



## Carson Thelen

August 12, 2021

Carson Lee Thelen was born in Houston, Texas on May 20, 2003 to Chris & Sonya Thelen. From the time he was born, Carson was a light and joy to those who were blessed to know him. He loved fiercely and took on life with a unique perspective, as well as an unmatched determination. As a close friend eloquently stated, "I've never met someone with such an open mind and inviting heart."

As a young boy, Carson was involved in youth sports, church, Boy Scouts, Chess Club, piano, band, and wanted every type of animal as a pet. He excelled in all things academic, consistently made the A Honor Roll, maintained his place in the top 5 % of his high school class, and was looking forward to obtaining his IB diploma from Magnolia ISD. Carson had a very playful side and was known for his frequent witty, drop-the-mic comments, his mischievous nature, numerous pranks, and a smile that warmed our hearts. Carson looked forward to & relished in the moments he got to spend with family at the deer lease, the cabin in Minnesota, playing with his 3 siblings, and attending A&M football games. Carson was gifted with extraordinarily creative intelligence. He designed and constructed ultimate gaming computers, was a wizard at math and technology, had a gift of writing, was enthralled with philosophy, was passionate about reading, loved painting,....and God help you if you ever got into a debate with him. After being diagnosed with a rare pediatric cancer just before his 17th birthday, he decided he would pursue degrees in chemical engineering and medicine in

order to become the most impactful Oncology Researcher. Carson's journey made a tremendous impact through social media. His positive attitude, determination, strength and love led thousands of people to unite in heightened faith, and the world witnessed as this boy led thousands to Christ. Carson spent countless hours in awe and appreciation of the number of people praying for him, and he was emphatically thankful for the abundance of love & support from both his online and local communities. Through his social media following, Carson raised over \$85,000 for cancer research. He also worked on projects with the Sarcoma Foundation, as well as Peel Therapeutics. Cancer didn't define Carson; Carson defined cancer. While going through aggressive treatment for stage 4 cancer, he went on an amazing hunting trip with Texas Boys Outdoors, went on several fishing trips, traveled to Minnesota, went skiing in Colorado for the first time (and learned to snowboard!), and celebrated his 18th birthday in Hawaii. He embraced every second of life with an eagerness to experience and soak it all in.

Carson also had a fervent desire to influence and help others. He often declared, "I want to do my part to be sure other kids don't have to go through what I'm going through. We have to do better. We have to find a cure." In keeping with this spirit, Carson registered to donate his tumor tissue to Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute in the event of his death. His family also made a commitment to Carson to continue his endeavors by developing the CarsonConfrontsCancer Foundation. Carson's organization will work to advocate for and support critically ill pediatric patients, as well as provide resources for innovative cancer research. Carson wanted to leave a legacy. He wanted to be remembered. He wanted to make our world a better place.

Carson wasn't able to live the life on earth that he hoped to live, so we must go forth and do it for him. Live your best life today: spend time with your friends & loved ones, love God and love others, seize moments, find joy in all circumstances, make a positive impact on the world around you, tell someone you love them.

Carson is survived by his three siblings, whom he loved with all his heart: Caleb, Colby & Carissa Thelen. He is also survived by his mom, Sonya Thelen Meldahl, and his dad, Christopher Thelen; grandparents Bob & Marilyn Thelen, Genie Wood & Ted Becker, and David & Eileen Wood; as well as by uncles Mark Thelen & wife Jessica, David Thelen, Marlon Wood & wife Chin, David Wood Jr; aunts Bea Wood and Fei Wood; stepfamily Eric Meldahl (stepdad), Carson Meldahl (stepbrother), Brian Meldahl, Barbara Naftolin, Dave & Jane Meldahl, Mike & Stacey Pashall, & Alysen and Matt Weller; numerous cousins, family members, and friends; as well as his dogs Harley, Auggie, Cowboy, and Maggie, and of course, his kitten, Lorax. He is preceded in death by his older sister, Grace Annabelle Thelen & his aunt, Michelle Thelen.

In lieu of flowers, we request donations to @CarsonConfrontsCancer so we can carry on the work that he began. 100% of all donations will go toward launching the CarsonConfrontsCancer Foundation; supporting critically ill pediatric patients, cancer research programs, and toward the PEEL Therapeutics Clinical Trial for Rhabdomyosarcoma. You may donate via venmo (@CarsonConfrontsCancer), the CarsonConfrontsCancer facebook page, or mail to CarsonConfrontsCancer 6606 FM 1488 STE 312, Magnolia, Tx 77354. ♡

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home offer condolences to Carson's family and friends during this difficult time.

# Tribute Wall

AT

“ *Andrew Tembrock lit a candle in memory of Carson Thelen*



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**Andrew Tembrock** - August 25, 2021 at 06:56 AM

MV

“ *Victory is his! Such a beautiful service! Such a special young man! Thank you for sharing Carson with us, his faith and his journey! You and Carson have inspired me along with so many others. God has been at work through both of you! Continued prayers in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Praying that the peace that only God can give surrounds you and all who love Carson! ❤️❤️❤️*

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**Melanie Vickers** - August 23, 2021 at 08:15 AM

DT

“ *Destiny Tovar lit a candle in memory of Carson Thelen*



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**Destiny Tovar** - August 21, 2021 at 11:53 PM

JB

“ *Juana Bauerschmidt lit a candle in memory of Carson Thelen*



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**Juana Bauerschmidt** - August 21, 2021 at 05:16 PM

LL

“ *This journey has been such a testament to faith, courage, strength and amazing love for thousands of prayer warriors that were truly inspired by your mustard seed faith. May our faithful God give as only HE can sustaining healing comfort as you celebrate your brave warrior Carson today. Carson was loved and prayed for by so many that never had the privilege of meeting him in person~we all felt his precious spirit. We celebrate his Heavenly homecoming with you and know his legacy will live on in the hearts of so many children that will be cured by his labor of love efforts. Numbers 6:24-26*

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**Lillie Byrd Lewis** - August 21, 2021 at 04:41 PM

NH

“ *Im am so blessed to have been on that journey with Carson. I got to witness Carson showing everybody the love he had for our God and the strength to take on everything that came his way . He will always be in my thoughts as I go this life. I will talk about your brave and God loving son Sonya for the rest of mine. Prayers always!!❤️*

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**Nicole Hernandez** - August 21, 2021 at 09:54 AM

DH

“ *What a beautiful-God Loving young man. I know this young man’s mother and was blessed to have her lead our school by her love of the Lord. This family, especially Carson, have been an example of what true faith and obedience should look like in a walk with our Lord. Carson your time on earth might be done physically but spiritually it will continue for decades.*

♥♥♥ Danon Hollinger

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**Danon Hollinger** - August 21, 2021 at 08:34 AM

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**Danon Hollinger** - August 21, 2021 at 08:33 AM

CW

“ *I followed Carson and his family from the start. My deepest condolences go out to you all. As I now first hand what this terrible disease can do to a family. But you had such a brave young man there he held his face all the way to the end. I will always remember your young man and a smile he had on his face and the joy he had spent God has him now he is no more pain and may God bless you and your family and keep you all well as I will continue to watch? God bless you all. rip Carson your journey has just begone.*

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**Cindy Williams** - August 21, 2021 at 02:12 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carson Thelen.



August 20, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ Carson was such an amazing and inspirational and intelligent young man and he definitely left a mark on this life and world and even though he had cancer, he used it to the good of others and that is truly amazing and shows the genuine and big heart he had. He is at peace and happy in heaven until the day you are reunited again and I hope your family feels the comfort and peace of God's love. God and Jesus love your family. Carson will be remembered forever.

Laura Elliot - August 20, 2021 at 06:53 PM



Rest in power my dear sweet Carson..#AlwaysyourGAWarrior❤️💔🙏

Lamarice Taylor - August 20, 2021 at 09:30 PM



One thing Carson had taught me is never give up always keep fighting he made such an impact on me I kept up with everything he was an amazing young man who fought hard the whole 474 days never ever gave up I know he enjoyed every thing that smile he had you would never know just how sick he was he is now the brightest star ✨ out in the star at I will continue to talk to him along with my family members at night.

God bless yall 🙏

Rhonda Mistretta - August 20, 2021 at 09:45 PM

JM

“ Carson was a light in this world. Prayers for everyone who has been left behind.

Judy McLeod - August 20, 2021 at 05:21 PM



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August 20, 2021 at 03:57 PM

KC

“ Some of God's children are put on this earth to lead the way to that beakon of light, that which is God. In the short time he was here, Carson lead so many to that beakon. Thank you for sharing his journey with us, once complete strangers to Carson, he is now and always will be in our hearts. 💕

Kathleen Crowe - August 20, 2021 at 01:27 PM

MN

I never met you, but I knew you. God put you in my heart and I prayed for you. Your beautiful smile and precious soul will never be forgotten. You won precious Carson! God bless you ❤️

Millie Nannie - August 20, 2021 at 06:02 PM

CF

“ Like so many others, I started following Carson's fight against cancer and saw the most amazing faith and love of God. I know he brought many, including me, closer to Jesus Christ. He is rejoicing in Heaven and there is no more cancer and no more pain. I loved this young man and his beautiful smile. I will always remember him and his courageous Momma. Know this, your family will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Crickett Forrest** - August 20, 2021 at 12:57 PM

BA

“ I followed the journey of Carson on facebook. I must say, by me doing this it made me a better person and a stronger believer in God. Carson is no longer suffering and has entered the pearly gates of heaven. I pray for God to be with his family and loved ones. Rest in Peace, Carson.

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**Betsy Tobin Alvarez** - August 20, 2021 at 12:02 PM

BA

“ Betsy Tobin Alvarez lit a candle in memory of Carson Thelen



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**Betsy Tobin Alvarez** - August 20, 2021 at 11:45 AM

DD

“ I followed Carson's journey on facebook. What a brave young man with a loving huge heart.. God Bless you Carson..❤️



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**Dawn Dettore** - August 20, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carson Thelen.*



August 19, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Carson Thelen.*



August 17, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ *Billie Jo Seabaugh lit a candle in memory of Carson Thelen*



**Billie Jo Seabaugh** - August 17, 2021 at 05:04 AM



*My heartfelt condolences SONYA! Remember I'll be praying everyday for you and your family. As a mother who's lost a son too, I am deeply sorry. Know I am always here for you from Greenback, TN*

**Evelyn Bailey/Greenback, TN** - August 17, 2021 at 11:56 AM

RM

“ I too started following Carson's journey thru Facebook. I am so encouraged at how brave he was. A true Warrior for God!!! Your whole family walked thru such divine Grace in this season when I am sure your hearts💔were breaking into. What a testimony as to you all honored God. I was very encouraged. I know in my💙 Heart Carson has been made whole and is walking streets of gold. You will all see him soon. This is not goodbye. It is just see ya later for now. Thank you for your faith in God, and wanting to carry out his mission for others. May God bless you all so richly. 🙏💜🙏💜🙏💜🙏💜🙏💜🙏💜🙏💜🙏💜  
Rebecca & Ian Maino, Memphis, Tn.



Rebecca Maino - August 17, 2021 at 01:36 AM

ES

“ Evie S. lit a candle in memory of Carson Thelen



Evie S. - August 16, 2021 at 10:36 PM

ES

I have followed Carson's journey since the beginning. I wish I could have had the opportunity to meet you all. Carson and your family renewed my faith in God, and I'm sure a lot of others. Carson's faith touched me to my very soul. I prayed for him to be saved from this pain, and God did answer, by taking him home. May God bless you all with comfort in this time of great need and sorrow. I will continue to pray for your family. Love you Carson!

Evie S. - August 16, 2021 at 10:41 PM

DO

“ Debra Orr lit a candle in memory of Carson Thelen



Debra Orr - August 16, 2021 at 09:44 PM

B.

“ I started following Carson's journey on Facebook. I can say he truly was an inspiration. His faith in God and his upbeat attitude was so admirable. I looked forward to his mom's post and prayed our father would heal him. You had so many people praying for you Carson but God must of needed you in heaven.  
To Carson's family .... Thank you for sharing Carson's journey with us. May God wrap his arms around you all and give you peace and know that Carson is whole and cancer free. Please take comfort and know that Carson's last breath on earth was his first breath in heaven. We love you buddy! Rest easy 🕊

B.Knafla - August 16, 2021 at 09:05 PM

RB

“ Rebecca Bailey lit a candle in memory of Carson Thelen



Rebecca Bailey - August 16, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ *What a special time God gave to you ! The years that you had with Carson making such lasting memories. His smile could light up the darkest heart because of his love for Jesus. Only God knows how many lives were changed because of him. May God continue to bless this family. God love you. Bonnie.*

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**Bonnie Braswell** - August 16, 2021 at 04:36 PM



“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. I have followed on this journey. Carson was a very special young man. And his family is amazing. God Bless.*

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**Mary** - August 16, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carson Thelen.*



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August 16, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ *I followed Carson's Journey on FB. He was a fighter. I Prayed hard for Him . Didn't have the chance to meet Him or any of You. But know I Loved Carson and the Family. God Bless You All. Prayers for All 🙏*



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**Cindy Clark** - August 16, 2021 at 02:41 PM

MD

*Will pray for the soul of Carson always. His family will always be in my prayers also. It ' s going to take everything you gave Sonya to navigate the loss 9of you beautiful boy.*

**Maty Del** - August 16, 2021 at 03:46 PM

CC

“ *Cindy Clark lit a candle in memory of Carson Thelen*



**Cindy Clark** - August 16, 2021 at 02:37 PM

CG

“ *I followed Carson’s journey on Facebook. He fought so hard and touched countless lives through his story. May he rest in paradise, while his legacy lives on!* 💙

**Christina G.** - August 16, 2021 at 01:38 PM

CH

“ *Never met Carson but followed his journey on FB. This young man was a fighter and a believer. He is home now and pain free. RiP Carson. You touched so many lives and your legacy will live on. Prayers for this family* 🙏❤️.

**Cathy Harden** - August 15, 2021 at 09:50 AM