



## Makenzie Florence Hooke

June 2, 2014

Highland Lakes - Makenzie Florence Hooke, age 9, passed away on Monday, June 2, 2014 at her home surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. Born at Chilton Memorial Hospital in Pompton Plains, Makenzie lived in Oak Ridge before moving to Highland Lakes three years ago. She was a "straight A" third grade student at Cedar Mountain School in Vernon and she loved her teachers. She had attended Saint Thomas the Apostle Church in Oak Ridge, where she went to CCD and received her First Holy Communion. She also was a member of the Girl Scouts in Oak Ridge and a cheerleader for the Vernon Vikings. Makenzie had a heart of gold and she took her entire savings account and donated all the monies to the Woman's Shelter in Sussex County. She loved spending time with her family and taking care of her little brother. Makenzie especially enjoyed her time yard sale shopping with her father, always trying to get the best bargain. In her spare time, she listened to music and her favorite band was One Direction. Her favorite character was Hello Kitty and she enjoyed her time hiking outdoors. Makenzie was also a big Giants fan. She is survived by her mother, Angelina Hooke Whitby and her husband Brian of Highland Lakes; her father, Tadeusz Gusciora, Jr. of Warwick, New York; her brother, Philip Whitby at home; her maternal grandparents, Carol and Andrew Hooke of Haskell; her paternal grandparents, Tadeusz and Maria Gusciora of Warwick, New York; and her maternal great grandparents, Mary and Angelo Cutillo of Spring Hill, Florida. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 6,

2014 at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07438. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to the Heroes for Makenzie Fund. The website is: [www.giveforward.com](http://www.giveforward.com) Online condolences may be offered to the family on [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My Condolences to your family.*

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**Walter Endlicher** - June 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Brian and Angelina  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. May all of your wonderful memories of Makenzie give you some comfort.  
With My Deepest Sympathy*

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**Robin Outer** - June 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To the family and friends of Makenzie, please except my deepest condolences on your loss. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, but love leaves memories no one can steal. May the prayers of others increase your faith, and may your heavy hearts be lifted gently by our Heavenly Father who draws close to those who draw close to him. Again my deepest condolences. (Isaiah 33:24 and 41:10)*

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**A. Brooks** - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Makenzie, I enjoyed reading about her, her involvement in gymnastics, and how courageous she was. I knew her father, and if she was anything like him then she must have been kind-hearted and a wonderful person, full of life. I am so terribly sorry for this loss. There are no right words when a child so young is taken from us.

*In my own spirituality, I believe that people's spirits never completely leave the earth, but that they stay with us to keep watch over us and to help guide us through the rest of our journey here. I cannot imagine how difficult this is, but I hope her sweet memory and loving spirit gives you a sense of her presence and that eases some of your pain. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Samaria Stanford** - June 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM