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Tough Like Taylor

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My nephew, Max Shanks, loved socks....I mean, really loved socks. His love of socks began before he could even speak. When he started toddling around, he would take my socks and hide them in his garbage trucks. He thought it was SO funny when I couldn't find one. Max liked to pick socks that matched his interests and personality. When he was a toddler he loved socks with fire trucks, garbage trucks, and excavators. Batman socks were in the rotation and he loved dinosaur and shark socks too! He would often steal and wear my sister-in-law and mother-in-law's fun boot socks for the day. Over the last year, as his love for baseball grew, he was very attached to Nike socks and "tall socks" like baseball socks. I liked to see how his sense of style AND interests were changing as he grew up.

Max was killed in a car accident involving a drunk driver last Sunday, July 10th, 2022. He was riding home from SC with his family when a driver hit them from behind, causing the family car to flip over multiple times. The driver of the car that hit them was presumed to be impaired and speeding in excess of 100mph. Max died at the scene and his dad, Corey, is in the hospital with a traumatic brain injury and other trauma injuries. Max's mom, Jessica, was driving and my youngest nephew, Griffin (4) was also in the car; both walked away with minor injuries.

Because Corey is still in the hospital, it is going to be a little while before we celebrate Max's life formally; however, we are all cherishing the memories you send of him and the ways in which this community has honored him. We cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of love and support upon our family. So I hope you will help us celebrate Max in this small way on Saturday, July 23rd, by wearing [#Socks4Shanks](#). Pick your favorite, most cherished, most loved, fun, silly, wild, short, tall, or funky socks and tag me ([Tough Like Taylor](#)) and my sister-in-law ([Jessica Lee Shanks](#)) on social media. Share a story with us about Max, a prayer, or a word of hope or encouragement. Take this opportunity to talk to your children about the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Once you have your socks on, in the words of my sister-in-law, Jessica, "pack a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and go on an adventure! Learn about the world, get dirty, jump in a puddle, play catch or work on perfecting your baseball slide." [#LiveLifeToTheMax](#)

And please consider a donation to the GoFundMe which will help my brother, sister, and youngest nephew cover the cost of medical expenses and supplement for lost wages:

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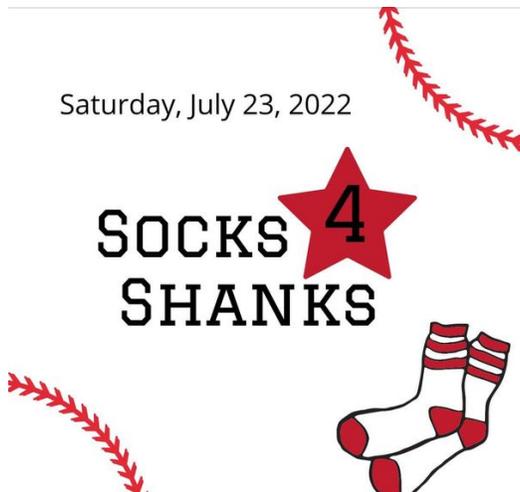
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Max's socks were one of my favorite things to look for when I saw him.

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Shea Chambers same!! I loved seeing which socks he would pick out for the day

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Stacey Pittman Longshore

Oooh! What a fun way to #celebrateMax! Now i just have to choose which of my funky socks to wear. Better yet, I'll take a cue from Max and wear a mismatched set so I can enjoy multiples and #livelifetotheMax!

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Joy Wilkerson Callaway

He looooooved Alevia's frilly socks when she was little. 🤩
🤩 Maxy and John wore about the same socks nowadays —long socks all the way! What a great way to celebrate him!

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Joy Wilkerson Callaway yes!!! I love how he used to steal people's socks when he was little. Tall socks are apparently all the rage right now...

Like Reply 20h



CLT Bike Camp

Will do!

Like Reply 23h



Amanda Pannell Robinson

We will def participate. Prayers for the entire Shanks family, not a day goes by you all are not on my mind.

Wanna know something.... Our Max LOVES socks too!!!!
He will pick out his best ones to wear.

Like Reply 1d

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