

# Brian

*Written by his Mother, Carah*

October 17, 2018 our Beautiful Brian Earl Hicks was born via csection, he came into this world screaming like a wild banshee! Mommy and Daddy will forever cherish that beautiful first and unfortunately last cry.

Our fighter was diagnosed at my 20 week ultrasound with Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia or CDH. This is a birth defect to where the diaphragm does not close properly allowing organs such as the stomach, bowels, and liver to invade the chest tissue hindering the lungs from developing correctly. He was placed on ECMO a heart lung bypass machine at around 4 hours old related to severe pulmonary hypertension. He was excelling but suffered complications from the ECMO and gained his wings on October 21, 2018 while being held by Mommy and Daddy.

We are so thankful for the 5 days we were allowed to have our fighter here on earth. In his memory I have started a program for new CDH families called the Little Warrior Project. This provides small care packages to CDH fighters and also small memory animals in memory of our sweet CDH Angel's. We love you so much Brian, rest in peace our sweet angel

