



Nicholas J. Kroeger

April 17, 1999 - August 17, 2015

NORFOLK — Services for Nicholas Kroeger, 16, of Norfolk will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church in Norfolk with the Rev. Jacqueline Perry officiating. Internment will be in the Prospect Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at the church. Stonacek Funeral Chapel of Norfolk is in charge of arrangements. He died Monday, Aug. 17, 2015, at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, surrounded by family. Nicholas Jacob Kroeger was born April 17, 1999, son of Mike Kroeger and Jamie Wichman. He was a junior at Norfolk High School and was a member of Grace Community Church and First Congregational United Church of Christ. Nick's passion was riding four-wheelers with his dad and brother since he was three years old. With the help of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Nick was able to continue riding with family and friends despite the battle he had been fighting. A Polaris RZR 1000 joined his family in June 2015, and he never held back. He loved getting the family together for family game nights and barbecues. He also loved to go fishing, and many times he would be the only one to catch anything, even without any bait on his hook. Nick spent a lot of time during his treatments working on Star Wars lego sets to help carry him through each round of chemotherapy. He could quote the entire script of The Benchwarmers movie, laughing along the way. Nick was an animal lover, especially for his pet turtles and cats. Nick enjoyed life, would make others laugh, and he never gave up. Nick is survived by his father, Mike Kroeger of Norfolk; mother Jamie and husband Jim Wichman of Norfolk; brother Nathan Kroeger of Norfolk; sister

Miley Wichman of Norfolk; three stepsiblings, Allen and wife Morgan Wichman of Norfolk, Aaron and wife Torri Wichman of Norfolk and Anna Wichman of Norfolk; niece Aizlynn Wichman, nephews Ryker and Hunter Wichman; grandparents Gene and Bonnie Kroeger, Gayal and Judith Anderson, Ken and Edna Wichman, all of Norfolk; aunts and uncles, Anthony and wife Tracy Anderson of Norfolk, Melanie Kroeger and husband Rodrigo Olivares Yanev of Norfolk, Melissa Kirchner of Olathe, Kan., Matt Kirchner of Olathe, Michelle and husband Lee Indra of Norfolk, Jeanie and Quentin Bauer of Pierce, Dave and wife Rhonda Wichman of Dakota City; cousins Damion, Devon and Brogan Anderson, Kennedy and Skyler Indra, all of Norfolk, Kennedy and Beckett Kirchner of Olathe, Kennedy Wichman of Dakota City, and Nate, Spencer and Nelson Emerson of Pierce; and special friends Jessica Boschen and Darek Kleinschmit. He was preceded in death by his aunt, Jennie Anderson. Casket bearers will be Andrew Armitage, Ronnie Armitage, Barry Freudenburg, Reed Freudenburg, Jason Hledik and Simon Johnson. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the family for the Nick Kroeger Memorial Fund or to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Omaha. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com The family is also asking for attendees to wear their Team Nick shirts or yellow clothing.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church - Norfolk
1408 E Benjamin Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Service

AUG 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church - Norfolk
1408 E Benjamin Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicholas J. Kroeger*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Mike, Our sincere & heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your precious son. We pray for GOD'S peace & comfort as you lean on him for strength & faith in the days, weeks, months ahead. In friendship & caring, Bill & Kathy Studnicka*

Kathy Studnicka - August 22, 2015 at 11:36 PM



“ *I am deeply sorry for your family's loss. I hope you can find some peace during this very difficult time.*

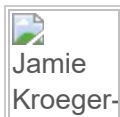


Brian Newton - August 22, 2015 at 08:22 AM



“ *Sending up prayers for Nick and your family! I'll never forget our outing to five guys!! You will always be remembered for your courage, strength and perseverance!! They never run out of Lego sets in Heaven!!!!*

Liz Smilie - August 21, 2015 at 06:00 PM



Thank you Liz. We were so blessed by the entire Madonna staff! Thank you for caring for our boy.

Jamie Kroeger-Wichman - August 30, 2015 at 02:52 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Nicholas J. Kroeger.*



August 21, 2015 at 03:54 PM



“ *My condolences to all of Nick's friends and family. I only knew Nick for the short while he was in my class at NHS but I know that he was liked by everyone that met him and he will be missed!*

Mr. Myers - August 21, 2015 at 11:12 AM



“ *Mike you have our deepest sympathies. He was just too young but I'm sure he will live on forever. God give you strength. Our prayers are with you. John and Suzanne Kaufman*

John and Suzanne Kaufman - August 21, 2015 at 09:30 AM



“ *Jamie and all the Family, we are so heart broken for you. We know, we all have limited time on this earth and our job is to live. It sounds like Nick certainly did and made life more enjoyable for all who shared in his life. We continue you in our prayers.
Lisa and Dan Walters and Family*

Lisa Walters - August 21, 2015 at 08:53 AM

SH

“ Mike, Our paths crossed this March at Nebraska Med Center. It was a brief visit in the hall as our boys were both patients there. You have continually been on my mind since that day. I will continue to pray.

Stacy Hughes - August 21, 2015 at 06:13 AM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Nicholas J. Kroeger.



August 21, 2015 at 04:27 AM

MS

“ Dear Jim & Jamie,
We are so sorry for your loss but so happy for heavens gain!
Much Love and continued prayers to you are your family.
Dan & Mary Speas

Mary Speas - August 21, 2015 at 03:34 AM

BJ

“ I send my heartfelt sympathies to Nick's entire family. I know he was special to so many. I can still remember him falling asleep on my chest when he was barely a week old and wondering what his future might be. Through FB and the prayer chain at First Congo, I have been keeping up with his courageous battle and praying for strength and healing for all of you. Blessings to all <3



*Beth Janelle Rhoades
Tucson, Arizona*

Beth Janelle - August 21, 2015 at 02:45 AM

CS

“ Nick is such a brave kid!!! I am so sorry for your loss. May the Lord be with you and wrap his loving arms around all of the family and friends and every single person that Nick touched in his life!!! The Sparks family.

Charline Sparks - August 20, 2015 at 10:41 PM

NW

“ Our deepest sympathies to you and your family, Mike. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Darin, Nancy, and Megan Wherley

Nancy Wherley - August 20, 2015 at 10:20 PM



“ I was Nick's 8th grade math and math lab teacher, and his smile was always contagious. He had a joy that not many 8th grade students have, and I will never forget his laugh. You were blessed with the 16 years God gave you with him, and I can't imagine the worship and joy God is having with him in heaven. You raised a wonderful, sweet son whose perseverance will inspire this community for years to come. -Ashley Cooper

Ashley Cooper - August 20, 2015 at 10:08 PM



“ So sorry for your family Jamie! I happen to know one Angel child who would have been waiting at the gates of Heaven with arms wide open for Nicholas and ready to show him around.
Dave Bos

Dave Bos - August 20, 2015 at 09:30 PM



Jamie Kroeger-

Thank you Dave... Our boys are together now and I'm sure Landon & Nick will give the angels some serious laughter.

Jamie Kroeger-Wichman - August 30, 2015 at 02:57 AM

DF

“ Dear Mike, Jamie & Nathan, You and your whole family have my deepest sympathy and many prayers at this difficult time and for a long while afterwards.
Lots of Prayers and Hugs. Donna Finkral

Donna Finkral - August 20, 2015 at 07:28 PM

NL

“ *I never knew Nick, but it sounded like he was very loving and kind. May God help you through this time. I'm sorry for your loss. RIP Nick!!!!!!!!!!*



Nathan Leader - August 20, 2015 at 06:32 PM



“ *So sorry. I can't imagine. Prayers.*

Kendall Coleman - August 20, 2015 at 05:14 PM

TS

“ *Dear Family,*

The Lord works in mysterious ways. He definitely has a plan for Nick in Heaven.

Take comfort in knowing that he doesn't have to suffer any more. May God bless and keep you at this trying time in your lives.

Terry and Gloria Spence

Terry and Gloria Spence - August 20, 2015 at 04:47 PM

KO

“ *Aaron and I are lifting up your beautiful family in our prayers. Nick's bravery is an inspiration to EVERYONE and he is a testimony of finding joy and light in the midst pain. Lord Jesus, wrap your loving arms around this family and guide them through this time. We love you and are so sorry for your loss. Prayers and blessings.*

Kaylin Ohler - August 20, 2015 at 04:46 PM

CL

“ Mike, Deepest of sympathies to you and all of Nick's family. I can't know what you are going through, but know that you are not alone and that you are loved by many.

Carole Larson - August 20, 2015 at 10:50 AM

MR

“ Our sympathy to Nick's family. May the good memories you have of Nick help you through this hard time. Jesus is there to walk with you.

Mary & Aldon Roberg - August 19, 2015 at 08:00 PM

WM

“ Bonnie and Gene. So sorry to hear about Nick. He fought a hard battle and is now with the angels. Blessings to you all.

Wendy Morrissey - August 19, 2015 at 05:22 PM

GJ

“ Blessing to Mike & all the family of Nick. No parent should have to lose a child & my heart breaks for you & all the extended family.



Gail Johnson - August 19, 2015 at 09:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nicholas J. Kroeger.



August 19, 2015 at 01:25 AM