

THE PROGRESSION OF NIEMANN-PICK DISEASE

# Adam Michael Ward

1/13/90 - 6/4/00 NPC



**Three Months Old**  
First "official" portrait



**Two Years Old**  
Bike riding is a favorite pastime



**Three Years Old**  
Speech difficult to understand



**Four Years Old**  
Speech therapy prescribed,  
balance affected,  
arm broken in fall from bike



**Four Years Old**  
Excels at creating designs with  
blocks but has learning difficulties in  
pre-school



**With Two Year Old Sister**



**Six Years Old**

Gross and fine motor skills suffer, occasional incontinence, cannot keep up in kindergarten, hospitalized after grand mal seizure, diagnosed with Niemann-Pick Type C



**Seven Years Old**

Adjusts well to placement in special ed, vertical gaze problem apparent, speaking tapers off



**Seven Years Old**

Falls increase in frequency & severity, seizures increase



**Eight Years Old**

Walks only with assistance, attention drifts, no longer speaks, begins having difficulty swallowing, supplementary feeding through stomach tube required



**Nine Years Old**

Wheelchair-bound, unable to swallow, fed totally through stomach tube, completely incontinent, arm strength/control diminishing

**Adam passed away  
on June 4, 2000  
at the age  
of 10 years**