



Kwang Woong "Nick" Kim

February 2, 1987 - February 14, 2023

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On February 14, 2023, Kwang Woong (Nick) Kim, age 36, died unexpectedly in Minneapolis, MN.

Nick is survived by his wife Sarah Kim; his children, Otto Kim and Lewis Kim; and his sisters Ho Jung Kim, Min Jung Kim, and father Daeyoon Kim of Seoul, Korea. He was preceded in death by his mother Keum Sook Kim.

As a child, Nick moved to the northeast United States with his mother and aunts where he picked up his devotion to all Boston sports teams (Patriots, Red Sox, Bruins and Celtics). Nick attended Virginia Tech University where he was in the Corps of Cadets and fraternity KDR. While in college, Nick sometimes worked at his aunt's restaurant in Northern, VA located down the street from where Sarah lived while she completed residency (Sarah and Nick have often wondered if they crossed paths here prior to their first meeting). Nick went on to graduate from Virginia Tech where he took with him the cherished friendships that remained a constant presence in his life.

After college he was first stationed at Fairchild Air Force base in Spokane, Washington, it was here that Nick and Sarah crossed paths at an officer all-call - their lives quickly became joined. They eventually were stationed together in San Antonio, TX and they welcomed their first son, Otto. Nick embraced fatherhood assuming the role of primary caregiver all while completing his MBA. Nick and Sarah eventually relocated to Minnesota where they welcomed their second son Lewis.

As a family of 4 they shared fond memories of camping in MN, visiting the North Shore, traveling around the US, a trip to London along with multiple trips to Korea to visit Nick's family.

An extrovert by nature, Nick loved to host friends and family while ensuring everyone felt included. He loved cooking and was proud of his Korean heritage sharing it often through food.

The sudden loss of Nick has left an indescribable hole in the lives of all who were lucky enough to know him. Friends and family will hold the memories they were able to make with Nick in their hearts as a testament to a life cut painfully too short while still well-lived.

A memorial service is scheduled for February 24 at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church at 1pm.

Nick's honorable service in the United States Air Force from 2010 - 2014 achieving the rank of Captain and award of Air Force Commendation Medal will be honored with his interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on February 27 at 10am, assembly lane #4. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Otto and Lewis's college funds.

Ugift529.com:

Otto code: 37J-256

Lewis code: A9G-797

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Church Service

FEB **24**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)
5025 Knox Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Tribute Wall

CW

“ I met Nick in San Antonio through the Air Force, and will always remember him for his humor and outgoing nature. When he wasn't cracking jokes, he was always ready to pitch in and help someone in need. I'm saddened to hear about his passing, and deeply sorry to Sarah and family for their loss.

Clint W - May 05, 2023 at 11:32 AM

JG

“ I very fondly remember working alongside Nick at Hennepin County, whom brought tremendous energy to the office. Nick always made things interesting getting to know him through chatting about our families, parenthood, sports, cuisine, travel or our military experiences. I feel very fortunate to have also been invited (with my wife and children) into his home and have met his lovely family a few years ago. Nick was a tremendous cook and gracious host. Most importantly, he was a very proud and caring father to Lewis and Otto. We lost a great one, he will be deeply missed by many.

- Jason Gottfried

Jason Gottfried - March 03, 2023 at 02:24 PM

KM

“ Nick was a pleasure to work with at Hennepin County! He was responsive, friendly and provided high-quality work - and most importantly Nick was an all-around good person to be around, exuding positivity.

Kristy Morter - February 27, 2023 at 10:25 AM

FH

“ This is heartbreaking news. I met Nick in high school and just remember him being a ball of energy. He was gregarious, loved his sports (especially the Boston teams), was always in for a joke, and oozed personality. We lost touch over the years, but he left a mark on me and, surely, on many others who had the privilege of knowing him. To Sarah, Otto, Lewis, and the extended family - I am deeply sorry for your loss. I hope you find comfort in this difficult time, and always know that you are loved.

Frank Hagan-Brown - February 26, 2023 at 11:17 PM

RG

“ So sorry to hear of this terrible news. I have great memories of Nick from high school, from playing backyard football and video games, to sharing lunches together. We shared a love of New England sports and celebrated the Red Sox breaking the curse and Pats Super Bowl wins. To Sarah, Otto and Lewis, your husband/dad was truly a great and loyal friend. He will always be with you. My prayers and deepest sympathies for Nick and your family.

Ryan Girard - February 26, 2023 at 07:33 PM

IP

“ Sarah, the story of how you and Nick first met makes me smile every time I think of it!

irene patrek - February 24, 2023 at 01:39 PM

TM

“ Nick was a kind, positive, talented colleague who always was willing to help. He had a great sense of humor and an easy-going demeanor. He was humble and never bragged about his achievements, although it is clear that he accomplished so much in his time here. To Sarah, I am so sorry for your loss. To Otto and Lewis, may you always know that you had a wonderful dad, and he will always be a part of you, in your heart, wherever you go.

Tom Musick - February 24, 2023 at 11:18 AM

CC

“ Nick was an outstanding part of the small-but-mighty team supporting county transportation communications. When I would ask who on my team could help with something, Nick was always quick to respond that he could do it. Everything new we put in front of him, he put his maximum effort toward. He was proud of his sports teams and his family. He also developed great relationships with those he worked with -- which I would see most frequently in his relationships with transportation staff. This was the sliver of the many parts of Nick's life that I saw. It is heartwarming to read so much more about him. He will be missed in so many ways. Sending my love to his family.

Colin Cox - February 24, 2023 at 09:51 AM

JU

“ Co-worker Nick was a joy to be around. So fun, interesting, warm, giving. He will be missed. Sending sympathies to his family and friends. Julie G.

Julie - February 24, 2023 at 09:38 AM

JS

“*Nick was a great guy. I really enjoyed working with him at Hennepin County. He will be missed. So sorry for your loss.*”

Jason S - February 23, 2023 at 08:16 PM