



## Niles Jeffrey Randolph

March 21, 1978 - March 28, 2019

Niles Jeffrey Randolph was a loving husband and father, a beloved son and brother. To know him was to love him. All the love in the world could not overcome the depression that took his life on March 28th, 2019. But his 41 years with us will be defined by his love of family, his fun-loving spirit, his dreams and his moxie.

Born and raised in Rochester, MN, Niles was a Midwestern boy at heart. He wrote for the school paper, took his Voice of Democracy essay to D.C., impersonated Elvis and was voted Homecoming King. After high school he took his guitar to the University of St. Thomas and then on to New York City, where he started his career in journalism with the Wall Street Journal. After 9/11 he came back and earned his MBA at the Carlson School of Management at the U of M. Tragedy had taught him what really mattered, and he returned home to start a family of his own. He knew what he wanted in life, and he found it when he met his wife Tara.

Tara and Niles started their life together with their cat, Midas, in 2009 and the family grew quickly when son Liam (almost 7) was followed by twins Scarlett and Quinn (just turned 5). Their home was filled with the sound of music and laughter. The space for Niles to hang his guitar in their living room was seldom occupied. Niles had many talents and he loved to share them, teaching his kids soccer and chess, and making music with friends and family. The

memories he made and the photos he took reflect the way he saw us: as loved and worthy of love.

Until his recent illness, Niles found joy in life and work, always eager for new experiences (and to see what he could get away with). He channeled his creativity into a career in marketing with Best Buy and most recently Carlson Wagonlit Travel. He was the guy who made the newbie feel at home. He loved team sports and was a lifelong Vikings fan — always a dreamer.

We remember Niles smiling and laughing and doing it all at once: playing dress-up with his daughters and light sabers with his son, with his guitar and possibly a frisbee always within reach. Kept close in the hearts of wife Tara, son Liam, daughters Scarlett and Quinn, parents Betty and Jack, older brother Alex, younger brother Jon and his wife Jinhee and their son Edwin, his uncles and aunts and cousins. May the force be with you, Niles.

Funeral service Friday, April 5, 11:00 AM, Saint Michaels Lutheran Church, 9201 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington. Visitation one-hour prior to the service. Private family interment. Memorials preferred to the family or NAMI.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Michaels Lutheran  
9201 Normandale Blvd.  
Bloomington, MN 55437

## Church Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I would like to offer my deepest condolences to the entire Randolph family. Niles was one of my good friends during my teenage years in Rochester, and despite the distance and years that have past since I last spoke with him, the priceless memories are still with me today. I will always cherish our conversations about classic rock, The Bricks and Minnesota sports teams, over our numerous games of ping pong. I miss you my friend and hope that you are resting peacefully.

-Esteban Rakela

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**Esteban J Rakela** - April 04, 2019 at 02:20 PM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Niles Jeffrey Randolph.



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April 03, 2019 at 09:21 PM

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“ I did not know Niles but reading his obituary broke my heart. What a wonderful young man gone way too soon. My sympathy to his friends and family.

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**Peggy** - April 03, 2019 at 12:38 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Niles Jeffrey Randolph.* ”



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April 03, 2019 at 11:48 AM