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Template for Grandparent(s) of Child(ren) Who Died From 2-Methylacyl-CoA racemase Deficiency (AMACRD)

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OUR/MY GRANDDAUGHTER/SON lived for _____ MONTHS/YEARS with a peroxisomal disorder called, 2-Methylacyl-CoA racemase Deficiency (AMACRD). TELL 1-3 SENTENCES ABOUT YOUR GRANDCHILD.

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Adult Warrior Op-Ed Templates for Pause with the GFPD 2025

Instructions:

- Choose an Op-Ed template that matches the type of peroxisomal disorder you have
- Copy it into your own document and customize it.
- Submit it to your local newspaper (usually via their website).
- Notify GFPD when it runs by emailing Katie at katie@thegfpd.org and/or Margaret at margaret@mcrbranding.com.

Glossary of Terms:

- **PBD-ZSD** = Peroxisomal Biogenesis Disorder – Zellweger Syndrome Disorder (this includes the historically described Zellweger's, NALD, IRD, and Heimler)
- **DBPD** = D-Bifunctional Protein Deficiency
- **ACOX** = Acyl-CoA Oxidase Deficiency
- **AMACRD** = 2-Methylacyl-CoA racemase Deficiency

Templates Available:

Template for an Adult Living with a
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