



# Nicholas Charles Oftelie

October 29, 1984 - April 16, 2025

Nico

Nicholas Charles Oftelie aka Crocodile Grin, words and song lyrics came so freely to you, but they fail us now to express our immense love and tremendous heartbreak at this time.

Nicholas Charles Oftelie was born on Oct 29th to his parents Juanita Garcia and Robert Oftelie in the town of Grand Rapids, MN, and left us on April 15th, 2025. Nico resided in Robbinsdale, MN and leaves behind both parents; his three siblings Antonio Oftelie, Nathan Oftelie, and Erica Garcia-Jones; and his six nephews Michael Rimnac, DeCarlos Garcia, Antonio Jones, Mateo Jones, Hunter Oftelie, and Noah Oftelie.

Nico was a talented, caring, loving, empathetic, hilarious, self-less person. A legend. Nico graced us with 40.5 years, 14,706 days to be exact, and left us on Tuesday evening, April 15th. It was more time than this earth deserved with a human like Nico, but we'd all give anything for just one more day with him.

Celebration of him and his life on May 3rd with more details to come. It will be very "Nico centric". We'd love for you all to share your happiest memories and moments with Nico and make it the event HE would want. There of course will

be music and there of course will be a mic, so let's make him "proud as a peacock". I know he will be there with us all.

For those who've known Nico, you know there are no words to do enough justice. He cared for everyone, he NEVER left without an "I love you", no matter what he was personally facing he felt YOU, what YOU were going through, building others up, putting everyone above himself. He loved like no one I've ever known. He expressed so much through his music that we've all loved, enjoyed, appreciated. He will live on forever through all of us.

Nico and his family all believed that a happy life starts with a happy home. While flowers and memorials are deeply appreciated by the family, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to The Alexandra House to support families in need of safe housing <https://www.alexandrahouse.org/donate/>

# Tribute Wall

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*Float on, Nico.*

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**Christopher Boyd** - April 22, 2025 at 11:57 AM

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“ I remember meeting Nick at Hosterman when we were in middle school. We would have sleepovers at Juanita's house in New Hope all the time. I'll never forget the time she took us out to Lilydale to check out the caves by the river in her "banana boat" car as Nick described it. We were definitely little trouble makers in school but it was always out of fun skipping class and pulling pranks on teachers. We kept in touch over the years but it was always him calling from a new number updating me on his life adventures or sometimes problems. He was always honest and never held anything back which I admire about him. I will always remember him as the funny, caring, kid who I first met in middle school. It saddens me to write this knowing that this is the end to those update's and I'm left with the just memories we made as kids. My condolences go out to his entire family and friends he leaves behind. Nick is truly a special person who is loved and will be deeply missed and most importantly never forgotten.

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**Michael Kerner** - April 21, 2025 at 07:23 AM

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**Christopher Boyd** - April 21, 2025 at 05:56 PM