



Joseph Louis Nielson

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Lakeview-Joseph Louis Nielson, age 53, passed away at his home in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. He was born at Fort Benning, GA on April 14, 1968, the son of Richard and Judith (Moore) Nielson.

He started school in the Fenton area before the family moved to Lakeview where he attended Brockway Christian Academy. He graduated from Lakeview High School in the top 10 of his class of 1986. Joseph continued his education at Ferris State University and Grand Valley State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in accounting.

He was self-employed most of his life as an accountant, chef, and general contractor. Joseph was hard working and passionate, determined to succeed at any project he was working on. He loved cooking, watching movies, playing keyboard, singing, sunshine, and classical music. One of his favorite memories was having a role in the Nutcracker Ballet.

Joseph had a passion for learning about, and making friends from different cultures, namely Cambodia, Iran, and Japan. To this day, he found peace spending time feeding and caring for the horses at his parents' home. Joseph attended Resurrection Life Church in Grandville, where he was a member of the choir.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but in the words of his favorite singer Sarah Brightman song, "Time to Say Goodbye". Joseph is survived by his daughter, Adara Jade Nielson; parents, Richard and Judith of Lakeview; brother, Joshua L. Nielson of Los Angeles, CA; sister, Holly K. (Andrew) Paris of Canadian Lakes; and niece, Liliana Nielson of Grand Rapids.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Clyde and Ardeth Moore and Louis and Margaret Nielson; and by his beloved friend, Seth Khem. A private graveside service will take place at Altona Cemetery. Condolences to the family may be made by utilizing the guestbook at www.brighamfuneralchapel.com



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SH

Shelly posted:

I knew Joseph in the late 80s. He changed my life.

November 5 at 8:00 PM

MA

Michele Alexander posted:

So sad.....

April 28 at 8:00 PM

CP

Cathleen M Padden posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Joe's passing! It's been years since we've seen him but we always remember him fondly! Praying for peace for Rich, Judy and the entire family 💜💜🙏🕊️

April 26 at 8:00 PM

TS

Tribute Store posted:

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

April 22 at 8:00 PM

TS

Tribute Store shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Josh - Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.



April 20 at 8:00 PM

ML

Maria Larsen lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

My deepest sympathies go out to Joes family. He was truly the great guy described here as I remember. I hadn't seen him since his early days following high school. I'm so sad for his family and my prayers are with them. Hugs and love to Josh and Holly who were closer to my age. ❤️



April 19 at 8:00 PM



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AL

Amy (Shindorf) Liggett posted:

So sorry for your loss.

April 19 at 8:00 PM

JL

Jose Davis-Ledesma lit a candle in honor of Joseph.



April 18 at 8:00 PM

SS

Sahar Seyedin posted:

My condolences to Joseph's family. I was a kid when he became part of our Persian family. I remember how much he loved Persian culture and his yearning to learn more. He will be missed dearly. Sending my love and prayers to his family.

April 18 at 8:00 PM

PK

Polsak Khem posted:

" A great friend is something to be cherished, whether they remain by my side in this life or wait for me in the next." RIP

April 18 at 8:00 PM

LW

Laura West posted:

Hugs and prayers.

April 17 at 8:00 PM

MB

Melanie Benezet posted:

Joseph was a special part of my youth and meeting him opened the door to being a part of the Nielson, Ulrich families. Though he is no longer with us physically he will remain in our hearts forever. Sending love and comforting hugs to the whole family. Melanie

April 17 at 8:00 PM



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CU

Charlene Ulrich lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Joseph was more than a nephew to Jim and me. He was always a big presence in our lives. He was the ring bearer in our wedding at age 3. All through the years he brought laughter into our lives. When he lived with us he loved to be our chef. He painted for us, put beautiful crown molding up in our dining room, and repaired our railing and posts on our front porch. He entertained us with his humor and dancing. Our song is "Until we meet again our beloved nephew."



April 17 at 8:00 PM

TB

The Benzets posted:

"Joseph Nielson" will remain in our hearts forever.

April 17 at 8:00 PM

FU

Frank Underhill posted:

Oh my im so sorry i will be praying for family

April 17 at 8:00 PM

MF

Mathew Fahr posted:

Our sympathy and condolences to all of the Nielson family. We are so sorry for your loss. Joseph Joon was a good friend of mine and honorary member of our Persian family for more than 30 years. I always looked forward to catching up with him each summer when I came back to Grand Rapids so we could get a coffee and he could practice his speaking Farsi. He will be sorely missed. Mathew and entire Fahr Family

April 17 at 8:00 PM

DB

Dan Bradfield posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the Nielson family. Many a good times Joseph. Enjoyed all the barbecues at seth's back in the day. I'm sure he has his famous ribs waiting for you. You always made the outings so fun and interesting. RIP my friend. You will be missed. Dan

April 17 at 8:00 PM



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JW

Jackie Webster posted:

So sorry to hear prayers for his family ❤️

April 16 at 8:00 PM

CT

Cory Taylor lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

So sorry to learn of Joe's passing. Sending prayers for the whole family. 🥺🙏



April 16 at 8:00 PM

NR

Nancy Reed posted:

Sorry for the loss, praying for the family

April 16 at 8:00 PM

JD

James Driscoll posted:

Our whole family loved Joseph and, although we hadn't seen him in years, we are so saddened by his passing. We met Joseph in the 80's when we attended First Assembly of God on 44th St. He was friends with our children that were in the the band Nectar. He was the sweetest person we ever met. We love and miss you dear Joseph. RIP. The Driscoll's.

April 16 at 8:00 PM

ZH

Zach Holmes posted:

Praying for his family ❤️

April 16 at 8:00 PM

LB

Luanne Minix Beardslee posted:

Oh my gosh. This saddens my heart. Praying for all. Love you 🥺🙏❤️❤️

April 16 at 8:00 PM



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PO

Pauline O'Brien posted:

My Heart goes out to his Family...

April 15 at 8:00 PM

LK

Linda Keeler posted:

In my prayers 🙏🙏🙏 to his family and friends

April 15 at 8:00 PM

AL

Alice posted:

Joe always had an amazing smile and he made accounting class fun in high school. He was one of the kindest people I knew.

April 15 at 8:00 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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