



## Josiah Ray Burch

May 16, 2014 - March 24, 2026

Josiah “Jo Jo” Ray Burch, age 11, of New Market, was born on Friday, May 16, 2014, and passed away on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. Josiah attended First Baptist Church of Strawberry Plains and was a sixth grader at Rush Strong School. He was a wonderful son who loved fishing, basketball, baseball, virtual reality games, riding in Jeeps and riding his dirtbike.

Preceded in death by his great-grandfather, Glenn Allison and his uncle, Chris Allison. He will be immensely missed by his mother, Jessica Allison Burch (Cory Hughes); father, Jared Burch; siblings, Jaydynn Sydnor and Remington Burch; grandparents, Greg Allison, Melissa and Ted Ivey, Roseanne and Tom Burch, Beth and Bobby Hughes; aunts and uncles, Jacob and Ashley Allison, Alexis Ivey, Riley Allison, Corey and Caitlyn Burch, Vincent and Avery Burch, Stephanie Smith; cousins, Courtlyn, Kathrynn, Owen, Londynn, Sawyer, and Sutton. The family will receive friends on Monday, March 30th from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM with the funeral service to follow at 6:00 PM at First Baptist Church of Strawberry Plains with Pastors Tony Hayes and Wes Widby officiating. For those wishing to assist the family during this unimaginable tragedy donations of gift cards may be sent to the funeral home or given directly to the family by visiting <https://www.gofundme.com/f/ride-hard-rest-easy-a-lasting-tribute-for-josiah-ray-burch>

Fielden Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Josiah Ray Burch.

# Previous Events

## Receiving of Friends

MAR 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Strawberry Plains  
3100 W Old Andrew Johnson Hwy  
Strawberry Plains, TN 37871

## Funeral Service

MAR 30. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Strawberry Plains, TN 37871

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fielden Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Josiah Ray Burch*



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**Fielden Funeral Home Inc.** - March 30 at 10:31 AM

HK

“ *I only knew him for a while but I was on scholars bowl with him and I just remember his sense of humor was so amazing! I will miss him forever. Ride hard, rest easy Josiah!*



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**Harper Knight** - May 15 at 03:54 PM

AC

“ *we miss you Jojo, I only knew him for a year or 2 but he was so sweet, funny and full of energy. He never ever failed to make me smile. Im praying for his family. Hope you rest easy buddy.*

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**Ashlyn Cooper** - April 20 at 08:26 PM

LO

“ Linda Owens lit a candle in memory of Josiah Ray Burch



Linda Owens - April 09 at 01:23 PM

LO

*no mom or dad should ever have to bury there child*

Linda Owens - April 09 at 01:23 PM

CM

“ Christina Miller lit a candle in memory of Josiah Ray Burch



Christina Miller - April 04 at 01:03 PM

CM

“ I have only known Josiah for a year, but he was the sweetest little kid I've met. He would always bring joy to me when I couldn't find it myself. When we talked I'd always have a smile on my face or walking away in laughter. He seemed so happy and giving people laughter when they needed it. I love u Josiah.



Christina Miller - April 04 at 01:02 PM



*Love you Josiah rip*

**Jayden Patterson** - April 11 at 10:25 PM

JR

“ *I subbed at New Market for years. Josiah was a well-behaved, sweet kid and always smiled at me. His mother gave me one of Josiah’s Power Ranger costumes that he outgrew, for my son. My little boy wanted to wear it everyday. Jessica, Jesus is holding your sweet boy and you will see him again. Until then I can’t imagine your grief and pain. I am praying for you.*

**Jaime Roberts** - March 30 at 07:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Josiah Ray Burch.

March 29 at 08:10 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Josiah Ray Burch.*



March 28 at 06:01 PM



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March 28 at 06:01 PM

WP

“ White Pine Veterinary Practice purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Josiah Ray Burch.



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**White Pine Veterinary Practice** - March 28 at 05:23 PM

AD

“ I know I meet josiah this year but it become the best year I miss him so much and it's been so hard lam praying for his family I miss all the time we shared he never failed to make anyone laugh if you wher having a bad day he would make you laugh and that bad day always turned into a good day when he was around



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**Addy.denton** - March 28 at 10:30 AM

JR

*That is the most beautiful concern I have ever read. D7%.*

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**Jill Russell** - March 28 at 03:59 PM

IO

*he was a best frand to me I know him for 3 yeros and I'm miss you much bubby*

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**Isaiah Owens** - March 29 at 05:28 PM

CA

*Me and Josiah has been friends since kinder garden its to hard to say that my best friend for 7 years has passed away he was such an amazing sweet caring loving boy he was so loved and was so blessed Josiah was a amazing boy i love him so much and i miss him so much he had so much on his back when one thing happened it broke the camels back he shouldn't have went through what he went he was so loved and still is i miss him so much and i grew up with him half my life but he has no more pain he is in heaven now with no sorrow no pain and many more he is with God. God will hold him tight because he loves him with all of his heart and God will never let him go. (forever 11) fly high Josiah i love and miss you so much!!!! - Caylee Watson*

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**caylee** - April 01 at 01:42 PM

KB

“ Growing up alongside Jojo was something I will value forever. He was my favorite person to travel with and was so much more to me than just a cousin. For a long time me and him were the only two grandkids and we did everything together any time I knew Jojo was visiting I would try to be in town so we could have a sleepover and hang out. I miss him so much and love him endlessly. My favorite memory of Jojo is when we took a trip to Indiana and they had a pop-up carnival and we convinced our grandparents to take us. We got on the Ferris wheel and it made awful creaking noises the whole time it went around. He sat there and made jokes and we laughed about it all night even once we got back to the hotel that's one thing I loved about him he could turn anything to a joke and could always make light of any situation. I hope he is no longer in pain and that he's at peace. Love- Kat❤️🕊️



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**Kathrynn Burch** - March 27 at 11:52 PM

CP

“ I know I've only known Josiah this year but he has become my best friend and only person that I could actually trust. One of my favorite things that he used to do was eat in Mr.yarnells class and randomly pull out a thing of Oreos or chips. I love and miss Josiah so much and can't wait to meet him again in heaven one day. I'm praying for his family and Liam. I hope that all of the pain that he once had is now gone and he's much happier up in heaven. ❤️💙🕊️L.L.J



cora parker - March 27 at 05:48 PM

LL

yeah he was a biggie i remember after riding dirtbikes we would get snacks

liam lamb - May 04 at 03:06 PM

YF

“ Your Siddons-Martin Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Josiah Ray Burch.



Your Siddons-Martin Family - March 27 at 09:18 AM

RH

“ Richard, Beth and Reilyn Hilton purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Josiah Ray Burch.



Richard, Beth and Reilyn Hilton - March 26 at 07:58 PM

CW

“ *Sending Hugs and Strength from NY*



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**Casey Waltz** - March 26 at 07:53 PM

BG

“ *All my love and condolences. This is something no family should ever experience.*



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**Brianne Geiger** - March 26 at 07:47 PM

LB

“ *Lori Blanchard lit a candle in memory of Josiah Ray Burch*



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**Lori Blanchard** - March 26 at 06:48 PM

HB

“ *Josiah was a good kid, it was honor to meet him and I'm glad my son was his friend. God got another angel , and I hope to see you again*

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**Hunter Brooks** - March 26 at 06:25 PM

DR

“ It was our honor to know Josiah. My husband and I were privileged to be the van driver/monitor who picked Josiah up weekly for the youth program for First Baptist Church Strawberry Plains. Our happiest memories were the times when it was just him on the van. He shared stories about his dirt bike, christmas and his plans for snow days from school. He was a kind child who was always respectful and polite. We pray for comfort and peace for the family. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted. Psalm 34:18  
Diane and Rob

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**Diane and Rob** - March 26 at 04:16 PM

MD

“ I was Josiah's first grade teacher at New Market and this has shattered me for you all. Some kids are just special and you love them like your own and think of them often and wonder how they're doing... that was Josiah. Smart, kind, beautiful inside and out and so fun, silly and brilliantly smart. I'm sending all the love I can give to you all and your precious son.

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**Mary Beth Day** - March 26 at 03:52 PM

PL

“ Josiah was a great kid and was loved by all.  
Time can Heal  
Memories can Comfort  
Love lives On

Love you,  
Miss Pat (Long) Retired-New Market Elementary School



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**Pat Long** - March 26 at 02:48 PM

AI

“ My sweet jojo , my heart is shattered into a million pieces. You were the cutest baby , then the cutest little boy , with a heart of gold. My life will never be the same without you. Your aunt Alex loves you forever.



Alex Ivey - March 26 at 02:47 PM

BM

“ My heart breaks for Josiah's family. I will keep them in my prayers and light.



B McNamara - March 26 at 02:07 PM

MC

“ Coaching Josiah last year in baseball was such a joy. He always had a smile on his face, and would cut up with the rest of the boys. I have memories of him I will never forget. He's truly going to be missed.

Matt Cohen - March 26 at 01:39 PM

DH

“ As a former employee of Rush Strong school I can tell you it has touched my family's hearts and Im sure many others. Buddy whatever you were going through is over now. You're in God's hands.

Dusty Haynes - March 26 at 01:19 PM

SH

“ Dang just typing this is making me cry, Me and Josiah was good friends I will sure miss his laugh, smile, and how funny he was. I will be praying for his family.

shayla - March 26 at 01:15 PM

MS

“ I am so sorry. My two granddaughters went to New Market school with Josiah. They are so heartbroken. Our entire family is praying for your entire family.

Michelle Swafford - March 26 at 12:59 PM

AL

“ Josiah Will be missed. His sweet and bright smile would always light up the classroom as soon as he would walk into the classrooms. You will be missed Josiah Ray!! Fly high sweet boy!

Avery Lawson - March 26 at 12:58 PM

IO

“ I didn't know your family or you sweet precious boy but you and my Isaiah are Best friends my son definitely misses his best friend he has been up all night crying that tells me you were such a sweet boy praying for your precious mom and your precious family my son misses his best friend he talked about you all night how much fun you all had now his best friend is in heaven



Isaiah Owens - March 26 at 12:58 PM

AL

“ Avery Lawson lit a candle in memory of Josiah Ray Burch



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**Avery Lawson** - March 26 at 12:57 PM

SR

“ Josiah was sweet, hilarious, and so much fun! He will be missed. I am thankful and blessed to have known him. He had the best smile.

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**Sarah Reno** - March 26 at 12:43 PM

JB

“ I don't know you or your family but it breaks my heart! I pray you and your family know Jesus as your personal savior so you can claim the promise of Gods that you will meet again in heaven. Prayers for comfort and faith !



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**Jeff and Faye Bales** - March 26 at 12:24 PM

MF

“ Sweet Boy our hearts are broken but I can only imagine how excited you were to see Jesus. We continue to lift your family up in prayer.



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**Moulden Family** - March 26 at 12:00 PM

SL

*I miss you so much even that we were not friend's it is so sad what you did*

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**slayton** - March 27 at 07:44 PM

AR

*i know i met josiah this year when he came to are school but he made the best mermories above all. I remember seeing him for the last time. as a tear ran down my cheek in greaf, i said it's not a good bye it's a see you later.*

*LLJB - arianna.lowery*

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**arianna** - May 06 at 12:49 PM

BR

*I have known Josiah for 7 years and when I figured out that he passed away my whole life fell apart there isn't a day that goes by were I don't think about him Josiah was such an ongoing person and never gave up he was there for me when others weren't so the last pat 2 months have been very hard for me and I might seem like I'm okay but I'm not because I miss the only person that I ever had to talk to I miss you so much Jojo.*

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**Bristol** - June 01 at 02:13 PM