



Ted F. Nielsen

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Mr. Ted F. Nielsen, age 67, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 5, 2020. He was born on April 1, 1953 in Muskegon to Frederick and Irma (Warber) Nielsen, and resided in the area all of his life. Ted worked at Cannon Muskegon for many years, prior to retiring. Ted loved being outdoors, and enjoyed fishing, kayaking, biking or anything by the water. Ted was active in prison ministries and provided individual guidance to several ex-prisoners. He was well liked and had many friends some of whom went back to his early life. Ted was a dedicated Christian, eager to talk with you about his faith and debate theological perspectives. In his early work life he worked closely with his dad in construction. Ted was always eager to debate politics with anyone who would engage with him. As his health difficulties increased, he had neighbors who were very caring and supportive of him. Ted had a nice sense of humor and an ability to make you smile. He loved playing practical jokes. Ted was very giving to others, often bringing many items to family gatherings for people to share or a meal to someone. In spite of his many health problems, he remained upbeat. Ted loved to talk about his family. SURVIVORS include his daughter, Dione (Timothy) Martin; five grandchildren, Anthony, Alyssa, Angel, Allison and Andrew Martin; five great grandchildren; and brother, John (Pat) Nielsen. Ted was preceded in death by his mother, Irma in 1974; father, Fred in 2011; and infant brother, Mark. A Celebration of Ted's life will be announced at a later time. Memorial Contributions in Ted's name to Crossroads Prison Ministry <https://cpministries.org/donate> will be appreciated. Share memories with the family online at www.sytsemafh.com. Arrangements by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444 (231) 798-1100.



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BF

Brad F. lit a candle in honor of Ted.

He was a great friend. A father figure. He will be missed very much. My condolences to the family.

August 18 at 10:58 PM



DN

Dave Nielsen posted:

Uncle Ted was a great man. As I got older, I grew to enjoy our conversations, as he always had something interesting to say. He was great with our son, engaging with him each time we were together, and making sure to remember gifts for him when we saw him at Christmas. He will certainly be missed! --Dave

April 15 at 9:04 AM

BW

Barb Wiersema posted:

Sympathy to Ted's family. We grew up in the same neighborhood and I have good memories of the Nielsen's. Barb (Sieplinga) Wiersema.

April 13 at 8:46 PM

DV

David Vandoorne posted:

Ted was my cousin. Our relationship was tightly knit as young boys. One day shy of a year apart in age, we celebrated many birthdays together, even a trip to Buckaroo Rodeo to experience one memorable event. We took great pride in the fact that both of our parents were siblings of the other's. Though from different towns we spent hours together living a "Tom Sawyer " childhood. Our bicycles were our vehicles of exploration in the mysterious town of Muskegon. We knew it like the back of our hands. His Mom was like my second Mom and his Dad was the funniest man on earth. We shared so many memories, most of them very small but indelible. But boys grow up and we became different people. Just different. We grew apart. Delightfully, we reconnected in our "senior" years. How very fortunate! We certainly saw life differently! As we came to reconnect we learned of huge differences in the way we saw things politically and religiously. Not necessarily wrong just different. But we relearned to find common ground and just love each other. An example of caring love amidst disagreement. I will remember Ted as brave, caring, outspoken, and joyous. Wonderful gifts to give to others. Thank you Ted. Rest with peace. Condolences to all who knew him.

April 13 at 6:39 AM



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BH

Bruce Holmblade posted:

Ted was a very good friend, buddy, roommate, etc. I will miss him dearly. What times we had! My condolences to Dione and her family, and to his brother John and his wife.

April 12 at 3:46 PM

TK

Tim Kies posted:

I worked at Cannon with Ted. A very gentle man, with the soul and spirit that showed Christ in all of his ways. I am better for having known him, and the world is a little bit darker at his loss. May his family be comforted, knowing he is at peace.

April 12 at 1:07 PM

JM

John P Mellema posted:

John my prayers and thanks for your brothers faith in our Great God. Good memories of the Catawba street gang. JPM.

April 12 at 8:36 AM

JN

John F Nielsen posted:

What do you say when you loose your little brother? Loss is never easy. Each loss reminds us of past loss'. The sadness is mitigated by the realization that this too shall pass. But not quickly now. We must grieve and allow memories to surface. Like the memory of holding Ted as a baby coming home from the hospital. Or, playing "whiffle ball" together in the back yard. We shared a bedroom which means you get to know someone. I'll miss him. Maybe not the discussions over religion or politics, but rather his generally upbeat tone in spite of numerous health problems. He's gone. Assuming there's a heaven, I hope he's there enjoying peace with his God. I loved him as only a brother could. Goodbye Ted. john nielsen

April 11 at 2:21 PM

EU

Eric Ulf sax posted:

Ted was always a very positive man with a heart the size of a lion. He will be missed by all that ever knew him.

April 10 at 4:32 PM



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CH

Cheryl posted:

I am so sorry to learn of your dad, grandpa, and brother's passing. He was a good man with a big heart, always gentle spirit, and a desire to help people. May you be comforted by God's love-- the same love that held Ted in life and now in death. Cher Bremer

April 10 at 1:37 PM

KB

Kerri And Jim Bennett posted:

So sorry for your loss. Ted lived in our neighborhood and played an active part when he could. He will be missed. Kerri and Jim Bennett

April 10 at 10:35 AM

LH

Linda Hawkins posted:

My condolences to Teds family and friends. He truly will be missed. I was gifted to share great times with Ted and friends over the years. He was a great man.

April 9 at 3:59 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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