



## Fletcher Alexander Merkel

January 7, 2017

Fletcher Alexander Merkel, 8, of Minneapolis, had sparkling blue eyes, freckles, blonde hair that often defied gravity and an infectious smile. He was always in motion, dancing with every touchdown he scored in flag football, or playing basketball in the driveway with his older brother and neighborhood friends. Fletcher used his boundless creativity to build Lego cities with his siblings and cook new recipes like bacon macaroni and cheese alongside his parents. Whether it was pickled herring or blue cheese, he was always up for trying new foods.

Curious about animals, he had an expansive collection of facts to share. During the summer he would bring turtles, frogs, fish, butterflies, caterpillars and worms home to study and release. Fishing with his father was one of his favorite activities. With his family, he explored the world, visiting the Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands and Spain in the last two years. He was looking forward to going to his first Packers game at Lambeau Field this fall, with dreams of being an NFL player one day himself.

Fletcher shared his love generously with everyone around him, friends and family alike. He loved and will be loved forever by: his mother, Mollie; his father, Jesse; his older brother; his younger sister; his younger brother; his dog, Clementine; his grandfather Dennis; his aunt Erin, uncle Joe and their three children; his grandfather Ron and grandmother Carol; his aunt Laura, his uncle David and their two children. His grandmother Kathryn was already

waiting for him. In lieu of flowers, you can contribute to the fund in his memory at this link <https://gofund.me/f629fc23>

His funeral service will be held at 4 PM on Sunday, September 7th, with visitation starting at 2 PM, all at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave S., Minneapolis. Please wear bright colors.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)  
5025 Knox Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

## Funeral Service

SEP 7. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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