



Angel Tree Donations

for Luke Liggett

In addition to collecting Angel Tree gifts for our seniors in Canonsburg, this year we are also collecting donations for Luke Liggett and family.

THE LIGGETT FAMILY

We have known the Liggett family for several years now because Sunnie (Liggett) Kopko was a staff member with us in 2018. They are a hard-working family with that we have come to admire and respect.

Sunnies brother Luke lives on their family farm in Avella with his wife Tara, two daughters, and baby boy on the way. He is a Veteran of the U.S. Navy. He and Tara were married in 2014 and three years later Tara's father passed away from ALS. Three years after that, in the fall of 2020, Luke was diagnosed with ALS.

WHAT IS ALS?

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS, is a progressive nervous system disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, causing loss of muscle control.

ALS is often called Lou Gehrig's disease, after the baseball player who was diagnosed with it. Doctors usually don't know why ALS occurs. Some cases are inherited.

ALS often begins with muscle twitching and weakness in a limb, or slurred speech.

Eventually, ALS affects control of the muscles needed to move, speak, eat and breathe.

There is no cure for this fatal disease. (source: The Mayo Clinic website)



A JOURNEY OF HOPE

Though there is no cure, Luke and his family have been putting their hope and faith in alternative treatments that will lead to a complete reversal of the disease. Luke is being treated at a clinic in Florida that is using groundbreaking treatments. This clinic currently has one complete reversal that has been verified by Dr. Bedlack at Duke University and many others that are considered to be in “remission”.

HOW WE CAN HELP

We are collecting Angel donations to give toward Luke’s treatments. For every dollar donated at the greenhouse, we are going to match it, up to \$2,500. Our goal is to raise a total of \$5,000 after the donation period is closed. We need 125 people to donate just \$20 to get to \$2,500, then combined with our match, we will reach our goal of \$5,000. In addition to making the monetary donation, and more importantly, we stand with Luke in faith and support that he will be healed. Our goal above and beyond the financial contribution is to surround the family with love and prayers. We are believing big with the Liggett family that Luke will be the next reversal!

HOW TO MAKE AN ANGEL DONATION

- Visit the greenhouse anytime between November 20 - December 18.
- See a Sales Associate to make the donation of your choice by cash, check or credit card. We will pay for the credit card processing fees, so that 100% of your donation goes to Luke.
- We will give you an Angel ornament to sign your name on to hang on our tree. Feel free to add some words of encouragement on the back of the angel, as we will be sending them all to Luke and his family.
- If you’d like to make a donation in honor of someone as their Christmas gift, or in memory of someone, we will have a greeting card insert that you can give.
- The donation period ends on December 18 at 5pm.