



# Todd Lynn Nielsen

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Lakeview-Todd Lynn Nielsen, age 61, of Blanchard, passed away surrounded by his family on September 14, 2019 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus in Grand Rapids. He was born on December 28, 1957 in Lakeview, the son of Jerome and Vera (Williams) Nielsen. He was raised in Lakeview and graduated from Lakeview High School with the class of 1977.

Todd married his high school sweetheart, Janet Hall, and they spent over 40 years together before her passing in April of this year. He worked his whole life as a sales representative for Tipton, Mississippi Valley Stihl, and MJ Miller Combined Companies, which took them to Iowa for fifteen years and then back to Michigan.

Todd was a dedicated father who was always there for his children and grandchildren. He was a "people person" and had a good sense of humor. He enjoyed playing guitar, golfing, going to the casino and spending time at Wolf Lake in Baldwin with family.

Todd is survived by his children, Julie (Steven) Snyder of Six Lakes, Eva (Brett) Spedoske-Campbell of Shepherd, Jared Nielsen of Stanton and Alex (Meggan) Ballard-Nielsen of Blanchard; ten grandchildren, Bailey, Robert, Carlee, Laila, Jack, Laine, Henry, Spencer, Gracie and Brody; his mother, Vera Nielsen of Lakeview; 2 sisters, Andrea Sue Nielsen of Mt. Pleasant and Toni Rae Sergeant of Portage; his dog, aka: "Kitty Kitty" or "Scooch" and several nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his lifelong companion, Janet Nielsen in 2019; and his father, Jerome Nielsen in 2001. A celebration of Todd's life will be Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM at the Brigham Funeral Chapel in Lakeview, MI. A banquet will be open to all through the entire event.

Those wishing to contribute in Todd's memory are asked to consider the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDRF). Condolences to the family may be made utilizing the guestbook at



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# Tribute Wall

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November 17 at 2:01 PM



**Alex Nielsen** posted:

Still remain in my thoughts daily.. Gone, but very alive in my heart. I miss everything that my father is to me. The loss of a father is life changing but is multiplied with the loss of a best friend. So many life lessons gifted to me in your short time here with me, I only wish you and mom had more time to live out your dreams.

May 8 at 8:00 PM



**Luann Feldman** lit a candle in honor of Todd.

So very sorry to hear of Todd's passing. I remember him as the younger brother of my friend Andy and that he had the best "boy" toys a girl would ever want to play with - race cars and dump trucks! Sounds like he had a great life. It just ended too soon. God bless all of you. Luann Raglin Feldman



September 25 at 8:00 PM



**Regan Fader** posted:

First and last road trip! I think it was October of 2014 (might have been 2016), just before that December when the health issues set in. Todd picked me up at the shop and we headed to Michigan City to pick up an air compressor and get the plant tour. On the way back (lunchtime) we stopped in at Four Winds for "lunch"! After a bite to eat we looked around for just the right slot machines-found them! Some sort of Egyptian sphinx machine (I never would have picked it), but Todd 'had a feeling', and he wasn't wrong! Then back on the road to Kalamazoo. \$20 richer!!! To Todd's children: Your dad was the best. Miss him, love him, keep talking to him...He's there for you within your soul. My most sincere condolences, Regan Fader (Fader Equipment, Kalamazoo)

September 20 at 8:00 PM



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BJ

**Bruce Jones** posted:

Many great memories of Todd. All the lunches, & dinners we attended. He has been a big part in helping our business succeed over the years. My wife, always liked the "bling" she got from him at the hospitality suites we attended at conventions. RIP Todd, you will be missed. Bruce Jones Allied Equipment Rental

September 20 at 8:00 PM

TR

**Toni Rae** posted:

Uncle Todd, the "Boat Master", to Emily Ann. He always made sure she got her boat ride or two, letting her take the wheel and teaching her the joy of "jamming" it and going fast. Emily loves the thrill of a fast boat ride to this day thanks to Uncle Todd. Always one of the first to tell her hello and quick with a tease or joke. Everything a wonderful Uncle should be. You are loved Uncle Rubber Butt!

September 18 at 8:00 PM

CA

**Carolyn** posted:

Vera and Family- I am sorry to see of Todds passing. He would peak his head in and say hi when he was in- always had a smile. Thinking of you all at this sad time. Carolyn

September 17 at 8:00 PM

JH

**Jon Hudson** posted:

Todd will be missed by all of us. A genuine guy with a will of stone. Rest in Peace! Jon Hudson

September 17 at 8:00 PM

GL

**Ginger Laforge** posted:

Todd, so many years of memories, let's just say our teenage years were the best with the best cars. Grandma and Grandpa's, every Sunday family dinners, Wolf Lake. We sure loved you. Julie, Eva, Jared and Alex May God wrap his ever loving arms around you and Comfort you. Aunt Vera, praying God gives you all the strength you need. Love, Ginger

September 16 at 8:00 PM



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AM

**Amber** posted:

I remember loud fireworks, small model planes and tons of laughter. Uncle Todd has a way to make every comment feel comical, it's a sweet trait he passed down to his children.

September 16 at 8:00 PM

EC

**Evamariespedoske@Gmail.Com** posted:

I miss you.

September 16 at 8:00 PM

BE

**Ben** posted:

He was always fun to be around. Golfing with him was a blast!

September 16 at 8:00 PM

AN

**Andrea** posted:

Praying for the Holy Spirit to bind the hearts of Todd's children, grandchildren and our mother with comfort, strength and peace. Gone to soon. Love you Brother.

September 16 at 8:00 PM



## Media

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