



Nicholas Lee Van Geest

December 6, 1980 - May 14, 2024

Nicholas Lee Van Geest, age 43, came into this world on December 6th, 1980 (St. Nicholas' Day in fact) as the first born and only son to Randall Dale Van Geest and Kristen Lee Bjorklund as well as the very first grandchild on both sides of the family. Despite a difficult childhood, "first" is something Nick worked to achieve in everything he did. Whether it was academics, sports, speech, theater, gaming, or music, there wasn't anything that Nick couldn't excel at when he put his mind and heart into it. Nick had an outgoing and charismatic personality that lit up any room he entered and his bright smile, quick wit, and contagious laughter was obvious to everyone who knew him. He cared deeply, loved being the center of attention, and could befriend anyone. Nick thoroughly enjoyed cheering on his MN sports teams, watching wrestling, playing games with friends and family, listening to a wide range of music, going to various fairs (especially the state fair!), and he was a movie fanatic.

In 2000, Nick graduated from Rush City High School and pursued a broadcasting degree for his first and only year of college. Throughout his life, Nick worked a variety of jobs that he was proud of and consistently looked to be a bright spot of encouragement in the lives of many others. He always desired to be a hard worker as well as to have a family of his own and in 2003, Nick met Rhonda Vesledahl, the love of his life, and 5 years later they welcomed their only child into the world. Hannah Noelle Van Geest was born

on January 5th, 2008 and she was her father's pride and joy.

Intertwined with all the beautiful moments he enjoyed, Nick struggled throughout his lifetime with a wide variation of health complications and passed away peacefully at his home in the early morning hours of Monday May 13th, 2024. He is missed beyond measure already.

Nicholas leaves behind his significant other, Rhonda as well as his daughter Hannah. He is also survived by his father, Randy Van Geest and his only sibling Katherine (Katie Van Geest) Sommerfeld as well as her husband Paul and their son Blake. Nick also leaves behind countless aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Nick is preceded in death by his mother, Kristen Bjorklund, as well as both sets of his grandparents, all whom he loved and missed very much. A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 24th at 11:00 AM with an hour visitation prior at: Washburn-McReavy, Hillside Chapel, 2610 19th Ave. N.E. Minneapolis, MN 55418.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Celebration of Life

MAY **24.** 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ Sympathy and condolences to the loss of Nicholas. I never met him as I have been distanced and somewhat estranged from both sides of my families, but do pay attention to some of those things that go on in others lives. Randy is my first cousin on my dad's side and I wish him and everyone faith, love and hope even in these the hardest of times. Love from afar. Rick Van Geest...

Rick Van Geest - May 24, 2024 at 09:27 AM

KS

Thank you Rick! Love, Katie (Nick's "little" sister)

Kate Sommerfeld - June 06, 2024 at 04:52 PM

SC

“ Rhonda and Hannah, we are so sorry for your loss. We will all miss Nick and will always be here when ever you need us.
Love, Shelly, Shannon, Shaun, Shae and Coach❤️

shelly crawford - May 23, 2024 at 10:22 PM

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“ The Lindstrom Family (TLCLD+5) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas Lee Van Geest.

The Lindstrom Family (TLCLD+5) - May 22, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nicholas Lee Van Geest.



May 22, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ Varitronics planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas Lee Van Geest.

Varitronics - May 22, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nicholas Lee Van Geest.



May 22, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“ The Chandler Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Nicholas Lee Van Geest.



The Chandler Family - May 21, 2024 at 12:48 PM

DL

“ Nick had a smile that would light up the room. He loved his family and friends, fiercely and could always make you laugh. My heart is breaking. I will love and miss him always

DeeAnn Lundberg - May 18, 2024 at 11:05 AM

DV

“ I remember when he was young I would taken him driving 🚗 and smoked cigarettes and talk about stuff and have a good time 🕒 together I was his favorite uncle

Duane Vangeest - May 18, 2024 at 06:02 AM