



# **Madelynn Joan "Maddie" Birchmeier**

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**M**adelynn Joan Birchmeier passed away on August 30, 2023 after suffering a medical emergency. She is preceded in death by her Great Grandparents Hannelore and Robert Frazier and Joan Birchmeier; Grandfather Charlie Nestell. She is survived by her parents Adam and Nicole Birchmeier; Great Grandparent Norbert Birchmeier; Grandparents Kathy and Gerard Birchmeier and Christina Nestell; Aunts and Uncles Angela and Gary Ryckaert, Connie and Ryan Leckenby, Brandon Smith; Along with her loving cousins and many extended family members and friends.

Madelynn Birchmeier, or as she was lovingly referred to as Maddie, had a smile that will never be forgotten. Her infectious laugh and sweet personality made her easy to love. Her family and caregivers could not help but to fall in love with Maddie. Maddie was part of a wider community with her rare diagnosis of Angelman Syndrome. Her story, Maddie's Joy, was not only seen by family and friends, but was shared throughout the world reaching 22 different countries. In Madelynn's short life she gave so much and taught so many. Her hospital room was often visited by multiple students, fellows, and attending physicians. Her loving personality meant plenty of smiles to strangers, and plenty of kisses to the ones she loved. Her favorite things to do were to dance with her dad, cuddle with her mom, and Maddie could never get enough tickles. In Madelynn's final moments, she once again gave to individuals in need. Her final gift to the world was to donate her organs through Gift of Life. Madelynn's life might have been short but it was powerful. Her impact will never be forgotten.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00 AM Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 920 Fulton Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417, with Rev. Fr. Charles J. Schwartz presiding. Visitation will be held 5-8 PM Tuesday at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 6291 Harvey St, Norton Shores, MI 49444, where a Scripture Service will be held at 7:30 PM Tuesday evening. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the Mass at Church on Wednesday.



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Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation ([www.angelman.org](http://www.angelman.org)). Sign the online guestbook at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)



## Events

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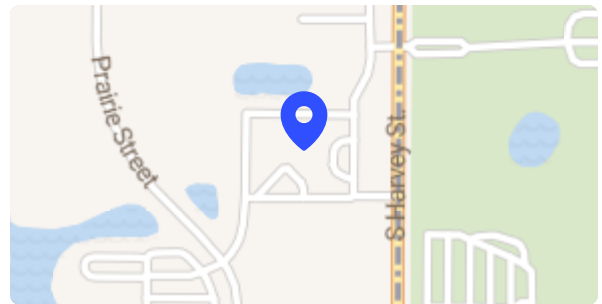
### Visitation

 **Tuesday**, September 5, 2023

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

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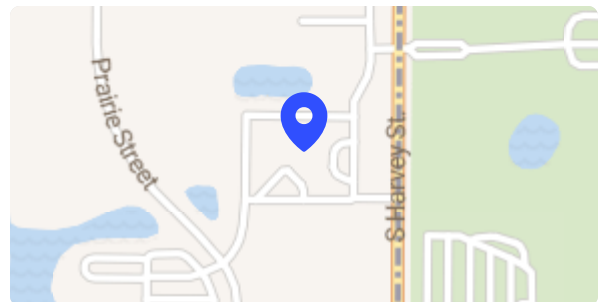
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# Tribute Wall

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**Deanna Birchmeier** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You couldn't help but smile with Maddie around. The sweetest smile, the most beautiful curls, and her obvious adoration of her Mommy & Daddy just warmed our hearts. Give great grandma Joan kisses for us Maddie. What a precious Angel you must be! We love you, Great Uncle Norb & Great Aunt Deanna ❤️



September 5 at 3:27 PM



**Christina Nestell** September 6 at 5:03 AM

Maddie you were my sunshine in my life the rainbow I needed. I'm so thankful God have you to your mommy and daddy you were the greatest gift ever 💙 Thank you for sharing her with me Adam and Nikki and so many others she truly left a great mark on us all! Granny is going to miss you so much 💙 Til we meet again my Maddie Pattie 💙💙💙



**Kathryn M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Madelynn Joan.



September 5 at 10:07 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Birchmeier family.



September 3 at 12:59 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Birchmeier family.



September 2 at 2:53 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Birchmeier family.



September 2 at 2:48 PM



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**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Birchmeier family.

September 1 at 11:17 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Birchmeier family.

September 1 at 3:18 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Pink Potpourri Bouquet to the Birchmeier family.

September 1 at 1:09 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Birchmeier family.

September 1 at 11:12 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Madelynn Joan.

September 1 at 11:12 AM



**Roxanne** posted:

I loved it when Maddie first heard me sneeze she hit the high chair tray with her hand and laughed so hard and said achoo. That laugh will always be with me! I also remembered a month ago she gave me a pacifier slash sloppy wet kiss. I will never forget that little Sunshine girl! Ms. Roxanne

September 1 at 10:39 AM



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CV

**Candice Vanover** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Thankful to have had the pleasure of taking care of Maddie on several occasions. She sure could light up a room. Thankful to have gotten the opportunity to watch her grow up. I would always ask Nicole while at work how Maddie was doing and was greeted with adorable pictures and great stories. It made my day! Sending my thoughts and prayers along with endless hugs.



September 1 at 5:12 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Birchmeier family.



September 1 at 8:49 AM

JA

**Janice And Dal Angst** sent a virtual gift in honor of Madelynn Joan.

Adam and Nicole, We want to thank you for giving us the honor to know and love your daughter, Maddie, especially through all the blogs you wrote....I have a copy of all of them and will treasure them... You both were the best parents she could have ask for and she is now in heaven and thanking Jesus for putting her in such a happy and loving family.....God Bless You and heal you.... Uncle Dal and Aunt Janice



September 1 at 8:30 AM

CT

**Chelsea Thomas** posted:

Oh my Maddie. From the day I met you I knew you were so so special. Your mom and I became close friends fast and I remember all the many talks and tears. I loved being around you and all of your contagious smiles and laughs. You truly were a light in my life along with your mom and dad. Love you baby girl.

September 1 at 6:29 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Birchmeier family.



September 1 at 6:26 AM



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AM

**Amanda Moore** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

my sweet Maddie! I will always remember you as my sweet little friend. I couldn't get enough of since the day I met you. This picture will always mean the world to me and thank you for giving me so much love and joy! You are sweet spirit will go with me from this day on my sweet friend.



September 1 at 6:03 AM

DA

**Danielle** posted:

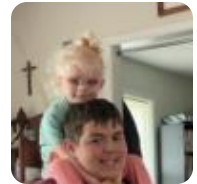
Maddie was my baby girl from the day she was born. Her momma may be my cousin but she's my sister by heart and I will cherish all the moments I got to be Auntie DW. I called her Mads for short, but she wasn't Mads for personality she was my "Happy Mads"! It truly amazes me the amount of people her life touched in the short time she shared her beautiful smile. We love you baby girl and are so thankful, grateful and blessed to have been loved by you.

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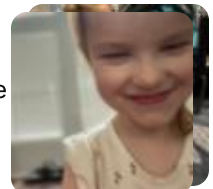
**Carol Hare** September 1 at 5:55 AM

Oh you were so loved, Maddie! Your parents faces always shined with loved. Your precious soul spread joy to so many! Rest in God's perfect Peace, sweet little Maddie.

BB

**Betsy Black** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We will never forget your beautiful smile or adorable laugh! Thank you for making the world a more joyful place, sweet Maddie! We love you very much, and we know that you're dancing and talking up a storm in Heaven. ❤️



September 1 at 5:20 AM



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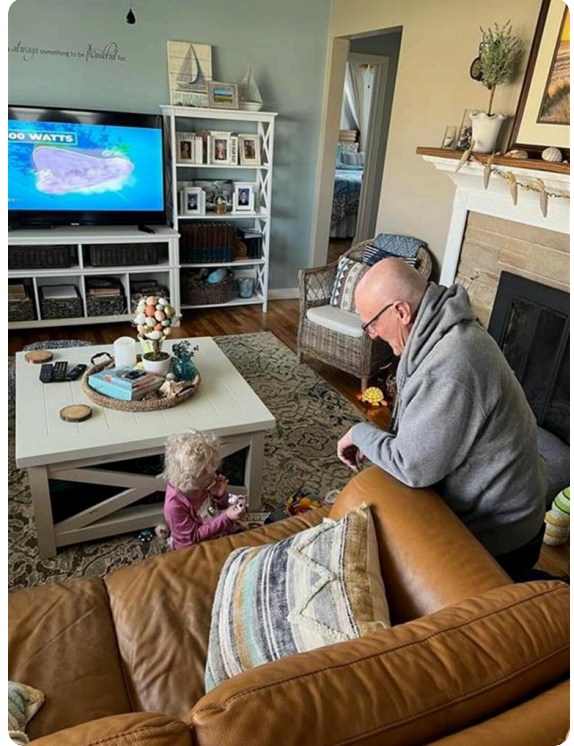
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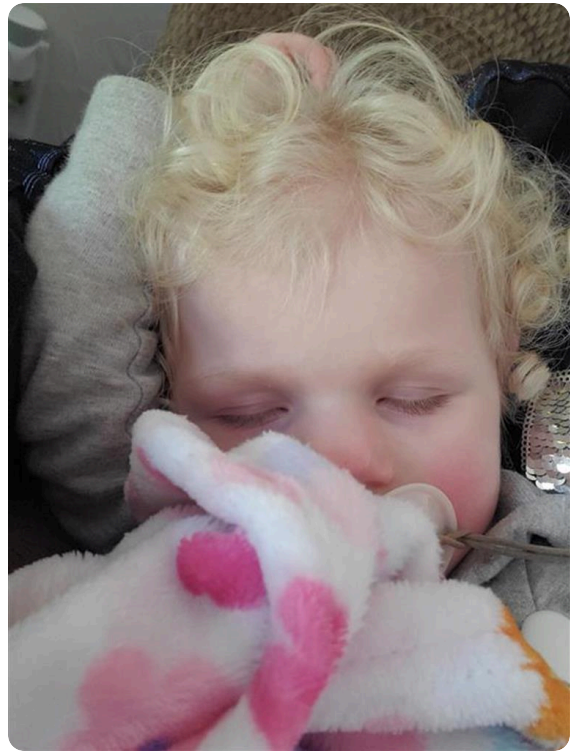




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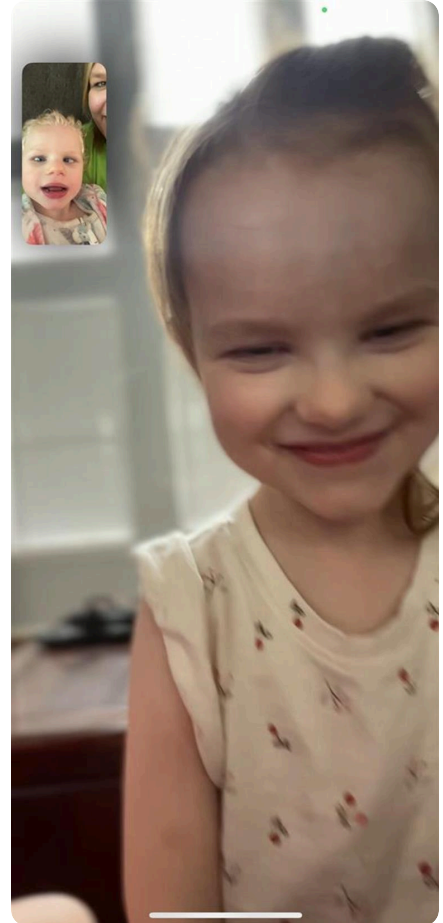
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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Madelynn Joan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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