



## Brooklyn McKinley Williams

December 22, 2012 - May 21, 2026

Brooklyn Williams, age 13, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2026, after a courageous 21-month battle with brain cancer. Born on December 22, 2012, Brooklyn brought light, love, laughter, and strength into the lives of everyone who knew her.

Throughout her journey, Brooklyn showed extraordinary courage and resilience. Through countless hospital stays, surgeries, treatments, and unimaginable challenges, she continued to fight with a strength far beyond her years. Even on the hardest days, her beautiful smile, laugh, and loving heart touched countless people and left an unforgettable mark on this world.

Brooklyn was deeply loved by her family, friends, classmates, medical teams, and community. She will be remembered for her kindness, bravery, and the joy she brought to others simply by being herself. She loved swimming, arts and crafts, spending time with friends, scrolling TikTok, and had a love for Dr Pepper like no other. Her favorite band was ABBA. She also dearly loved her dog, Lola, and her cats, Brownie and Cotton, who brought her comfort and happiness throughout her journey.

Despite everything she endured, Brooklyn continued to show incredible strength, courage, and resilience every single day. She was not just a diagnosis or a statistic — she was a daughter, a fighter, a light, and a miracle to all who loved her.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Richard and Alice Toward and Cecil and Margie Wampler; grandparents, Mike and Norma

Williams and Jim Davis; her brother, Zachary Breeding; and her cousin, Tyler Williams.

Brooklyn is survived by her parents, Matt and Susan Williams; brothers, Payton Breeding and Hayden Williams; grandmother, Jackie Davis; uncles, Michael (Bridget) Williams, Scotty (Melissa) Davis, Tony (Karri) Davis, and Chris (Mandy) Davis; along with a host of cousins, friends, and loved ones who will continue to carry her memory in their hearts forever.

Though her time here was far too short, Brooklyn's life was meaningful, powerful, and deeply impactful. Her courage inspired so many, and her memory will never be forgotten.

A celebration of Brooklyn's life will be held on May 30, 2026 at Gilliam Springs Baptist Church in Arab, AL. Visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., with the funeral service immediately following. Pallbearers will be Clark Conlee, Chris Davis, Scotty Davis, Tony Davis, Blake Harris, and Jesse Williams.

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, Directing.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to organizations that supported Brooklyn and our family throughout this journey, including Ronald McDonald House Charities, Smile-A-Mile, Sarah Gayle Gibbs Memorial Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Princess Hailey's Hope Foundation, Brothers for Life, Roc Solid Foundation, Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, or NA Boys.

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day."

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **30**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gilliam Springs Baptist Church  
1351 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway  
Arab, AL 35016

## Celebration of Life

MAY **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ I did not know Brooklyn, but my heart breaks for her family and friends. God bless you all and my prayers are with you.

*Doris Mobley,*

Doris Mobley - June 05 at 08:00 PM



AG

“ Sending prayers and love from the C-UAS team (SAMd)

Ashly Garcia - May 28 at 04:09 PM



SH

“ Sending prayers for all family and friends.

Shawn - May 28 at 12:57 PM

KM

“ I loved having Brooklyn in my Pre-K class. Brooklynn was such a sweet and happy little girl! She will be greatly missed! I am so sorry I will not be able to attend sweet Brooklyn's services as I am currently out of the country. Praying for peace and comfort for you Susan, Matt and Hayden. I loved Brooklyn! Kim Murphy

Kim Murphy - May 27 at 03:24 PM



JT

“ Juan And Maria Trevino lit a candle in memory of Brooklyn McKinley Williams



Juan and Maria Trevino - May 25 at 10:02 PM

DM

“ Dean Mashburn lit a candle in memory of Brooklyn McKinley Williams



Dean Mashburn - May 25 at 09:05 PM

LR

“ In memory of Brooklyn. Sending my condolences to the family. Larry and Alicia Russell.



Larry and Alicia Russell - May 25 at 06:42 PM

NG

“ Nova Glenn sent a virtual gift in memory of Brooklyn McKinley Williams



Nova Glenn - May 25 at 06:27 PM

NG

*My most sincere condolences to all of the families! Your sweet angel reminds me so much of both her parents. No denying who she came from. I sure wish that I could have gotten to know her better. I miss you all. Prayers for God's comfort!*

**Nova Glenn** - May 25 at 06:33 PM



“ *Amber Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Brooklyn McKinley Williams*



**Amber Wilson** - May 24 at 04:18 PM

NM

“ *Nalani McNary lit a candle in memory of Brooklyn McKinley Williams*



**Nalani McNary** - May 24 at 08:03 AM

TD

“ *Sending lots of love and prayers!*



**Tammie Hughes Daniel** - May 23 at 10:10 PM

JE

“ *Jean lit a candle in memory of Brooklyn  
McKinley Williams*



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**Jean** - May 23 at 10:01 PM

TP

“ *Brooklyn was one of my students in PreK !  
The sweetest girl with the best smile! I will  
miss seeing her ! Prayer for her family!*



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**Tracey Putman** - May 23 at 06:44 PM