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HAMILTON — He was barely a year old. A blonde-haired, chubby cheeked toddler with bright blue eyes.

“He was a precious little boy. Special. A good boy,” Michelle Truett said of her son, Aidan.

Aidan died in November. It was a freak accident, and a heart-wrenching reminder of how a common household item can become a parent’s worst nightmare.

The problems started in mid-November, just weeks after his first birthday. Truett said Aidan wasn’t able to keep food down.

“We took him to the pediatrician,” said the Hamilton mother. “They thought he had some kind of viral (problem).”

They took him back the next day, worried that he had swallowed something. Doctors x-rayed his stomach and found nothing. The went to another doctor for a second opinion. Same diagnosis.

“We said he’s not getting better. He’s getting worse,” Truett