



Baby Maximus John Ptak

February 27, 2020

NEW HARTFORD - Baby Maximus John Ptak, carried for 36 weeks in his mother's womb, went home to Heaven as an Angel on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare.

Maximus was the son of Matthew John and Gina Marie (Barone) Ptak. While mom was carrying their long-awaited baby boy, he kicked and elbowed, especially after a good meal prepared by his daddy. He heard the roaring crowds when mom and dad took him to a Philadelphia Eagles football game. On this trip, they also visited the zoo and aquarium. He was a future Yankees fan. Along with his uncle, he attended a rock concert and a performance by country singer Chris Stapleton, where he was moving with his mom to the booming music. He enjoyed the calming effect that camping outdoors had on his mom, and ultimately on him. He knew the sounds of the horses at the Saratoga Race Track, and he went to work everyday with his mom. His daddy was so looking forward to taking him and his cousins fishing at the St. Lawrence and Salmon Rivers. He was a beautiful baby with chubby cheeks and a strong will, but his affliction with Down Syndrome denied him the chance to come into this world. His mom and dad did so much work to prepare his room filled with white furniture, tan accessories, a 4 foot giraffe with a bow tie, and children's books, individually chosen for him. It was waiting for Maximus. If he had lived, his parents hoped he would blossom into a high-functioning Down Syndrome individual who would expand his horizons being part of a team and enjoy the life he was given.

Deacon Paul Lehmann baptized Maximus John to assure his salvation, and Heaven now has him.

Maximus' memory will remain in the heart and soul of his daddy Matt and mommy Gina; his maternal grandparents, 'papa' Richard and 'meme' Nilsa Barone; paternal grandparents, 'papa' George Ptak and Candy Solomito, 'nana' Deborah Amodio and 'papa' John; and his canine "sister" Trixie. He also leaves his aunts and uncles, Nicholas Barone, Nicole and Ken Powers, Michael Barone; Jessica and Pete Hashim, and Jennifer Crescenzo; and his cousins, Christian, and Connor; Anthony, and Giovanni. Awaiting Maximus with open arms as he ascends are his great-grandparents, Sam and Antonia Saladino, Frank and Lena Barone, John and Dorothy Ptak, and Raymond and Dolores Jones.

The family is grateful to the staff of MVHS at St. Luke's/Labor and Delivery Unit, an amazing group of medical professionals, especially acknowledging Michelle, Melissa, Anesthesiologist Mike, and Carol; the outstanding team of the OR unit who rallied around Gina with great support; Dr. Scott Beattie, Dr. James Tichenor, and Dr. Brian Hearn as well as their staffs at Medical Arts Ob/Gyn for their empathic care and medical expertise; and Pediatric Cardiology, Dr. Smith and staff of Syracuse, NY.

The family commemorated Maximus' angelic life at a private time. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Maximus' memory may make a donation to The 21 Club of CNY, Inc., (a non-profit organization formed by parents and families who love someone with Down syndrome) PO Box 264, Washington Mills, NY 13479; the American Heart Association online at <https://www.heart.org/en/affiliates/new-york/mohawk-valley-region-home-page>; or the Brody Savicki Foundation (whose mission is to raise acceptance, awareness and inclusion for babies born with Down syndrome) online at <https://www.brodybuddyride.org/donate>. Funeral services will be held privately and at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall

NB

“ Happy 3rd Birthday my sweet Angel. We Love you soooo much. Sending Baby Bear Hugs 🧑🏻‍🦺
🦋👐🧸😊



nb - February 27, 2023 at 01:57 PM

NB

“ Happy 2nd Birthday our precious Max. Love you so much 🧑🏻‍🦺🥺🙏



nb - February 27, 2022 at 08:10 AM

GI

“ Happy Thanksgiving Maxi!!! Enjoy your day and thank you for showing Daddy and I that beautiful Thanksgiving moon last night!! Never seen anything like that before!! Love and miss you so much!!!



Gina - November 25, 2021 at 08:11 AM

NB

“ Happy Thanksgiving my precious Max. Please know I love you so much. Enjoy your day with Grampi, Grandma, Uncle Tommy, & Jennifer. All my love



nb - November 25, 2021 at 03:17 AM

GP

“ I love you my sweet baby boy and miss you like crazy!! Maxi make sure you show Uncle Tommy everything in heaven!!



Gina Ptak - October 17, 2021 at 09:02 PM

GI

“ Happy Birthday my little angel!! I hope you enjoyed your day in heaven!! Fly high luv bug!! Love always, Mommy, Daddy and Trixie ❤️



Gina - February 27, 2021 at 08:20 PM

ME

“ Sending ALL MY LOVE my sweet Max on the 1st Anniversary. 🥺🦋



Meme - February 27, 2021 at 09:26 AM

GP

“ My luv bug!! I light a purple candle for you tonight as I lay in bed thinking of you! This is the toughest month I will ever have to go through. The purple resembles your birthstone for the month of February. I miss you every single day and wish I could change all of this. We should be celebrating your 1st Birthday instead of celebrating your life. I love you so much and please be with me and help me through this month. Send me a sign cause I love seeing them! Goodnight my handsome boy. Mommy, Daddy and Trixie love you!! 🧴🦋❤️



Gina Ptak - February 03, 2021 at 09:39 PM

ME

“ Sending all my Love & Kisses on your First Thanksgiving my precious angel Max! Forever in my prayers & thoughts. 🧴



meme - November 26, 2020 at 11:07 AM

GP

“ I miss you every single day Maxi!!! 🦋🧴❤️



Gina Ptak - June 18, 2020 at 09:58 PM

GP

“ Today was suppose to be the day you were born! The day that was supposed to change our lives!! We miss you so very much my love bug and will never forget you!! One day we will be together and I will get to kiss those cheeks again!! Fly high my little one and watch over us. I see your signs you send me everyday and smile every time. Love you to the moon and back 🥺❤️🦋❤️

Gina Ptak - March 28, 2020 at 11:36 PM

ME

“ Miss you so much. Sending hugs & kisses to my beautiful Max, grandma, grampi, & your Uncle Gary 🥺



MeMe - March 27, 2020 at 04:25 PM

MS

“ Michele Simmen lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak



Michele Simmen - March 11, 2020 at 02:24 PM

NI

“ Ohh my beautiful angel Maximus, the love that was at your memorial service was so special. Nancy's special touches to the room decorations were over and above. From the selected songs.....lullabies (los pollitos which I'm sure great grandma Toni is holding you in her arms singing), guitar playing, the most beautiful Ave Maria (sung by David) tears just flowing. Father Joe's prayers, helping us understand God's plan. But, most of all breaks my heart to see the pain in your Daddy and Mommy's faces. You will always be in our hearts. Will always treasure the few days that I was able to stare at your sweet face, hold you and touch your little hands and toes. Kiss your head full of black hair. Love you sooo much Max. 🙏🥰💕
MeMe



Nilsa - March 10, 2020 at 02:06 PM

ES

“ My prayers are with you and your beautiful family, and especially Baby Maximus John Ptak. My sincere condolences blessings
Elizabeth Sarra

Elizabeth Sarra - March 08, 2020 at 12:44 PM

ES

“ Elizabeth Sarra lit a candle in memory of
Baby Maximus John Ptak



Elizabeth Sarra - March 08, 2020 at 12:38 PM

UC

“ Uncle Gary, Aunt Kathy, Angela, Joe, Karla & Corey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Baby Maximus John Ptak.



Uncle Gary, Aunt Kathy, Angela, Joe, Karla & Corey - March 08, 2020 at 11:47 AM

DA

“ Baby Max: my little angel in heaven with Jesus. I held you close to me, kissed you, and you are a beautiful angel. A day will not go by without me thinking of our time together. I love you little angel. Love Nana (Deb)



Deborah Amodio - March 03, 2020 at 08:31 PM

DP

“ I certainly feel your pain. My daughter in law gave birth last year to a beautiful baby boy, Garrett Elias but was taken off life support at 3 days old. He had a chromosomal condition Trisomy 13. Our hearts break daily thinking about him. We also had Nancy Eannace and her staff who are so kind & compassionate. Many prayers to all of you for baby Maximus. God bless 🙏. Dawn Perta, heart broken nonni



Dawn Perta - March 03, 2020 at 07:55 PM

CH

“ I never got the chance to meet you but all I can think about is the memories that we would have made together and being able to watch you grow up I love you

Christian Hashim - March 03, 2020 at 06:22 PM

MB

“ *Melissa Battle lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak*



Melissa Battle - March 03, 2020 at 12:55 PM

CO

“ *I am so sorry for all the pain you are going through.
God Bless little Max. God Bless his entire family.*



Carolyn O'Brien - March 03, 2020 at 11:14 AM

KP

“ *Ken & Nicole Powers lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak*



Ken & Nicole Powers - March 03, 2020 at 05:46 AM

DZ

“ *Gina & Matt,
We are so sorry! There are simply no words that we can offer, but we can offer you our love & support. Please know that you are in our prayers, & I will keep Maximus in those prayers also.*

Love, Donna & Marty Z

Donna Zippin - March 02, 2020 at 09:12 PM

RS

“ *Richard & Teresa Woodall-Saladino send their condolences.*



Richard Saladino - March 02, 2020 at 08:08 PM

WE

“ *William Ellis lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak*



William Ellis - March 02, 2020 at 04:58 PM

SK

“ *Sharon Kilts lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak*



Sharon Kilts - March 02, 2020 at 04:16 PM

RC

“ *Rosalie Clark lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak*



Rosalie Clark - March 02, 2020 at 03:31 PM

GP

“ *My Grandson Max, Forever in my Heart and mind! I love you!*

George Ptak (Papa Ptak) - March 02, 2020 at 02:42 PM

DZ

“ *Dana Plado Zito lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak*



dana plado zito - March 02, 2020 at 12:54 PM

DP

“ *Denise Peters lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak*



Denise Peters - March 02, 2020 at 12:38 PM

GP

“ *Mommy, Daddy and big sister Trixie love you so much!!* ❤️



Gina Ptak - March 02, 2020 at 12:13 PM

KE

“ So sorry to hear about Maximus. You're in my thoughts and prayers 💙



Keara - March 02, 2020 at 12:09 PM

US

“ Uncle Mike And Aunt Sue lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak



Uncle Mike and Aunt Sue - March 02, 2020 at 12:05 PM

DD

“ Dana Dziegiel lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak



Dana Dziegiel - March 02, 2020 at 10:45 AM

JG

“ Jody Guarnieri lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak



Jody Guarnieri - March 02, 2020 at 08:48 AM

RS

“ *Robert Saladino lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak*



Robert Saladino - March 02, 2020 at 07:59 AM

CD

“ *Cathy Duffy lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak*



Cathy Duffy - March 02, 2020 at 03:33 AM

TS

“ *Thomas J Saladino lit a candle in memory of Baby Maximus John Ptak*



Thomas J Saladino - March 02, 2020 at 02:07 AM