



Brody Keeper

June 13, 2012 - October 1, 2025

Brody Keeper, 13, of Willoughby, passed away October 1, 2025. He was born June 13, 2012.

Brody was an 8th grader at Willoughby Middle School, where he excelled in academics, earned various awards, and ran for the cross-country team. Brody loved playing soccer, baseball, and flag football. He was a Boy Scout who enjoyed the outdoors and truly loved animals and nature.

He enjoyed traveling, swimming in the ocean, riding roller coasters, hanging out with his friends, and most of all, spending time with his grandparents, who cheered him on at every event. His hobbies were gaming, fishing, and camping.

Survivors include his loving mother, Rachelle Keeper; maternal grandparents, William and Gayle Keeper; uncle, Branden (Lauren) Keeper; aunt, Arianne (Armand) Mastandrea; and his cousins, Addison, Tyler, Trevor, Katherine, Summer, and Lucy.

He was preceded in death by his cat, Rocky, and dog, Freddie.

Brody's family wishes to thank all the wonderful teachers, coaches, scout leaders, and friends for their love, support, and guidance throughout the

years.

The family will receive friends from 3–8 p.m. Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral service for Brody will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Mentor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in care of Brody's mom, Rachelle Keeper.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT 8. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VE

“ came back to light another candle for you brody 💙 i hope your looking down on family and friends and other kids who are struggling with the same struggles u had you will never be forgotten!!



Vea - May 07 at 10:54 PM

GK



Gayle Keeper - May 08 at 10:33 AM

VE

“ coming back early to light another candle for brody he will never be forgotten 💙🦋 i hope your in peace now brody. i wish i got to know u



Vea - March 17 at 10:59 AM

NE

“ I know I'm late to this, but it took me a while to find the courage. Brody was amazing, my mother and me knew him and we both thought about him very often, even after falling out of touch with him. Even though I didn't know Brody that well, hearing of his untimely death hit me like a bag of bricks. When I think of him, I think of orange Jell-O. I knew him in fifth grade, and he would give me his orange Jell-O's at lunch sometimes. I didn't know him well, but he was still wonderful and always very nice to me. I wish you the best, and it was awful hearing that he had left this earth. Wherever he is now, I wish him the best.

-Newt

Newt - March 16 at 10:45 AM

VE

“ I really wished i stayed longer to get to know brody. he was loved by his family and his friends! im so sorry to his family they lost a star in there family i hope he rest peacefully now. brody will never be forgotten!



Vea - March 06 at 08:55 AM

VA

“ I remember Brody a smart, kind, and divine soul. Ever since he passed, things haven't been the same. Bullying stole his future, and that's not okay. No one should be made fun of for how they talk or act. My heart breaks knowing he sat alone that last day of lunch. I wish I could've been there with him. Brody deserved better, and he will never be forgotten, I wish I got to be friends with him just like my cousin did even tho we never talked 🦋love you, It's heartbreaking that it took more than 200 people to notice you when you were gone, but not enough noticed you when you were alive, I always noticed you I just never had the chance to talk to you rest in peace Brody💙🦋🌐

vanAe - January 25 at 11:59 PM

VE

He will never be forgotten by us! 💙

Vea - March 06 at 08:58 AM

JW

Who did this to him?

Judy wright - March 14 at 04:06 PM

BT

“ Rachele, We are so very sorry. We were always so very thankful of the kindness Brody showed to his younger teammate Gavin at baseball. We will hold on to the memory of watching him and grandpa warm-up before a practice and game. What a beautiful loving sight that was. Praying the beautiful memories you shared provide great comfort in this time of unexplainable loss. Love, Bridget, Emerson, Emme, and Gavin.

Bridget Thomas - October 19, 2025 at 07:00 AM

RW

“ Renee Walkersmith lit a candle in memory of Brody Keeper



Renee Walkersmith - October 13, 2025 at 11:50 PM

RW

I going to miss my Old Man as he would call me Old Lady 🥹🙏 RIH I know that you are going to be missed. Keep your head up Keeper ❤️

Renee Walkersmith - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ To Brody's mom, I'm so beyond sorry for your loss, I cant imagine how you must be feeling about this. I hope you can find peace and comfort in your home again. I hope you know that people are not only thinking about Brody but they are thinking about you, you deserve much more and I'm just so sorry you had to lose you husband/partner and now you son. We all love you, I pray for you and Brody every night. Thank you for raising such an amazing son, who is now an angel like he was born to be. we all miss him so much, Amen.

LLB

Viviana S - October 08, 2025 at 09:18 AM

VS

Rest in peace Brody, we love you

Viviana S - October 08, 2025 at 09:20 AM

VS

“ I knew Brody from Edison elementary, he was so funny and smart. I remember seeing him in the halls wishing I I was as cool as him, I saw him at a pool with his friend a few months before this and he went in the kitty pool and started making waves in the funniest way. he was bobbing around in the water and it was just so funny I couldn't help but laugh. His smile would always brighten my mood just seeing him. Me and him didn't talk so much but I just know he was a great person to be around. Im a grade under what he was. Brody had so many accomplishments, awards for being a good student, rewards from the sports he did, and just an amazing personality. He participated in almost everything. Brody, if you're here reading this from above. I want you to know that I miss you so much, that everyone who you prob didn't think cared does, Everyone misses you. and I'm sorry you felt like this was your only way out. Im glad your safe now, I hope you are happy! Thank you for being such a great friend, teammate, son, nephew, grandson, and angel. Watch down on us Brody, we love you!

Viviana Shinhearl - October 08, 2025 at 09:05 AM

MS

Brody was a great person we will miss you so much

Maryssa Slosar - October 08, 2025 at 09:07 AM

VS

we all miss him

Viviana S - October 08, 2025 at 09:18 AM

MA

“ Dear brodys mom its malaiya again I'd just like to say during the line today I was very nervous about seeing brody today I wrapped a pink bracelet cross around his fingers and said a prayer we all love him so much okkk all my love im going to beddddddd good night 🙏

Malaiya - October 08, 2025 at 12:17 AM

MA

“ *Im brodys cross-country teammate and id like to say wver scince I've been in tears and very hurt I miss him so much right now I love youuuuu brodyyyyyyyyyyy* ”



Malaiya - October 08, 2025 at 12:12 AM



“ *I met him briefly playing with my nephews and trevor. I'm so sorry, my thoughts and prayers are to the whole family* ”

Tracy Jones - October 07, 2025 at 10:58 PM

CH

“ *hey Brody's mom I'm one of the students from the school and I wanted to say I couldn't make, sadly so I was researching and found this Brody was a loving person in our school we all miss him and I hope you are grieving in peace may Brody rest in peace.* ”



charlie - October 07, 2025 at 08:01 PM

LA

“ *We will miss you Brody I hope you rest in peace.* 🙏 ”

Lauren - October 07, 2025 at 07:03 PM

GB

“ Rachelle I only knew Brody through your social media as I followed your adventures. I am so very sorry. There are no words to take it away or even make it better but just know me and hundreds of other people are here for you.

Gabe #LLB

Gabriel M Barrett - October 07, 2025 at 02:31 PM

JC

“ It's been an honor knowing Brody through scouting. He was a great kid, with a great mom, and I'm really glad we got to see his light shine, if only for a little while. Campouts really aren't going to be the same, but I hope we can all gather around a fire sometime soon, make some S'mores, and share stories about our friend Brody. "May the great master of all scouts be with us, until we meet again."

Jason Coliadis - October 07, 2025 at 10:50 AM

WA

“ Willoughby Middle School Athletics purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Brody Keeper.



Willoughby Middle School Athletics - October 06, 2025 at 06:55 PM

MF

“ The Fiorta family would like to extend our deepest condolences 🙏 Ethan loved playing flag football with Brody and he will truly be missed. Sending so much love and strength to Rachelle and family.

With love, Megan, Frank, Brenden and Ethan Fiorta

Megan Fiorta - October 06, 2025 at 05:58 AM

MF

“ Megan F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brody Keeper.

Megan F. - October 06, 2025 at 05:50 AM



“ On behalf of the band Jady Kurrent, we would like to offer our most humble prayers and solice to Rachelle Keeper. Additionally, our condolences to the entire Keeper family. Rest in heaven, Brody.

Buzz Harriel - October 05, 2025 at 09:49 PM

SF

“ R.I.P sweet Angel, prayers for family.

Steve & Marija Fedoran

Steve & Marija Fedoran - October 05, 2025 at 05:22 PM

MC

“ Mrs. Ericka Warlker, East Clark CMSD purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brody Keeper.



Mrs. Ericka Warlker, East Clark CMSD - October 05, 2025 at 02:55 PM

MC

“ Mrs. Ericka Warlker, East Clark CMSD planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brody Keeper.

Mrs. Ericka Warlker, East Clark CMSD - October 05, 2025 at 02:55 PM

FF

“ From Dan and Ann Fiorta and family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Brody Keeper.



From Dan and Ann Fiorta and family - October 05, 2025 at 01:26 PM

FF

“ From Dan and Ann Fiorta and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brody Keeper.

From Dan and Ann Fiorta and family - October 05, 2025 at 01:26 PM

RM

“ to rachelle and family so sorry for your loss my deepest condolences during this difficult time roxanne (friend of tawny baker and her son justen ruth

roxanne manning - October 05, 2025 at 12:55 PM

RM

“ One of the kindest, sweetest, most-mild mannered people my daughter ever had the pleasure of being friends with. "Tropical Brody" will be truly missed. Our thoughts and love go out to his wonderful mother and everyone touched by this impossibly difficult loss.

Rachelle Matthews - October 05, 2025 at 12:07 PM

JD

“ Jake, Dustin, and Deidre DiFranco purchased the *Fall Fantasia* for the family of Brody Keeper.



Jake, Dustin, and Deidre DiFranco - October 05, 2025 at 11:10 AM

JD

“ Jake, Dustin, and Deidre DiFranco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brody Keeper.

Jake, Dustin, and Deidre DiFranco - October 05, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brody Keeper.

October 05, 2025 at 08:53 AM

TF

“ The Peterlin-Melendez Family purchased the *Rose Garden Heart* for the family of Brody Keeper.



The Peterlin-Melendez Family - October 04, 2025 at 02:53 PM

BT

“ Brody's Cross Country team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Brody Keeper.



Brody's Cross Country team - October 04, 2025 at 11:02 AM

BT

“ Brody's Cross Country team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brody Keeper.

Brody's Cross Country team - October 04, 2025 at 11:02 AM

KG

“ Rachele,
I am so heartbroken for you. There are no words to say. We are praying for your whole family. Brody was so loved.
Galippo and family

Kim Galippo - October 04, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Brody Keeper.



October 04, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brody Keeper.

October 04, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ Rachele,

Our hearts are shattered for you over the loss of your precious son, Brody.

From the moment, Brody was born, we knew how much love and joy he brought into your life. His life was a bright light and gift to everyone who knew him. To know Brody was to love Brody. He will be remembered forever.

We are sending you our deepest and most heartfelt condolences during this unimaginable time. We are praying for you and will continue to pray for you.

*With love and deepest sympathy,
Rocky and Chris Peterlin Melendez*

Christine Peterlin - October 04, 2025 at 09:22 AM



*Rachele,
I am so sad to read of Brody's passing. Loving prayers to you and your family.
Amy Ferez*

Amy Ferez - October 05, 2025 at 06:47 PM