

Luca's story

It was the darkest time of their lives, but with the help of Acorns, parents Tony and Zoe created a lifetime of memories with their little boy Luca before he died peacefully asleep in their arms.

Luca was a year old when he was diagnosed with Tay-Sachs disease, a rare inherited condition that stops the nerves from working properly and has no cure.

Our specialist care teams helped the family focus on what mattered most, supporting them to create countless precious memories together.

Zoe explains: "In the middle of the night, the nurses that were tending to him said, 'why don't you get him into bed with you'. I'm really grateful they did that, just gently telling us without us realising, 'this is it, hold him tight'. We were with him when he took his last breath. He died in our arms."

“We have so many happy memories connected to Acorns. It was a big part of our life, even though it was for a very short time. I think if people understood what Acorns is really about, and how it's not scary at all, it might encourage more people to access the services.”

- Luca's mum, Zoe

