



Rest in Peace, Carsen

“So many of us think we don't matter or we are insignificant. Too many of us waste our lives believing we don't have a purpose, and way too many of us never get past the 'me' syndrome and think 'what's the use?'

Carsen was 6 years old and nonverbal, yet his impact on the Chakota Family will remain with us for the rest of our lives. His smiles, giggles, playing possum with Ms. Sue, learning to communicate with us by raising his arm and striking his chest to tell his horse to Walk On, bringing smiles to not only his parents but to everyone surrounding him to keep him safe while he rode.

This little Cowboy impacted lives every day. I heard several of his teachers talking and that made me smile through my tears even more...

The reason I believe this little guy was so amazing is because he's had a support system that is unbelievable! His Mom and Dad made sure he knew he was loved and treated as well as any child out there. They took him everywhere and made sure he was always included. Even in their grief they made the decision to share Carsen and help others improve their quality of life, by donating his corneas, now two other individuals will have the gift of sight because of him, also a heart valve for another individual who needed that to improve their quality of life and then both knee cartilages, so two MORE individuals will have the gift of movement and freedom.

How can this part not make you smile! This part also makes me realize the amazing care he received from his family to be able to be healthy enough to donate. Amazing...”

~ Kay