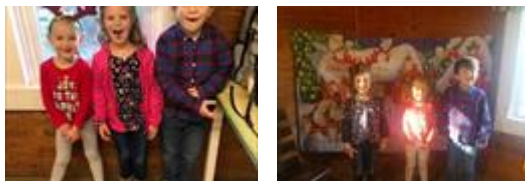
DB

“ *Eli was such a joyful little boy. His smile was infectious and his dance moves made me smile. I already miss him at WJES and this school will never be the same without him. Heaven is a sweeter place and I am sure he is teaching everyone those dance moves of his.  
I love you Eli!  
Thank you for ALWAYS making me smile.* ”

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**Donna Bryant** - May 13, 2021 at 10:23 AM

CR

“ *This sweet boy will be truly missed! He had a heart like no other. He has a contagious smile that could light up a whole room. And let's don't forget them dance moves. He could out dance anyone. He was one of the happiest kids I ever knew. He was loved so many, and he never met a stranger. He will never be forgotten. Fly high sweet boy.* ”



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**chesity reichert** - May 13, 2021 at 10:19 AM

LS

“ *Eli was such a sweet kid. He came over to play with my son charlie and charlie absolutely adored him. I loved seeing them play in front of the house or come over and hang with Charlie. We were sooo blessed to know that little guy. Thanks for sharing him with us. I know heaven is a better place with that ray of sunshine there!! Lee and charlie*



Lee Sandt - May 12, 2021 at 04:14 PM

NM

“ *Eli, you have brightened our worlds since the moment we met you. Teaching you was one of my greatest joys. Your infectious spirit brought so much joy to our classroom each and everyday. We love you so much.*



Nicole Matthews - May 12, 2021 at 02:55 PM

JD

“ *Jenny DeSaussure lit a candle in memory of Eli Brandt Fondren*



Jenny DeSaussure - May 11, 2021 at 10:34 PM

SJ

“ *Eli, your joy and dance moves is something I looked forward to every day in first grade. You loved to play with your friends, and recess was your favorite time of day. Not only were you my student, but I loved you like my own child! I will miss you so much! I'll see you soon! Love, Mrs. Jackson*



Sheri Jackson - May 11, 2021 at 09:03 PM

LS

“ *Eli, Thank you for bringing happiness to all of us in the after school program! You joined in and got along with everyone, showing what true friendship is all about. We miss you so much, but are busy making sure the nature trail, where we all hung out, is all about you! Much love, Mrs. Saul*

Lori Saul - May 11, 2021 at 08:31 PM

HB

“ *Eli was pure joy and sunshine. He made the classroom fun for everyone around him. This sweet boy is so loved and will be missed deeply. I'm so thankful I had the blessing of knowing him.*

Heike Bart - May 11, 2021 at 07:23 PM

MR

“ *Eli was my little sunshine cause every time he came into the lunchroom he always had a smile on his face and it was like he was always walking on a cloud. I will miss you terribly and I know everyone else will also, your smile would always light any room, fly high with all the angles up above sweet boy. Love Ms. Michelle Ruis your lunchroom lady always.*



Michelle Ruis - May 11, 2021 at 05:56 PM

AH

“ *Eli was in my Pre-K class. He was such a fun student. Eli's day was made for play and fun! He made friends fast and easily. What a treasure. The way he looked at me with soft, shy eyes and a sly smile when he was bustin' a dance move instead of sitting for a lesson. Sweet and precious; imbedded in my heart!*

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**Anne Honerbaum** - May 11, 2021 at 05:49 PM

KQ

“ *I think of Eli's big smile, running and jumping and happy to be at CPMC with his buddies Barrett, Kenley and Satch. He showed pure joy. Continued prayers to all of Eli's family for God's Peace and Comfort.*

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**Kay Uvanni Quinton** - May 11, 2021 at 02:54 PM

MS

“ *Our deepest sympathies for the Fondren Family during this most sad time. Extending our sincere condolences to the entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and with young Eli. Gone too soon on to the lord. Michael Benkoski and Caroline Schuster.*

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**Michael Benkoski and Caroline Schuster.** - May 11, 2021 at 12:12 PM

JR

“ *I loved playing hot wheels with my little buddy Eli. He was the best Neighbor you could ever have! Eli will always be remembered and forever be in my heart ❤️*



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**Joe Riccio** - May 11, 2021 at 10:49 AM

JC

Joe,

*Eli was in my class this year and I want you to know that you were special to him! He always looked forward to Front Porch Fridays and seeing Mr. Joe. He recently told me all about your camper and how cool it was. Just know he thought you were the best neighbor too! :)*

Jessica Cole

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**Jessica Cole** - May 13, 2021 at 05:20 PM