



Elijah Ronald Pettinger

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Elijah Ronald Pettinger went to be with the Lord on December the 8th, 2022 at the tender age of 10 years old. He was born July 17th, 2012 in Detroit to Randy and Ruth Pettinger and was a resident of China Township.

He was born healthy, and at 14 months, he suffered a massive brain hemorrhage from a ruptured AVM that took away a lot of his function. He again suffered another two hemorrhages in 2020 that took more of his independence away and this last hemorrhage on December 8th was the final one that took his life.

Elijah spent most of his life in a wheelchair, or some kind of device, but it never seemed to dampen his spirit. He found joy in almost anything. He loved seeing the people that he loved happy. He especially loved junk food and music. Before he lost his ability to swallow food safely, one of his favorite things to eat was a cheeseburger and chips. We did not take any of the time we had with him for granted as we lived with the reality of his diagnosis for most of his life.

Eli had a way of making you realize what was important. Quality time. He couldn't do much but give you a crooked stroke smile and verbalize in a babble language that was discernible to only a few, but that didn't matter to him.

Even in his death, Eli touched many lives with his story of perseverance, deep love, and faith in Jesus Christ.

Although nothing can ever replace our son, we find great peace in knowing that he is in heaven with Jesus and is fully healed of all his pain.

He is lovingly survived by his parents, Randy and Ruth Pettinger; brother, Gabriel; sister, Naomi; paternal grandparents, Ronald and Marsha Pettinger and maternal grandparents, John and Sherry Seppo. Eli has a large family and is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Eli was preceded in death by a cousin, Ruby Grace Hendrickson.

A funeral service will be held Saturday December 17th at 11:00 a.m. at Fellowship



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Baptist Church, East China Twp. Private family interment will follow in Balfour Cemetery, China Twp. Visitation hours are Thursday December 15th from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Friday December 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. and Saturday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at church prior to service.

Memorials are suggested to the Children's Hunger Fund or Midland's Open Door Rescue Mission. To leave a message of comfort visit www.youngcolonial.com



Events

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Visitation

 **Thursday**, December 15, 2022

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI



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 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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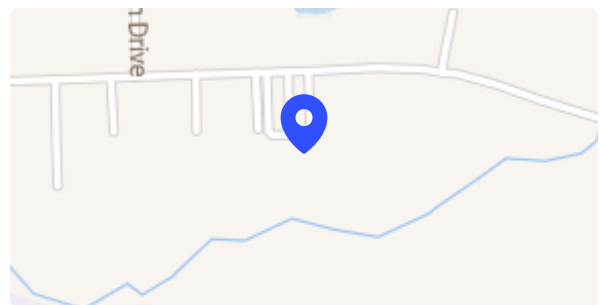


Visitation

 **Friday**, December 16, 2022


 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


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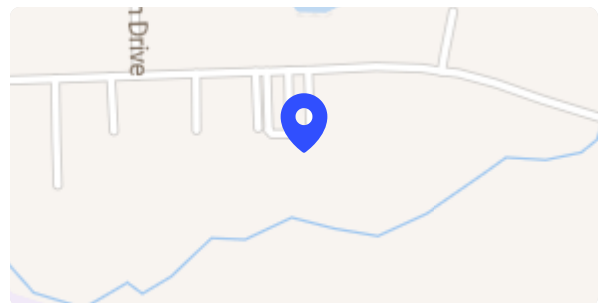


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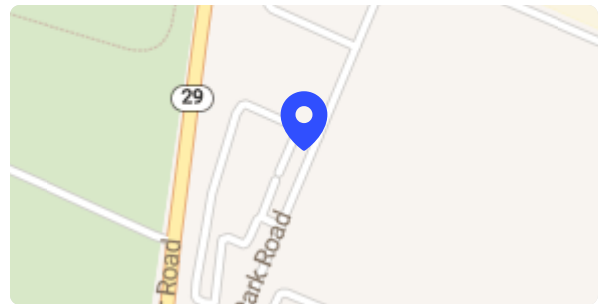
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Service

 **Saturday**, December 17, 2022

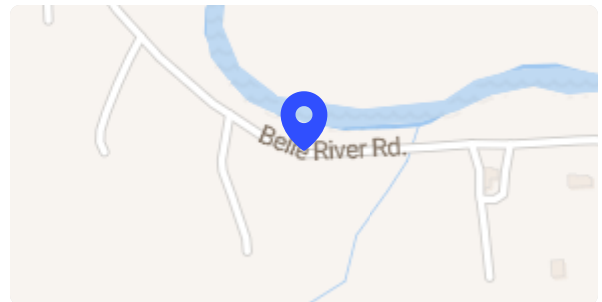
 11:00 AM ET

 **Fellowship Baptist Church**
5200 Park St., East China Twp. MI



Cemetery Details

 **Balfour Cemetery**
Belle River Rd., China Twp. MI 48054





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Pettinger family.

December 16 at 7:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Small Garden Dish to the Pettinger family.

December 16 at 5:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Pettinger family.

December 16 at 2:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Pettinger family.

December 15 at 5:44 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Pettinger family.

December 15 at 5:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pettinger family.

December 15 at 7:55 AM





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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Pettinger family.

December 15 at 5:42 AM



Steve, Susie, Meggan And Jacklynn sent a Serene Retreat to the Pettinger family.

December 15 at 5:38 AM



Sheila Durkee lit a candle in honor of Elijah.

December 14 at 10:52 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Pettinger family.

December 14 at 3:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" to the Pettinger family.

December 13 at 11:36 AM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Pettinger family.

December 13 at 5:14 AM





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VM

Victoria P. Rosalin Muzik lit a candle in honor of Elijah.



December 12 at 6:13 PM

VM

Victoria P. Rosalin Muzik December 12 at 6:20 PM

I followed Ruth's journey with Elijah through the years. Cried and prayed for her and the whole family and to look into the face of Elijah, his smile told it all. God bless you Ruth and the family as you mourn his passing.

WL

Wes, Bruce, Sandy, Rachel, Shelbie & Luciano sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Pettinger family.



December 12 at 5:44 PM

LJ

Love Dan & Eva Jaraczewski sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Pettinger family.



December 12 at 10:12 AM

DS

Dave And Jill Scheel posted:

God Bless Elijah and his family who took such great care of him through his time here! They are an inspiring family and now he is safe and free 🙏🙏

December 12 at 5:32 AM

MM

Marnie McLellan posted:

I didn't know Eli long but always enjoyed hearing his voice and seeing his heartwarming smile. He was a tender soul and beloved by many at Woodland. Sending love, prayers and condolences to his family. Marnie McLellan

December 12 at 4:25 AM



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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Pettinger family.

December 12 at 3:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pettinger family.

December 11 at 1:53 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Pettinger family.

December 11 at 10:26 AM



Marisol Zammit posted:

The memory of Eli Pettinger that comes to mind is the look of pure joy on his face when Momma Ruth would make sounds or tease him with her words. The love and care was evident in his face and in hers. Eli also taught us something about the simple in the way he would enjoy something as basic as being out in the sunlight. He always looked so happy when Ruth or Randy were pushing him in the stroller with his siblings nearby. Lastly, Eli had the most beautiful, bright eyes and eyelashes for days. We love you baby boy. May God be with you all and comfort you. Rest In Peace, sweet Eli. The Zammit Family (Matt and Marisol)

December 11 at 9:56 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Pettinger family.

December 11 at 9:45 AM





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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pettinger family.



December 11 at 9:30 AM



Jennifer Estes posted:

I was blessed to meet this wonderful family almost 10 years ago, Loved the midnight shift to spend getting to know them. Sharing stories about our children especially my sweet Mallory that left this earth to be with our Lord 1/5/19. All the Nurses & staff at St.John Hospital were truly touched with this sweet boy at the tender age of 14 months. (What wonderful people they are) Eli sure taught everyone LOVE,LAUGHTER, the true meaning of life without words. We all learned from Eli.I don't say Rest in Peace cause "REST" not Eli!! Lol " I will say RUN, DANCE, SING, PLAY & most important eat CHEESEBURGERS & CHIPS!! Thank you, for teaching me the true meaning of Life.. xoxo Jennifer Estes mother of angel Mallory

December 11 at 9:23 AM



Michelle Kaiser posted:

Pettinger Family, my heart goes out to you all as you journey through this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. My human heart is sad with the loss of Eli but my faithful heart rejoices because I know he is resting safely in the arms of our merciful Father in Heaven. Ruth. your faith and trust in God has been a constant reminder to me what it means to truly trust God's plan even when it seems unbearable. I will continue to pray for God's comfort and peace beyond all understanding for you and all of your family as you navigate this new season of your lives. Until we are all reunited in Heaven with those we have loved and lost.Love and Prayers,Michelle Kaiser

December 11 at 9:18 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Pettinger family.



December 11 at 8:01 AM



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Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Pettinger family.



December 11 at 7:39 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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