



Malec A. Behnke

June 11, 2018 - February 2, 2026

NORFOLK – Funeral service for Malec A. Behnke, 7, of Norfolk, will be held at 10:30 AM, Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at the LifePoint Church in Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Pastor Chris Winegar. Burial will take place at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, rural Madison. Visitation will be held from 4:00 – 7:00 PM, Monday at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the family for a later designation. Malec passed away on Monday, February 2, 2026 at Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Malec was born on June 11, 2018 in Norfolk to Mik Behnke and Mindy VonDerOhe (Michaels). He was a 2nd grader at Jefferson Elementary in Norfolk. Malec enjoyed Legos, wrestling, football, baseball, singing, watching the Huskers, playing music on Alexa, and sour skittles. Malec was a member of LifePoint Church in Norfolk and attended their Sunday School Program.

Malec was the sweetest, purest soul. From the moment he entered this world, he carried a light that was impossible to miss. He had the brightest smile, the biggest heart, and a kind of empathy that felt far beyond his years. Malec didn't just notice people, he felt them. That love showed itself in the simplest, most constant ways: he absolutely loved hugs and asked for them all day long, and he reminded you at every chance how much he loved you, even if only 30 seconds had passed since the last time he said it. Loving freely and

caring deeply came as naturally to Malec as breathing, compassion woven into every part of who he was.

At just seven years old, Malec lived fully and joyfully. He loved playing baseball, building with Legos, wrestling alongside his Junior Eagles teammates, and while he knew absolutely nothing about sports, he loved cheering on whoever was playing, especially the Huskers. He could sing without fear, and he did! Almost everywhere he went, you could hear him singing, humming, or whistling, filling the room with his joy. Dance without hesitation, and turn up the music on Alexa like it was his own personal concert.

He loved deeply, especially his baby sister, Ruby, always so gentle and attentive to her needs, watching over her with the sweetest care. He had a huge love for candy of all kinds and treasured his trips to 4th Street Sweets like they were something magical. He looked forward to trips to the pumpkin patch every year, those moments of simple family time that became treasured traditions. Trips to the zoo, the arcade, and the movie theatre were some of his all-time favorite adventures. He had a mischievous spark and a way of filling a room with energy just by being in it. And if you wanted to make him smile, all you needed was a pack of sour Skittles or a Frings date with Mom. When he wasn't loving on people, he often had a book in his hands, reading was one of his favorite comforts, and you could almost always find him curled up with a story. He found happiness in the simple things, and in doing so, reminded all of us how beautiful simple joy can be.

Malec was a child of faith and love. He cherished his time at LifePoint Church and in Sunday School, where his gentle spirit and bright personality shined. He had a way of making people feel welcome and safe, whether they were family, friends, classmates, or someone he had just met. Being around Malec made life feel lighter.

To his family, Malec was everything. A son who was deeply loved, a brother who brought laughter and fun, a grandson who filled hearts with pride and a cousin whose ornery playful spirit could be felt at every sleepover. He gave love so freely and so purely, and that love will continue to live on in every memory, every story, and every quiet moment where he is felt but not seen.

Though Malec's time with us was far too short, his impact was immense. He changed us. He softened us. He reminded us to love bigger, laugh louder, and hold each other closer. His light did not fade and never will. It lives on in the hearts of everyone who was blessed to know him.

We will miss Malec beyond words, but we are forever grateful for the seven beautiful years we were given. His life, though brief, was full. His love, though tender, was powerful. And his spirit will remain with us always. Though our hearts ache, we take comfort knowing he is now home with Jesus, surrounded by perfect peace and endless love.

Malec is survived by his mother Mindy (Trent) VonDerOhe of Norfolk, father Mik Behnke of Norfolk, siblings Mason Behnke, Mavrix Behnke, Ruby VonDerOhe, maternal grandparents Randy (Linda) Michaels of Norfolk, Bob (Melanie) VonDerOhe of Norfolk, paternal grandmother Julie Johnson of Norfolk, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Malec was preceded in death by his great grandparents Delmar and Elaine Michaels of Madison, Ne, Bud and Donna Johnson of Oakland, Ne, and Jerry and Cheryl Behnke from Norfolk, Ne.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Valley Cemetery - Rural Madison

Rural Madison, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
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<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

LifePoint Church - Norfolk
715 W W Madison Ave
Norfolk, NE 68701
<https://www.lifepointne.com/>

Tribute Wall



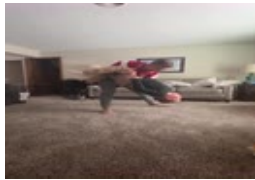
“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Malec A. Behnke*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - February 06 at 10:34 AM

LB

“ *You will be missed here 🥺 thank u for this memories. Laura & Cole*



Laura Garcia Blazquez - February 10 at 07:31 PM

SD

“ *Sauters,Shimas,Hummers, Diamond purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Malec A. Behnke.*



Sauters,Shimas,Hummers, Diamond - February 09 at 06:53 PM

DR

“ Denise and Henry Rios planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Malec A. Behnke.

Denise and Henry Rios - February 09 at 04:47 PM

DR

“ Denise and Henry Rios purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Malec A. Behnke.



Denise and Henry Rios - February 09 at 04:47 PM

NM

“ NE FOP LODGE #15 and all the members purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Malec A. Behnke.



NE FOP LODGE #15 and all the members - February 09 at 01:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Malec A. Behnke.



February 09 at 10:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Malec A. Behnke.*



February 08 at 02:44 PM



“ *The Schieffer's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Malec A. Behnke.*

The Schieffer's - February 08 at 02:44 PM



“ *Roxanne Kline lit a candle in memory of Malec Behnke*



Roxanne Kline - February 07 at 01:51 PM



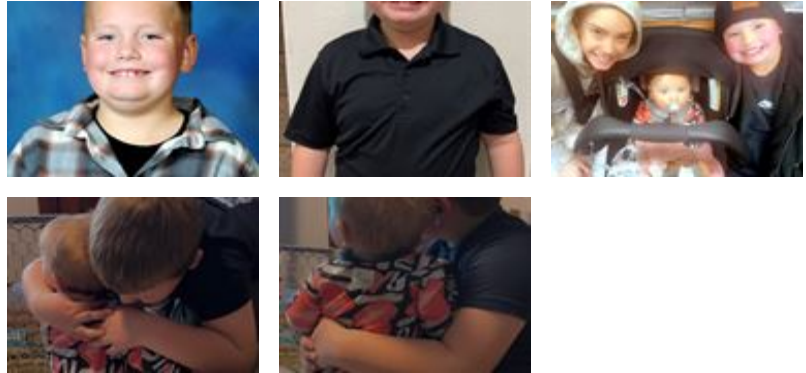
“ *- Fauss Family (Winston 2nd Grade) purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Malec A. Behnke.*



- Fauss Family (Winston 2nd Grade) - February 06 at 11:58 AM



“ 167 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - February 06 at 10:27 AM

BS

“ My deepest condolences to the entire extended family and friends!



Brian Schlote - February 05 at 10:54 AM

TF

“ The Doug and Sue family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Malec A. Behnke.

The Doug and Sue family - February 04 at 06:14 PM

TF

“ The Doug and Sue family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Malec A. Behnke.



The Doug and Sue family - February 04 at 06:14 PM

KL

“ Trent and Mindy you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. So loved Malec and his abundant amount of energy and love. He so loved giving hugs will hold every hug he gave me in my heart forever. Rodney and Kathy Lentz

Kathy Lentz - February 04 at 05:56 PM

MF

“ Mikayla & Sam Fisher purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Malec A. Behnke.



Mikayla & Sam Fisher - February 04 at 03:39 PM

NE

“ NPS Board of Education planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Malec A. Behnke.

NPS Board of Education - February 04 at 02:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Malec A. Behnke.



February 04 at 02:09 PM

SW

“ Steve Winkelbauer lit a candle in memory of Malec Behnke



Steve Winkelbauer - February 04 at 04:13 AM

TS

“ The Silvers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Malec A. Behnke.

The Silvers - February 03 at 08:56 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Malec A. Behnke.



February 03 at 08:56 PM

SS

“ Shelby Dendinger FFD 13th St planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Malec A. Behnke.

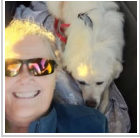
Shelby Dendinger FFD 13th St - February 03 at 08:13 PM

SS

“ *Shelby Dendinger FFD 13th St purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Malec A. Behnke.*



Shelby Dendinger FFD 13th St - February 03 at 08:13 PM



“ *My early morning buddy.*



Linda Steele - February 03 at 08:05 PM