



## Dante Alexander Erk

August 10, 2002 - May 22, 2015

Dante Alexander Erk, 12, of Altavista passed away Friday, May 22, 2015 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

He was born August 10, 2002 in Jacksonville, NC, a son of Patrick Hughes Erk and Evita Gomez Johnson and their spouses Jessica Erk and Timmy Johnson, all of Altavista. Dante loved his brothers and sisters, Legos, music, trains, and massages. He also enjoyed watching UFC and the Food Network.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Gabriel Grant Erk and Gabriel Osiris Logwood; two sisters, Julia Isabelle Erk and Arabella Eve Erk; maternal grandparents, Franklin and Brunilda Gomez of Silverdale, WA and Linda P. Johnson of Lynchburg; paternal grandparents, Susan and Landon Clay of Lynch Station, Richard and Debra Erk of Albemarle, NC and Liza and Kent Knepper of Altavista; and uncles and aunts, Franklin N. (Omi) Gomez of Vancouver, WA, Scott and Jennifer Bradshaw of Lynchburg, Phillip and Marleen Clay of Altavista, Landy Clay of Altavista, and Mitch and Debbie Hubbard of Forest.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Aiden George Erk and Marquis Christian Erk; and maternal grandfather, William W. Johnson, Jr.

A Celebration of Life will be conducted at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 2015

at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista by Pastor Mack Almond and Minister Scott Walters. Immediately following the memorial service, the family invites everyone to gather by the river in English Park for a balloon release to honor Dante.

The family will receive friends prior to the service beginning at 3:00 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation, 20312 Watkins Meadow Dr., Germantown, MD 20876 or Camp Friendship, Carol Jean Cancer Foundation, 10718 Cleos Ct., Columbia, MD 21044.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 28. 3:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

## Memorial Service

MAY 28. 4:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - May 27, 2015 at 09:54 AM

SM

*Heart breaking !!! Precious Angel!!! 🙏*

**sheila mays** - May 27, 2015 at 10:30 PM

KC

*I am so sorry for your loss from my family to yours may God give you peace and hold you in his arms at this time of such sorrow.*

**kemmy cassady** - May 28, 2015 at 07:52 AM

PW

*so sorry for your loss but truly heaven gain!! Praying for all the family and friends*

**Paula watkins** - May 28, 2015 at 10:57 AM

LH

*Evita, you have my sympathy and just know God has put another beautiful flower in his garden. Mrs. Holmes*

**Lucy Holmes** - May 28, 2015 at 01:27 PM

MM

*Breaks my heart. He has a wonderful family that loved him very much.*

**Mary Moses-Hicks** - May 28, 2015 at 03:10 PM

DH

*Another Angel to watch over us all. He will be loved, missed, and remembered always.*

**Debbie Hensley** - May 28, 2015 at 04:23 PM

TM

*BEAUTIFUL HEART BREAKING GODS ANGEL*

**tammy mcneil** - May 28, 2015 at 04:33 PM

MM

*So sorry for your lost. I know how much it hurts cause I also lost a son 3 months ago.*

**Marisol Marcano** - May 28, 2015 at 05:53 PM

RF

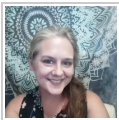
*absolutely beautiful*

**Robin Ferguson** - May 28, 2015 at 06:14 PM

GH

*YOU WERE A GREAT YOUNG MAN!! ALL THAT KNEW YOU LOVED YOU!!! THIS VIDEO SHOWS LOVE, MUCH HAPPINESS, AND HOW YOU LOVED LIFE AND FAMILY!! YOU WERE A BRAVE AND STRONG LITTLE SOLDIER!! YOU FLY HIGH, NOW YOU HAVE YOUR WINGS!! MY LOVE GOES WITH YOU, ALWAYS AND FOREVER!!!*

**Gayle HARLOW** - May 28, 2015 at 07:14 PM



*A beautiful tribute to such a special little boy.*

**Cheryl James** - May 29, 2015 at 03:45 AM

SU

*Dante had a contagious smile. He went to camp friendship with my son Joshua and other boys. I will miss seeing that smile this year when we attend the camp. Dante is resting in a healed body with the Lord. He is waiting for his friends and family to join him. Evita, May the Grace of God give you and your family strength to endure this loss know he is in God's hands.*

**Suzanne** - May 31, 2015 at 02:37 PM

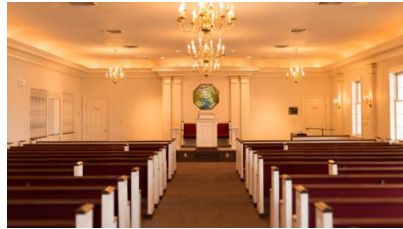
RB

*Dante, you touched my life and my heart. I will never forget you my little friend. You and that big smile will be missed by many!*

**Ronnie Barksdale** - August 22, 2015 at 02:06 PM



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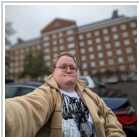


**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - May 24, 2015 at 01:44 PM

CO

“ *Dante was my best friends in school My hearts and Prayers are out to him and family*

**coleman** - May 31, 2015 at 09:20 AM



“ *I & the rest of the congregation at Altavista Church of Christ pray for the you during this difficult time. Dante was a precious child that will never be forgotten!*

*"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10*



**Taylor Berger** - May 30, 2015 at 12:28 PM

BT

“ This was an amazing young man. I have known Dante and his mom for several years and he was the most well mannered child I have ever seen. About two years ago I remember him rushing up to me in Wal Mart to tell me he was cancer free. He was so proud and I was proud for him. A stepdad could not have loved Dante more than Tim did . We who knew this young man was Blessed to have an Angel among us. Evita and Tim you are to be congratulated for raising such a young man. We will miss him very very much. Fly high my little friend you deserve your wings. God Bless You All.

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**Bonnie Tucker** - May 28, 2015 at 06:40 PM

NE

“ ill miss u

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**nehki** - May 28, 2015 at 05:44 PM

TM

“ Evita, and Timmy you are in our hearts



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**tammy mcneil** - May 28, 2015 at 04:37 PM

AK

“ RIP--SWEET DANTE...HEAVEN HAS GAINED ANOTHER ANGEL...

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**ALICE KEESEE** - May 28, 2015 at 04:34 PM

ST

“ Stephanie Tyree lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



Stephanie Tyree - May 28, 2015 at 01:28 PM

PB

“ Evita I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Dante. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. May God continue to keep and strengthen you'!!!  
With Much Love,  
Patricia Boyd ( Head Start)

Patricia Boyd - May 28, 2015 at 12:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dante Alexander Erk .



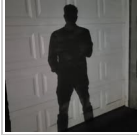
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JW

“ Jason And Bobbie Wade lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk

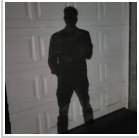


Jason and Bobbie Wade - May 27, 2015 at 04:40 PM



“ Phillip Clay was added to the Family Tree.

Scott Bradshaw - May 27, 2015 at 03:32 PM



“ Jennifer Bradshaw was added to the Family Tree.

Scott Bradshaw - May 27, 2015 at 03:31 PM



“ Patrick Erk was added to the Family Tree.

Scott Bradshaw - May 27, 2015 at 03:28 PM



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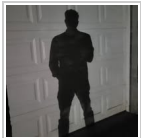
Scott Bradshaw - May 27, 2015 at 12:18 PM



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Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - May 27, 2015 at 12:06 PM



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Scott Bradshaw - May 27, 2015 at 11:27 AM



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - May 27, 2015 at 09:53 AM

JB

“ *Dante was a very nice and caring friend with a bright smile and a lot interesting fact.*

*I will miss you,*

*Jarrod Barksdale*



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**Jarrod Barksdale** - May 26, 2015 at 11:25 PM

EC

“ *Be free Dante! I'm going to miss seeing your momma post beautiful wirror pictures. You will forever be in my heart. & when my son get older it will be a heart warming filling to make sure he knows who you are. Look after ashton! Maybe you can send us a miracle to stop childhood cancer. Rip baby boy!*



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**erica, ashton, chris** - May 26, 2015 at 09:18 PM

JH

“ *Judith Hedgpeth lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Judith Hedgpeth** - May 26, 2015 at 08:46 PM

JM

“ *James Monaghan lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**James Monaghan** - May 26, 2015 at 02:51 PM

JM

“ *With deepest sympathy for your loss.*

*James & Perette Monaghan  
EL Cabrito's*

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**James Monaghan** - May 26, 2015 at 02:47 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss! Praying for your family.  
RIP sweet boy.*



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**Shannon Richardson** - May 26, 2015 at 12:59 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dante Alexander Erk .



May 26, 2015 at 11:34 AM



“ I'm praying for you and your family during this difficult time. Fly High sweet baby boy!



**Bridgette** - May 26, 2015 at 10:49 AM



“ Kevin Brown lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



**Kevin Brown** - May 26, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ Teena Pickeral lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



**Teena Pickeral** - May 26, 2015 at 09:36 AM

TP

“ I do not believe there was ever a time when I saw Dante that he was not smiling. Our family is sending prayers of peace and comfort for you all, Evita and Tim, and the rest of the family. I am sure if he could let us know, Dante would tell us Heaven is so spectacular! We love you all.

Teena Pickeral - May 26, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ Cheryl James lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



Cheryl James - May 26, 2015 at 09:05 AM

EH

“ Emily Hudson lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



Emily Hudson - May 26, 2015 at 07:05 AM

AT

“ Autumn Grace Thacker lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



Autumn Grace Thacker - May 25, 2015 at 08:18 PM

TF

“ Teresa Fox lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk

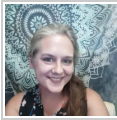


Teresa Fox - May 25, 2015 at 08:08 PM

TF

*I remember talking with Dante during lunch trying to get him to eat. I loved our talks. I remember him sitting with me at Avoca and eating lunch with him. We always fist bumped when we saw each other. I always asked him how he was doing and he would always say that he was doing fine. I will miss seeing your sweet face at school. RIP Dante. I know you are cancer free in Jesus' arms.*

Teresa Fox - May 25, 2015 at 08:11 PM



*Dante and my son were classmates. He is an inspiration to many. May God comfort your family during this time.*

Cheryl James - May 26, 2015 at 09:08 AM

AY

“ Dante was a sweet,adorable little boy who will be sadly missed.we know he is a sweet little angel in the hands of the Lord now.we are so sorry for your loss.sincerely Aaliyah and Andreas Yuille (went to school with Dante)



Aaliyah and Andreas Yuille - May 25, 2015 at 01:39 PM

AH

“ Angie & Gage Hensley lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



Angie & Gage Hensley - May 25, 2015 at 12:24 PM

DJ

“ Evita's, Gabe, Julia and Dantes family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathies. Dante was a joy to be around. I loved seeing him & his sweet disposition in the halls at AES. When he came to PE class, he always tried to do his best. He usually had a story to tell me. He was a great kid. May God be close to you all as only He can give you peace and comfort. Love & prayers to you all!

Dawna Johnson - May 25, 2015 at 12:05 PM

HC

“ Henry and The Constellation II Crew purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Dante Alexander Erk .



Henry and The Constellation II Crew - May 25, 2015 at 11:08 AM

CC

“ Christel Coman lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



Christel Coman - May 25, 2015 at 09:26 AM

Tiana  
Dennis

“ *Sending love hugs and prayers. Dante was such a sweet child, everytime I saw him he was smiling.* ”



Tiana Dennis - May 25, 2015 at 06:09 AM

BC

“ *Bernice Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of Dante Alexander Erk* ”



Bernice Clark - May 24, 2015 at 09:02 PM

BC

“ *Bernice Clark lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk* ”



Bernice Clark - May 24, 2015 at 09:00 PM

RC

“ *Ray And Kay Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk* ”



Ray and Kay Caldwell - May 24, 2015 at 08:13 PM

RF

“ so sorry for your loss  
Jenna and Robin Ferguson



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**Robin Ferguson** - May 24, 2015 at 08:10 PM

LR

“ So sorry for you loss. Prayers for your family. Laura Rowland

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**LAURA ROWLAND** - May 24, 2015 at 07:47 PM

AF

“ Alice Jackson And Family lit a candle in  
memory of Dante Alexander Erk



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**Alice Jackson and Family** - May 24, 2015 at 07:43 PM

SO

“ We did not know Dante but our hearts go out to your family. We had  
him on our prayer list at church. He is now at rest and peace.  
Sincerely  
Sandra and Emory Osborne

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**Sandra Emory Osborne** - May 24, 2015 at 07:33 PM

WF

“ *Continued prayers as you take one day at a time.*



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**Wendy & Eddie Fielder** - May 24, 2015 at 03:52 PM

OP

“ *I am so sorry evita my heart and prayers go out to you and your family*

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**odyssa perez** - May 24, 2015 at 03:16 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - May 24, 2015 at 01:46 PM

CD

“Dante was a pleasure and true joy to be with and around! I loved your sense of humor and wit. You showed the sweetest love to your mother as I witnessed several times. Your infectious character will forever be remembered.

*Love and prayers Evita, Timmy, Julia and Gabe!*

*Chelsie Dudley*



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**chelsie dudey** - May 24, 2015 at 01:26 PM

NC

“I am so sorry for your loss. Evita, I could only imagine what you are going through. I pray that the Lord will comfort you and your family in this hard time. We are praying for you. If you need anything let us know.

*Melissa Logan*

**NEW BEGINNINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**



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**New Beginnings Baptist Church** - May 24, 2015 at 12:57 PM

HT

“Heidi Tucker lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



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**Heidi Tucker** - May 24, 2015 at 12:37 PM

AK

“ THOUGHTS & PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY..RIP DANTE... YOU ARE WITH JESUS!!! ALICE FAYE K KEESEE



ALICE KEESEE - May 24, 2015 at 12:22 PM



“ MikeandTammy Wilkerson sent a virtual gift in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



MikeandTammy Wilkerson - May 24, 2015 at 12:20 PM

CE

“ Cathy East lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



Cathy East - May 24, 2015 at 11:38 AM



“ Trey Finch sent a virtual gift in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



Trey Finch - May 24, 2015 at 10:06 AM

Heidi  
Tucker

“ *Lit a candle in memory of*



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**Heidi Tucker** - May 24, 2015 at 09:57 AM

Heidi  
Tucker

“ *Lit a candle in memory of*



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**Heidi Tucker** - May 24, 2015 at 09:57 AM

JK

“ *Judy Kirby-Varnadore sent a virtual gift in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Judy Kirby-Varnadore** - May 24, 2015 at 08:33 AM

BT

“ *Brian Thomas lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Brian Thomas** - May 24, 2015 at 08:31 AM

Brenda Reynolds

“ *Brenda Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



Brenda Reynolds - May 24, 2015 at 08:26 AM

LM

“ *Linda Mojsl lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



Linda Mojsl - May 24, 2015 at 08:26 AM

BA

“ *Beverly Angell lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



Beverly Angell - May 24, 2015 at 08:23 AM

SB

“ *Stwphanie Betterton lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



Stwphanie Betterton - May 24, 2015 at 08:22 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

*Jeff, Stephanie and Dylan Betterton*

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**Stwphanie Betterton** - May 24, 2015 at 08:21 AM

TD

“ What a sweet little fella. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.



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**Teresa David** - May 24, 2015 at 08:14 AM

AN

“ Anonymous lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



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**anonymous** - May 24, 2015 at 08:12 AM

FT

“ Faith Tucker lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk



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**Faith Tucker** - May 24, 2015 at 08:06 AM

Mike  
Castro

“ *Miss you Dante*



Mike Castro - May 24, 2015 at 08:04 AM



“ *Cheryl James lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



Cheryl James - May 24, 2015 at 07:40 AM

JM

“ *You are in our prayers. Dante was a very special young man and his strength and smile would always capture your heart.*



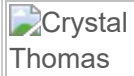
John and Vicky Martin - May 24, 2015 at 06:41 AM

LD

“ *You have your wings Go fly high. praying for the family.*  
*Linda Dalton*  
*Gretna. Va.*



linda Dalton - May 24, 2015 at 06:17 AM

 Crystal Thomas

“ *Crystal Thomas lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Crystal Thomas** - May 24, 2015 at 05:54 AM

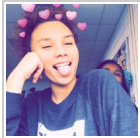
**BJ**

“ *Brenda Jamerson lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Brenda Jamerson** - May 24, 2015 at 05:40 AM



“ *Brionna Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Brionna Hubbard** - May 23, 2015 at 11:02 PM

**TB**

“ *Teri Belinski lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Teri Belinski** - May 23, 2015 at 10:43 PM



“ *Marlo Henderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Marlo Henderson** - May 23, 2015 at 10:20 PM



“ *Lydia Jane Bragg lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Lydia Jane Bragg** - May 23, 2015 at 10:05 PM



“ *Crystal Jennings lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Crystal Jennings** - May 23, 2015 at 09:43 PM



“ *Anne Harrison lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Anne Harrison** - May 23, 2015 at 09:04 PM

RS

“*Rose Saunders lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*”



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**Rose Saunders** - May 23, 2015 at 08:36 PM

CW

“*Carroll And Gwenda Willard lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*”



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**Carroll and Gwenda Willard** - May 23, 2015 at 07:47 PM

CB

“*Cynthia Brooks lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*”



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**Cynthia Brooks** - May 23, 2015 at 07:19 PM

RS

“*Robin Scruggs lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*”



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**Robin Scruggs** - May 23, 2015 at 06:49 PM

ES

“ *Etta Rorer Skinnell lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Etta Rorer Skinnell** - May 23, 2015 at 03:51 PM

JA

“ *Jennifer Andrews lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Jennifer Andrews** - May 23, 2015 at 03:18 PM

EC

“ *Ellyn Cox lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Ellyn Cox** - May 23, 2015 at 03:04 PM

RW

“ *Ralph Woods lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Ralph Woods** - May 23, 2015 at 02:26 PM

SL

“ *Sheila And James Little lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Sheila and James Little** - May 23, 2015 at 12:31 PM

SM

“ *Summer Martinez lit a candle in memory of Dante Alexander Erk*



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**Summer Martinez** - May 23, 2015 at 11:01 AM