

## Maverick

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## **MAVERICK'S STORY**

Maverick's mother was pregnant with triplets, but the unthinkable happened. Maverick was the only child to survive. He had to be delivered at just 25 weeks.

Maverick spent 16 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at his delivery hospital until he was diagnosed with conditions that require surgery. His parents, Shane and Jason, decided to have him transferred to Nemours. At the time of his transfer, he was not breathing on his own.

Over the next three months at Nemours, Maverick had two surgeries and battled several other medical conditions. Despite the difficulties of having a baby in the NICU, Shane fondly recalls bonding with the nurses on Maverick's care team and feeling fully included in decision-making.

Nurses would often stay late and doctors would stop in to visit Maverick on their personal time. In fact, members of Maverick's care team still keep in touch — a few even went to his first birthday party. According to Shane, "Maverick wouldn't be here without Nemours."

After a total of 105 days in the hospital, Maverick went home. Today, he is a happy toddler who loves *Paw Patrol* and *Baby Shark*. His favorite toys are his cars and trucks, and he loves being in the water.

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