

## Charles' Story

We found out we were going to have a bundle of joy in September 2009, we were all excited. The pregnancy progressed without any complications, I actually felt really great. Charles was breech, so my doctor decided that we were going to deliver via Cesarean on May 15, 2009, as the day came I was nervous. We packed all of the baby's items and mine the night before and anticipated his arrival. My little family went to dinner and celebrated the new baby's coming, I didn't feel very well, and remember him moving once; it felt like a giant jolt...only if I knew he was giving me a goodbye kick. The next morning I gathered all of our belongings and headed into the maternity ward, we posed for the camera and smiled with joy. The nurses put us in a room and started the c-section preparation, the nurse started to look for his heartbeat, she kept turning the screen away from us and went to grab another nurse, I asked if everything was okay, of course she said "yes". A doctor and nurse returned and that is when we found out that our sweet Charles had no heartbeat...I couldn't believe this could actually happen, I waited a full nine months, I spoke to him everyday, we ventured out everyday together for work, how could this happen?? My entire world just spun out of control and my heart felt like it stopped beating. How was I going to tell his three brothers??

Charles was born to GOD on May 15, 2010 at 4:17, 11LBS, 7 OZ, 22 inches long. I was able to hold him for the remaining of the night and share him with our family. His little body was so perfect in every way. All I left with was empty arms, a lock of hair, unused diapers and his tiny footprints.

Since our son's death my husband has been laid off, I went back to work and have learned to deal with all these waves of grief. Charles is buried in Wadsworth, NV, he currently doesn't have a headstone, only a small plastic cross to mark his presence in the graveyard, I am looking for discounts or donations for a headstone to place on him. Thank you for letting me share my story!!

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