



William Skylar Coffield

August 24, 1988 - March 23, 2025

William "Skylar" Coffield, age 36 of Lenoir City, cast off his broken and limited earthly body and became the glorified version of himself - limitless and perfect. He is now in Glory where all things are made new. His family was at his side as he made the transition on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at Fort Loudoun Medical Center in Lenoir City. He was born in Altamonte Springs, Florida, on August 24, 1988, the son of Dr. James L. Coffield and Mona (Holloway) Coffield, who both survive him.

Skylar lived in Dayton, Tennessee; Powell, Tennessee; Casselberry, Florida; and most recently in Lenoir City, Tennessee. He was a graduate of Winter Springs High School in Winter Springs, Florida. He loved and lived a big story; changing the lives of those who experienced his captivating soul. It proved to be difficult to live as a non-typical dreamer in this broken world. He was an autistic theologian who taught others about God and themselves. He was a member of Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church in Farragut, Tennessee.

Skylar is survived by his parents, Dr. Jim and Mona Coffield of Lenoir City; his brother, Pearce (Brelyn) Coffield of Lenoir City; his sister, Kim (Noah) Neagles of Knoxville; his aunt, Luana Holloway of Franklin, Kentucky; his uncle, Mike (Sherry) Coffield of Maryville; and his nephews, Cedar, Rowan, and Zay.

The family will receive friends in Dayton on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 4:00

p.m. at Vanderwall Funeral Home. A graveside service at Rhea Memory Gardens in Dayton will follow at 5:00 p.m. with Rev. Seth Hammond, Rev. Andrew Baughman, and Michael Palmer officiating, followed by a white dove release. A Celebration of Life for Skylar will be at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church in Farragut, Tennessee, on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. with visitation with the family one hour before the service.

Please share your memories and photos of Skylar on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, Tennessee.

Skylar did not enjoy flowers, so in lieu of flowers please make generous contributions to one of the following organizations in his name:

Joni & Friends of Knoxville

ACE ministries at Christ Covenant Church in Farragut, Tennessee.

Cemetery Details

Rhea Memory Gardens

Hwy 27
Dayton, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple St
Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 775-2662

Graveside Funeral

MAR 28. 5:00 PM (ET)

Rhea Memory Gardens
Hwy 27
Dayton, TN

Visitation

MAR 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church
12915 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37934
<https://www.christcov.org/>

Celebration of Life

MAR 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Knoxville, TN 37934
<https://www.christcov.org/>

Tribute Wall

VM

“ *My Star Wars buddy!!
Weeping may tarry for a night but joy comes in the morning! You are now whole and complete and with our Savior! See you soon!!*



Valerie MAY - March 29, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ *My cousin skylar was famous for associating a character or phrase for people. Some got action figures, movie stars, but I was privileged to get a phrase. When we were kids, Pearce, Skylar and myself were playing with fireworks at my parents house. I tossed one down a trampoline pipe and as it erupted I yelled “Smoke in da Pipe!” Not knowing then but I had just cemented my phrase. Regardless of location or time, every time I saw Skylar over the past 25 years I had to start any conversation regardless of where we were (churches, restaurants, weddings, homes, stores, and even funerals) with a good rendition of me blurting “Smoke in da pipe!” I am a better person because of Skylar and was fortunate enough to see him last weekend and give him one last “Smoke in da Pipe.” I know he’s already cruising at 88MPH! Love Mark*

Mark Coffield - March 29, 2025 at 09:08 AM

BH

“ *So sad for the loss of Skylar. I am honored to have called him my friend.*

Brad Horn - March 28, 2025 at 09:32 PM

RT

“ I met Skylar when he was a little baby crawling around the game room at Bethesda Church in Knoxville when I was 12 years old. My first memories of him are babysitting him while Jim and Mona went out to dinner. I remember his favorite dolphin stuffed animal that he would race through the living room and kitchen as fast as he could make him go. The many many batches of Rice Krispie treats he successfully begged Mona into making for him. I remember lots of Thomas the train episodes running and the power rangers he pretended to be. I remember loving him and feeling so thankful to be a witness to all his shenanigans and adventures I remember the determination with which he played and the power of his imagination. What a privilege to have held you. What an exceptional honor to have seen your early years. I love you sweet Skylar. I know you are now swimming in an entire sea of dolphins with your Jesus. I'll see you there buddy

Rachel Toler - March 28, 2025 at 05:27 PM

JM

“ I knew Skylar when I met him at Bryan College. I'm so sad to see this.

Joy D Motte - March 28, 2025 at 06:11 AM

DB

“ Our family has such sweet, fun and fond stories of Skylar - there will be a void in the halls of our church for sure! We will miss him and are so thankful to have known him. We will be praying for his family and are comforted knowing he is in a glorious state with our creator. Such a special young man to know.

Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you.

The Benchabbats

David Benchabbat - March 26, 2025 at 09:01 PM

JF

“ I met Skylar over a year ago at Joni and Friends Overnight Respite camp. I had no idea that volunteering there would lead me to be so passionate about this ministry. Skylar always could make you smile and he was so loved by all of his friends. I saw Skylar again at Family Retreat Tennessee last year. I will miss him so very much. I am so sorry for your loss and I know that his precious soul is back with the one who created him perfect, just the way he was.



Joshua Ferguson - March 26, 2025 at 04:29 PM

MF

“ I always enjoyed talking with Skylar to see what his interests were that day. I was honored to be invited to sit with him at his table during ACE classes on several occasions when Susan and I volunteered. He will be sorely missed. I'm sure there is a Star Wars celebration in heaven right now! Praying for God to fill the hole in your hearts with His love and the love of your family and friends.

Mike Fleenor - March 26, 2025 at 07:13 AM

EK

“ RIP Sweet Skylar. Rest in peace 🕊️

Eleftheria S Keritsis - March 25, 2025 at 09:24 PM

GN

“ I am so sorry for your loss of sweet Skylar. I have such good memories of his years at Dayton City School. My prayers are with his family and friends for the difficult days ahead.

Gail Newell - March 25, 2025 at 08:27 PM

LC

I also remember Skylar in my early days @ Dayton City School. I did not work with him directly, but remember him & your family's love & deep care for him. You all were truly blessed with the Gift of Skylar, as he was with his Family!! Much love & prayers in these days of transition from your hearts to the arms of Skylar's Good Shepherd!!! Psalm 23

Lynda Cather - March 26, 2025 at 10:38 AM

SS

“ Skylar was in 5th grade with my daughter and I was drawn to him because of a childlike aunt and autistic nephew. On a bus field trip I chaperoned, I remember him saying he wanted me to sit with him. One of the teachers sat with him instead but Skylar and I always got along any time I saw him. Maybe he sensed that I cared. I haven't seen him in years, but never forgot him. How much fun he and Jesus must be having! My love and prayers go to the family.

Sharon Stockton - March 25, 2025 at 06:30 PM

JV

“ I have always enjoyed getting to know Skylar. He has always liked seeing the superheroes at family retreat with Joni and friends.

Jordan VanderHart - March 25, 2025 at 05:53 PM

FZ

“ Frank, Carmen & Nicoletta Zumpone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Skylar Coffield.

Frank, Carmen & Nicoletta Zumpone - March 25, 2025 at 05:48 PM

DB

“ Looking back, Skyleer was truly a light in so many of our lives. He reminded us to keep playing, to laugh, and to keep the child within us alive.



Dylan Blatman - March 25, 2025 at 05:34 PM

SK

“ I'll miss you much, King Skylar, Son of Adam!

Stavros Keritsis - March 25, 2025 at 05:03 PM

LR

“ I had not seen Skylar since he was maybe 3. But I have kept up with his life and tried to be supportive of both Mona and Jim. God gave him the. Best parents possible. It takes very special people to raise a child with those kind of disabilities. I know you must be in horrible pain right now. I pray that God gives you peace in knowing that Skylar is out of pain and completely whole now.

We love and admire you and the other kids for everything you did for him.

Our prayers are with you both now and in the days ahead.

Linda Freeman Randolph - March 25, 2025 at 04:28 PM

TF

“Skylar was pretty selective about who he engaged in conversation with, so I really felt honored one Sunday morning when he decided to have a conversation with me. The subject? His favorite - Star Trek. He kept asking me questions that I could not answer. He was the expert and I felt like an unarmed soldier going into battle. Eventually, Skylar became frustrated with my ignorance and the conversation ended. I was so accustomed to thinking I was the smart one, yet on this subject Skylar totally humiliated me! It is so easy to judge another based on superficial attributes rather than discerning their heart. I am thankful that I had occasional opportunities to see the true nature of Skylar's heart. What a loss we will all experience.

Terry Futrell - March 25, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Skylar Coffield.



March 25, 2025 at 01:34 PM