



## Devrim Omar Topal

November 8, 1990 - August 24, 2024

Devrim Omar Topal, 33, passed away peacefully and surrounded by love on August 24, 2024.

Cherished son of Fikret “Figo” Topal and Maria Dolores “Emina” Cedillo, adored older brother of Evrim Topal, and faithful companion of the late Zorro (aka “Toti”) the shaggy black dog.

Devrim was a happy person engulfed in love, care, and kindness. Devrim lived with an extremely rare non-hereditary form of muscular dystrophy and was cognitively impaired due to a nuchal cord birth. Despite the physical and developmental issues that would rear their heads, Devrim was always cheerful and optimistic. Even in his last few months of life as he was hospitalized in Northwestern Memorial Hospital, he would always give his family a thumbs up and say he was "Good!" He was known for having a smile on his face wherever he went and cemented his memory in this world as an angel in human form.

Devrim was a fixture in his parents’ dry cleaning and tailor business, Devrim Cleaners, in Rockwell Gardens (formerly of Southport Corridor). He was a popular figure in the neighborhood as he and his father would often take lengthy walks for physical therapy with their dog, Zorro. He often remembered people by the nicknames he would give them and loved when people would

stop to say hello to him. Although Devrim had a limited vocabulary of a few hundred words, he spoke English, Spanish, and Turkish. He was a passionate artist and a lover of classic and progressive rock music. He and his mamá could often be heard playing Camel, E.L.O, Jethro Tull, and Marillion in the back of the shop.

Friends and family are gathering at 11am (eulogies begin 12noon) on Friday, November 8 (Devrim's 34th birthday) at Rockwell's Neighborhood Grill, 4632 N Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60625.

Contributions may be made to the family to offset final expenses at <https://gofund.me/c29ba5ec> or to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, <https://www.mda.org/>.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or [www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com](http://www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Rockwell's Neighborhood Grill  
4632 N Rockwell Street  
Chicago, IL 60625  
<https://www.rockwellschicago.com/>

*11am doors open 12noon eulogies 1-3pm reception*

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Devrim Omar Topal.

November 06, 2024 at 11:02 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Devrim Omar Topal.



November 06, 2024 at 11:02 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Devrim's passing. The moving image of Figo and Devrim going on their neighborhood walks remains permanently engrained in our memory. Figo and his family's unrelenting determination to take care of Devrim with little outside help and regardless of circumstances is an example to us all. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Tim & Kendra Murray

Tim Murray - September 04, 2024 at 10:44 AM

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“ *Devrim was a sweet, funny kid with enormous, unfair challenges. Team Topal: you stepped up day after day, pushing thru pain and darkness to make space for those bright, shiny moments with him. Thanks for your strength, and for sharing your son & brother with us :)*



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**Scott, K & Faye** - August 30, 2024 at 12:40 PM

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*Signed Scott, K and Faye*

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**Scott K and Faye** - August 30, 2024 at 12:43 PM