

Noah Davis's Dia de los Muertos Altar – Mattie Rhodes Art Gallery

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1. Noah's Baby Blanket: a gift from his Godmother.
2. White flowers are symbolic of the purity of children.
3. Yellow and purple paper chain represents the interlocking of birth and death.
4. The red curtains that hung in Noah's Cars-themed room.
5. Very important – a photo of the deceased. In this photo, Noah was dressed as a police officer, which he always wanted to be when he grew up.
6. Behind his photo is one of the prayer blankets we got in the hospital.
7. The memory card made by the Midwest Transplant Network. Noah donated two kidneys.
8. The board game "Sorry" – Noah's favorite. He always won!
9. A wedding photo of Noah's grandmother, who died 6 months before him.
10. A lock of Noah's hair
11. Noah loved the movie Cars and especially the Lightning McQueen and Mater characters.
12. A letter Noah wrote to his mom
13. The certificate declaring Noah an honorary police officer with the Shawnee Police Department
14. The Medal of Valor, awarded to Noah for bravery in the line of duty and for saving lives through organ donation.
15. Offering of water and Noah's favorite food: a peanut butter sandwich made with gluten-free waffles (not pictured). Of course served on his favorite monkey plate.

16. Certificate of appreciation for Noah's organ donations.
17. Noah's Kindergarten school picture, the last car his mom ever bought him and a medal from the Midwest Transplant Network, proclaiming his heroism for donating his organs.
18. Noah's favorite "lovey" a bunny named Suzy. Mom made a shirt for her because he thought she seemed "naked." 😊
19. Noah drew the funniest, cutest pictures of cats. This is an enlarged version of one of his drawings.
20. "Charlie Chick," one of Noah's favorite books.
21. One of Noah's shoes
22. Noah's favorite t-shirt, featuring Lightning McQueen.
23. The back of Noah's memory card: a list of "Noah-isms" compiled by his big sister, Zoë.

The yellow flowers, marigolds, have a strong fragrance that is supposed to help the spirit find their way back.