

IN LOVING MEMORY

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Pip was Lucy's first pet, a small brown rabbit who came home in a cardboard box in the spring of 2020 and taught a six-year-old how to be gentle. He was patient with small hands, forgiving of clumsy cuddles, and endlessly interested in whatever was going on.

He had the run of the garden on summer evenings, where he would dash in mad circles for the pure joy of it, then flop over on his side in the grass as though he had never moved. He loved parsley, the top of a dandelion, and being read to, or at least he never objected.

He died gently in the autumn, four years old, held by the little girl who loved him first. For a small animal, he leaves a very large space. He was a good first pet, and he was very much part of the family.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Goodbye, Pip

Mark Brennan · 20 July 2026

Pip, Lucy's rabbit and our family's first pet, died gently at home on 20 September, held by the little girl who loved him first. He was four, and he was very much part of the family. Thank you for the kind words. If you have a memory of him, please add it here.

MEMORY

He let me read to him

Lucy Brennan · 20 July 2026

I used to read Pip my school books and he would sit still and listen, or eat the corner of the page. He was my best friend and he was very soft. I will miss him forever.

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The garden zoomies

Mark Brennan · 20 July 2026

On summer evenings we would let Pip out on the lawn and he would tear around in circles, ears flat, for no reason at all, then flop over as if exhausted. We called it his happy dance. The garden is too quiet now.

MEMORY

Teaching gentle hands

Mark Brennan · 20 July 2026

Pip taught our daughter how to be gentle with something smaller than herself. She learned patience from a rabbit. Not a bad first teacher, as it turns out.

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