

Parent Forum

The Life of Ian Larsen Gromowski— Sunrise: June 25, 2007 to Sunset: August 10, 2007

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Scott and I felt it was time to share the life of our precious son with everyone. It is unfortunate so few of our family and friends were able to meet our “lil’ sunshine”. We hope he is able to touch your life in some way. It is difficult to describe your child in only several words, but those that come to mind for Scott and me are “fighter”, “resilient” and “patient”. Ian endured more in his 47 days of life than most do in a lifetime. His spirit was beyond amazing. He would not give up. I recently had lunch with one of Ian’s occupational therapists who gave him edema massages daily. Chris described Ian as a “gentle and calming soul.” We were told time and time again by all the doctors at Children’s Hospital that Ian defied everything they knew and that they couldn’t believe he was hanging on like he did. Ian fought harder than any human being I have ever met. He must have gotten that from Daddy. He is now in heaven with his Grandpa Ken and from there he watches over us.

Scott and I documented Ian's life through photos for medical purposes. A photo was taken almost daily to show the doctors his ever changing rashes and body. Now, the photos can be used to show his journey and help educate the world. Although always in our mind and spirit, the photos help us remember what true pain he endured and what a fighter we were given.