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David Charles “Charlie” McKenna passed away on August 24, 2024, at the age of 32, in his home in Stonecrest, Georgia. He is survived by parents David and Marjorie McKenna of Monticello, Georgia; brother Peter of Brooklyn, New York; 8 aunts and uncles, and 15 cousins.

Charlie was born on November 27, 1991 and was diagnosed with autism at 20 months. Although his disability severely limited his cognitive and communication abilities, Charlie was blessed with an unforgettable, joyful character that he shared with his loved ones throughout his lifetime.

Charlie touched and inspired everyone around him. He loved life, saw beauty in everything, and found joy in the simplest of pleasures. He faced obstacles with courage, determination, and an innocent eagerness to please. He never knew arrogance, pride, or deceit. He never held a grudge or harbored ill will to another person. He taught strength, patience, and compassion to everyone who knew him well.

Charlie was especially known for his passion for hiking and the outdoors. He loved all things water and was an avid short-term leaf and rock collector. He was an expert in classical musicals and Disney sing-alongs, had an uncanny underhand basketball shot, and never met a puzzle he couldn’t assemble.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, September 13, 2024, at Monticello Presbyterian Church, Monticello, Georgia. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to InCommunity of Georgia, 3301 Buckeye Road, Suite 700, Atlanta, GA 30341 or to DDD Foundation, 3103 Clairmont Road NE, Suite C, Atlanta, GA 30329.

Jordan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.