



Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen

August 22, 1955 - September 20, 2022

Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen, son of Miller and Doris Nickolisen, was born August 22, 1955, in Denison, Iowa. He entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at MercyOne Iowa Heart Center in Des Moines, Iowa at the age of 67.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place Friday, September 23, 2022 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Darwin was raised in Smithland, Iowa and attended school in Westwood. He was very active in athletics during high school, and he graduated in 1973. Darwin attended Buena Vista University in Storm Lake earning his Bachelors of Science in mass communications and minor in education in 1977.

On September 9, 1978, Darwin was united in marriage to Brenda Jean Cone in Storm Lake, Iowa. Together, they were blessed with two children: Nathan and Kayla. The family made their home on a farm near Alta and Darwin worked as farmer, seed representative, and Physical Education teacher for many years. Darwin enjoyed coaching his children in their sporting activities,

and most of all being a superhero to them.

Darwin was a big sports fan and he thoroughly enjoyed cheering for the Iowa State Cyclones and the Green Bay Packers. He enjoyed farming, trips to Smithland, boating, mowing and bonfires. A favorite pastime of Darwin's was bantering with friends and family and he had a keen use of sarcasm. Another favorite was attending Peterson's Jewelry coffee club. He loved his family and his dogs and treasured spending time with them.

His mottos were, "Pain is just weakness leaving the body and "I can't wait until tomorrow, I get better looking every day!"

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Brenda Nickolisen, his children: Nathan (Lauren) Nickolisen of Milford, Iowa; Kayla Nickolisen of Minneapolis, Minnesota; four sisters: Kathie Menin of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Karla (Dave) Lange of Pleasant Hill, Iowa; Tricia (Doug) Durst of Shawnee, Kansas; Amy (Dennis) O'Neal of Whiting, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

Darwin was preceded in death by his parents, Miller and Doris Nickolisen and parents-in-law, Carroll and Patricia Cone.

He will be missed dearly by family and friends alike.

Memorials will be directed to Iowa Heart Center Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery

875 IA-7
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake
211 East 3rd Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 23, 2022 at 01:06 PM

JF

“ *I haven't seen or talked to Dar in years. I met him playing slow pitch softball with the Rods Fertilizer guys back in the late eighties. He got me to play for the K of C team and maybe even the "cops" team out in lakeside league. He was the nicest most welcoming person to be around. Miss those days so much with all those guys.....especially Dar. John Franken Schaller*

john franken - September 25, 2022 at 09:39 PM

KB

“ I feel grateful to have spent so many summers growing up in Iowa and getting to know Nick and his family over the years. Most recently this past July and I will hold those memories close forever. He is one of the kindest, most genuine people I have ever met and I already miss him. There was always laughter when Nick was around, he loved to joke. I remember my grand father always giving him a hard time and telling him he couldn't plant a straight row of corn. Nick was part of the reason my family enjoyed coming back to Iowa every year, especially my dad. Brenda, Nathan and Kayla, I am so sorry for your loss and I regret not being there with you all today. I hope you find peace in the wonderful memories you all shared and what an amazing person Nick was. Love, Kelsey Breecher



Kelsey Breecher - September 24, 2022 at 05:40 PM

KR

“ I'll never forget your kindness and amazing sense of humor. I'm going to miss you sending me memes and funny pet photos to cheer me up. Thank you for being the best uncle ever. We love and miss you so much!

Kristin - September 24, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.



September 23, 2022 at 03:06 PM

FJ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen - September 23, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.



September 23, 2022 at 02:21 PM

JK

“ Jeff And Lory (Preston) Krummen lit a candle in memory of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen



Jeff and Lory (Preston) Krummen - September 23, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.



September 23, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.*



September 23, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.*



September 23, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ *He will be missed great friend and neighbor good memories!
Greg & Dawn Claus*

Greg Claus - September 23, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“ *It was easy to call Nick a friend. Kind and gentle yet sharp with his sense of humor. I was lucky to have known him, very lucky. Rest in peace Sir and our thoughts and prayers to your family during this trying time. Mike Wienhold*

Mike Wienhold - September 23, 2022 at 07:48 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.*



September 22, 2022 at 11:51 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.*



September 22, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.*



September 22, 2022 at 10:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.*



September 22, 2022 at 09:19 PM

BH

“ Beck and Randy Hunt purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.



Beck and Randy Hunt - September 22, 2022 at 07:25 PM

DL

“ Nick was always so complimentary to me about my husband, Al, who he had taken classes with at BVU. Even though I really didn't know Nick that well, it meant a lot to me that he was so generous with his comments. He was always upbeat and I enjoyed being around him. Brenda, I just want you to know that I am praying for you and your family as you go through these coming weeks, months and years! It's not easy. Keep your faith, family, and friends near to help you through this sad time.

Dee Lewis - September 22, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.



September 22, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ Best of California Wine Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.



September 22, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.*



September 22, 2022 at 01:35 PM



“ *Rod's Fertilizer & Sales, Inc. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.*



Rod's Fertilizer & Sales, Inc. - September 22, 2022 at 01:28 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.*



September 22, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.*



September 22, 2022 at 12:53 PM

MI

“ We will all miss Nick.



Mimi - September 22, 2022 at 12:46 PM

KP

“ We always enjoyed spending time with Nick. He was always such a positive and caring individual. How can we ever forget all the special times we laughed so hard together. He will be missed, but never forgotten!

Kim and Susan Piercy

Kim Piercy - September 22, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.



September 22, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.



September 22, 2022 at 09:51 AM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen*



John and Connie Demers - September 22, 2022 at 07:55 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.*



September 22, 2022 at 05:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.*



September 22, 2022 at 02:28 AM

TC

“ *Such a nice person.... Too young for all of his heart ailments... gentle and caring.... We mourn him and feel so sad for his family. Because you loved... you now hurt and are sad....Am sure he wanted to stay with all of you and was proud of his family... God Bless and keep him... and all whom he loved*

Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - September 21, 2022 at 11:50 PM

DD

“ Nick was always kind. From the first time I met him in grade school as a P.E. teacher at Sioux Valley in Peterson to a friend in Alta. He always seemed to have nothing but a positive attitude towards all things.

Dustin Drzycimski - September 21, 2022 at 06:49 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darwin "Nick" Nickolisen.



September 21, 2022 at 03:24 PM