

Superhero Funeral Held For Young Boy Who Died Of Cancer

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NEWTON COUNTY, IN (WLFJ/CNN) - A 5-year-old Indiana boy recently lost his battle with cancer. His family decided his funeral would celebrate the superheroes he loved.



In September Brayden Denton was in the middle of his battle with a brain tumor. His mother Stacie Denton says it was a battle fit for a superhero. But as the months went on Brayden got worse.

"He stopped completely walking. Then we got through that hurdle. Then he started not being able to eat or drink," Stacie Denton said.

Earlier in May, Stacie Denton took Brayden to Riley Hospital for Children to stay. Then, on May 8, he stopped breathing.

When planning a funeral for her superhero something came to Stacie Denton's mind. Forget the suits and dresses instead she wanted her loved ones representing what Brayden loved the most, superheroes.

"He was a huge Spiderman fan. He had to quit just liking Spiderman because he had all the toys. So really he liked every superhero," Stacie Denton said.

And a league of superheroes showed up. Pallbearers dressed as Brayden's favorite superheroes. The man in front dressed as Thor is Brayden's uncle, Cory Denton.

"It was hard, but I did it for him. We went to the Superman movie with him and he was dressed up as Superman. I watched all the Ironmans with him," Cory Denton said.

The picture of the Stacie Denton's superhero being carried by his superhero friends has had hundreds of shares on Facebook. It may have been an unconventional funeral, but Brayden would've approved.

"That's what Brayden would've wanted," Stacie Denton said.

Cory Denton says even if Brayden is not with him in the flesh he will always be his number one movie buddy.

"He's always here with me, and I'll always watch them with him because he is always with me," Cory Denton said.

Denton donated her son's tumor to research. She is also working with Senator Ron Alting to get Indiana to recognize September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.