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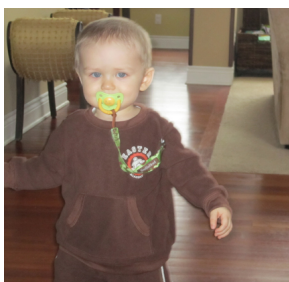
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This has been a long rough week on us all. It started with Kendal's funeral all week and on Thursday, January 13th... Ryken passed away... The photo to the left is of Ryken, he was so very precious to me and the moment I met his Momma, she was so stressed holding him and all I wanted to do was be there for them. It's crazy how yet we fight our own battles, yet God gives us the strength to allow others to lean on us. I kept telling Nicole about this little boy who just couldn't catch a break through his whole stay at Jude. I always felt like this family was under my wings. I kept close watch on him while we were at St. Jude and spent time talking with Christy his mother a lot. Ryken will always have a special place in my heart and in Nicholas' journey.

Kendal's services was incredible, there had to have been 800 plus people filling the church halls and walkways because there were no seats left. What an impact this child had in the 17 years of her life. How loved and how her strength has changed so very many people. Kendal, if I could have spoke to you before you left this world ... I would have thanked you for how hard you prayed for my son ... for showing us all to NEVER give up, not for a second, and mostly to trust that there is a reason for all of this suffering. I questioned that last week but it's like your mother said that you told her, "My battled had to be this hard for people to pay attention so it's going to be really tough one." I would have hugged you and told you how your faith inspired me and that I love you even though we didn't know each other ... I loved you still.



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