

Technoblade, Minecraft YouTuber Watched By Millions, Dead At 23

In just under a decade, Technoblade amassed nearly 11 million YouTube subscribers and 3.7 million Twitter followers as he shared his passion for Minecraft, a videogame where users can build virtual worlds out of blocks and create their own storylines. He went public with his cancer diagnosis back in August 2021, telling his followers during a video of himself playing the game that he sought medical help after experiencing pain in his arm that he initially believed was repetitive stress injury from gaming. His father said that Technoblade sent his final message eight hours before his death. Technoblade's father, holding back tears, said that his son was "the most amazing child" anyone could ask for. He added: "I miss Technoblade."

Technoblade's father shared the sad news with subscribers to his channel.

Technoblade's family released a statement saying that Technoblade had been through a lot as he battled stage 4 cancer. The video has been viewed more 19 million times. But he didn't complain, and kept using his famous strategic mind to try to beat what he knew were almost impossible odds. My son's bravery on this path was a shining lesson to all of us who were privileged to walk it with him. We are grateful that you shared his journey and did the work he loved for his beloved followers. HOMESHARE Fans, celebrities, and fellow gamers have left countless tributes on social media. YouTuber Ted Nivison called him "Effortlessly hilarious." Endlessly talented. Gone too quickly. Rest easy, Technoblade." TommyInnit, another popular YouTuber wrote on Twitter: "Technoblade's a f**king Legend. From being a massive fan, to one of his actual friends, I can't describe how thankful I am to have been in his life. I know he's planning in heaven how to defeat God. Sarcoma Foundation of America released a statement to CNN in which it paid tribute to Technoblade and offered its condolences.

Brandi Fleiser, CEO of this charity, stated in the statement: "Technoblade rallied its supporters to raise over \$500,000 so far to support sarcoma researchers. This allowed SFA to provide research grants in Technoblade's name. These efforts have left a legacy that will be passed on to future generations. Fleiser said that Technoblade will be recognized with the organization's Courage Award, an annual honor given to individuals who inspire others "to create hope and a better life for the sarcoma community" later this year.