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Joseph "Joey" Charles Cibella Jr. passed away in the comfort of his home with his loving family by his side on Sunday, May 8, 2016 following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born August 13, 2002 in Lewiston, NY. The beloved son of Joseph and Stephanie (Santangelo) Cibella. Joey was 13 years old. Joey grew up in Fort Myers and Lehigh Acres Florida. Joey attended school at Veterans Park Academy for the Arts where he was in the 8th grade. He was an exceptional student who excelled in advanced classes. Joey also enjoyed attending religious education at St. John XXIII Catholic Church where he was a parishioner. Joey enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was an avid football fan. His favorite team was the Buffalo Bills. He also enjoyed NASCAR racing and was a fan of Tony Stewart. One of Joey's favorite things to do was build and collect LEGO sets. He also enjoyed playing Minecraft and soccer. Joey had a contagious smile, positive attitude, and showed such strength and bravery. He was thoughtful to others, kind, and caring. He enjoyed making people laugh with his sense of humor and incredible personality. Joey was an inspiration to all. He touched the lives of many and will continue to do so in memory. In addition to his loving parents, Joey is survived by his younger sister Gianna Cibella. Also survived by his Great Grandmother; Waneita (Shaw) Potter, Grandmothers; Giuseppa (Pirrera) Cibella, Carol (Potter) Santangelo (Terry Tong), Uncles and Aunts; Carmen (Carol) Cibella, Rosalia (Hank Williams) Morreale, Andreana (Robert) Chella, Arthur (Erica) Santangelo, Gregory (Jessica) Santangelo, cousins; Maria, Carmen, Julia, Matthew, Alissa, Amanda, Jacob, Aurora, Natalie, and Aubrey, and Best Friend; Ryder Mell. Joey was welcomed into heaven by his Great Grandfather; Fredrick Atkinson, Grandfathers; Calogero Cibella and Arthur Santangelo, and Uncle Calogero Morreale. The family extends their heartfelt thanks to all the doctors, nurses, and therapists for all the love and care shown to their son. Most especially Dr. Luis Rodriguez and Dr. Stacie Stapleton of All Children's



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Hospital, Dr. Craig MacArthur, and Dr. Constantine Mantz. They would also like to thank The Ronald McDonald House, The Make a Wish Foundation, Hope Hospice, St. John XXIII Catholic Church, Father Bob Tabbert, Chris Biel and Trisha Fields, his teachers, staff, and friends at Veterans Park Academy for the Arts along with Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home & Cemetery. A memorial mass for Joey will be celebrated at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at St. John XXIII Catholic Church, 13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers, Florida 33912, (239) 561-2245. Visitation with the family will take place for two hours preceding this service beginning at 4:00 PM also at the Church. Following the conclusion of mass, guests are invited to remain for refreshments and a time of fellowship. A memorial service will also be planned in Buffalo, NY. Those who would like to share a story, leave a tribute or offer condolences to the family should visit Joey's memorial webpage at www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign his guestbook. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Joey Cibella's name to the Ronald McDonald House and Make a Wish Foundation.



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DG

Deeann Gissendanner posted:

Condolences and prayers to your family and friends. Dee/VPAA custodian

May 21 at 8:37 AM

BR

Brigitte & Bud Riello posted:

We are so sorry for you loss. I can't even imagine how difficult this must be for all of you. What we remember about Joey was his amazing personality. He will be missed. Stay strong.Love,Brigitte and Bud

May 19 at 8:33 AM

SF

Scott Ferienc posted:

My heart breaks for Joey's family. It just isn't fair for a young man, so full of potential, to be taken from them. I wish I had some words that would help ease your pain but I know that none exist. I have tears in my eyes as I write this because I know the pain that is in your heart. Do everything you can to keep his name alive. Scott Ferienc

May 17 at 5:49 AM

ED

Elaine Dietrich posted:

There are so many wonderful things to say about Joey. I know he was the strongest and most courageous boy I know. He also was so polite, kind, giving, and happy. I could go on and on. All that had a lot to do by the wonderful upbringing and love of his parents and sister. He will be so missed by all and will remain in our hearts forever.LoveElaine Dietrich

May 16 at 3:48 PM

KK

Ken Kendall posted:

Although I teach at Veterans Park, I never had the privilege of having Joey in my class. Nevertheless, I was always struck by his friendliness, his smile, his positivity, and his obvious courage in the face of all his health struggles in recent years. I know from the reactions of my students how much he was loved and admired by his classmates. I want to express my deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He is missed already but will never be forgotten. I am sure that upon his passing from this world into the next, he was greeted by his Lord saying, "Well done, my good and faithful servant!" Rest in peace, Joey!-Ken Kendall

May 16 at 5:57 AM



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DS

Diana Slater posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joey" Charles Cibella

May 16 at 4:30 AM

CR

Carie Rewis posted:

Dearest Joey, Thank you for always being so nice to Landen after school. He loved watching you play your games and he learned so much from you! Also, thank you for the laughs. You will always be in our circle of trust! "Those who live in the Lord never see each other for the last time." -author unknown Until then, soar high brave Joey. We all love and miss you! Love, The Rewis Family

May 15 at 6:16 PM

JO

Jackie Otto posted:

Sent a gift in memory of Joseph "Joey" Charles Cibella

May 15 at 1:22 PM

CS

Carol Santangelo posted:

My dear Joey Grandma misses you so much !! My brave warrior so glad to be there when you came into this world so sad but glad I got to be here when you left us so brave & comfortable! Love you! 🥺
❤️ my best buddy!! Be happy my Angel 🙏💔🥺

May 15 at 6:45 AM

MW

Mary Winker posted:

Our love and thoughts go out to all of you. If we can help in anyway, let us know. Love, Mary, Bob and Brittany Winker XOXO

May 14 at 2:37 PM



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RA

Roslyn Anthony posted:

Joey, even though we only met you a couple of times we always remembered you from your childish Witt and that beautiful smile. Because of your grandma Carol you were like part of the family. The stories she would tell with a big ear to ear smile. You will be missed by all. To all the family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Roslyn and Michael Anthony

May 13 at 7:21 PM

MS

Mario Santangelo posted:

Our prayers and condolences to you and your family on the loss of your wonderful son. May God bless Joseph and your family. Your cousins from Connecticut, Mario and Tina Santangelo and family.

May 13 at 4:49 PM

PS

Phil And Bernie Santangelo posted:

Joe and Stephanie, Our sympathy and condolences go out to you and your family in this time of sorrow. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Uncle Phil and Aunt Bernie.

May 13 at 1:23 PM

MA

Mysterioso Aguilar posted:

I had the privilege of being Joey's science teacher in 7th grade and his agriculture teacher in the 6th grade. He was sharp, warm and had a great sense of humor. I also got know the Cibella's and learned how close they are with each other. Never once did Joey exude any sort of negativity, even when he was battling tooth and nail with his tumor and enduring all of his surgeries. He was a model of strength and perseverance and I often held him up as an example of strength and courage when my other students in other classes were falling short of their expectations. He was loved throughout our school community. I'm so sad he's gone, but I'm relieved that the suffering is over. All the best to the Cibellas. Rest in peace Joey. Ned DuRant

May 13 at 11:12 AM

PT

Patti Tice posted:

I remember Joey back in kindergarten. I subbed at Veteran's Park 2006-2008. Joey had a contagious smile and a wonderful personality. He was a joy to be around! My sincerest condolences to the family!! Pat Tice

May 13 at 11:05 AM



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Vicki Crosson posted:

So very sorry for your loss. I send my prayers and condolences to the whole family and will keep u in my prayers for your healing time. God bless.

May 13 at 11:01 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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