



## Nicklas B. Vorpapel

September 25, 1999 - June 1, 2025

Nicklas Benjamin Vorpapel

9/25/1999 – 6/1/2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Nicklas Vorpapel, age 25, on 6/1/2025. He left us unexpectedly, and our hearts are heavy with the loss of someone so cherished and beloved.

Born on September 25, 1999, in Detroit, Michigan, Nick was the cherished son of Victoria Betker (Bennett) and Mark Vorpapel. As the second child, he joined his sister Kayla, completing their family of four. After the separation of Mark and Vikky in the early 2000s, Nick's circle of love expanded, as he remained the youngest member of two blended families in which he spent 21 wonderful years. Nick's life was filled with the love and support of his father Mark Vorpapel, stepmother Julie Vorpapel, mother Vikky Betker, stepfather Andy Betker, sister Kayla Vorpapel and step siblings Danielle Boni and Cameron Walton. Nick shared close bonds with all his grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. He particularly had strong bonds with his grandma Marie Vorpapel and aunt Lisa Vorpapel, with whom he was living with at the time of the accident. For his entire life Nick spent a significant amount of time with family and friends, whether that was camping, pool days, summer sleep overs, holidays and more. As the only boy among the six Vorpapel cousins crew, you may say he had unique and often outnumbered experiences growing up. This all speaks to how deeply connect he was to family, and how much his absence leaves a significant void in the lives of everyone who knew

and loved him.

Nick grew up in the Eastpointe area before moving to Macomb Twp., where he attended Ebeling Elementary, Bemis Middle School, and Henry Ford II High School. After high school, Nick devoted his time to helping care for his mother while she was sick until she ultimately passed in 2024. Following this life-changing event, Nick began working with his dad at Fairmont Sign Company in late 2024—a job he grew to love. He often spoke about how much he enjoyed the work he was doing. Not many people get the opportunity to work alongside their parents every day, and this was something very special for both Nick and his father, Mark. Memories that will now be cherished forever.

If you knew Nick, you knew his one true passion was motorcycles. You could always tell when Nick was at an event because he'd park his bike right on the sidewalk in front—it was his signature move. Over the last few years, Nick had built a community of friends who shared his love for motorcycles. They would often ride around the metro Detroit area together. It was a true passion of his and something that brought immense joy to his life. However, Nick's remembrance goes beyond his love of bikes. He was a son, a grandson, a brother, a nephew, and an uncle. He wore the title of uncle the proudest and cherished every moment spent with his nieces, Lylah, Charlotte and Riley, and his newest nephew, Logan. Growing up in a family with four children, everyone tends to have a role, and Nick was always the sweet one. He was truly a caregiver at heart. You would always find him with a positive attitude and a smile on his face, Nick truly loved those around him deeply.

Nick is survived by his father Mark Vorpapel, stepparents Julie Vorpapel and Andy Betker; his siblings, Kayla Vorpapel, Danielle Boni, and Cameron Walton; and his grandparents, Marie Vorpapel, Butch Bennett and Jean Thibeault, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and countless friends who will miss him dearly. Nick was preceded in death by his mother, Vikky Betker, his grandfather, Russ Vorpapel and grandmother JoAnn Bennett. We look to find comfort in knowing that three of his favorite people were waiting to greet

him on the other side.

A celebration of Nicks's life will be held on 8/23/25 from 3pm to 9pm at Walter & Mary Burke Park. Located at 36300 Front St., New Baltimore MI 48047. All are welcome to attend and share in the memories of Nick's beautiful life. We will be BBQing, and you are more than welcome to bring a side dish or a dessert.

Though Nick is no longer with us, he will always be the sweet one to our family and to all those who knew him. His spirit will remain in our hearts; his presence will forever be deeply missed but never forgotten  
Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home-New Haven.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **23**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Walter and Mary Burke Park  
36300 Front Street  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

# Tribute Wall

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“ Nick is my Cousin, I was shocked to hear of his accident and saddened that I would never see him again. When he and his family came to town, ever since I can remember we always shared something special no matter what we did together. Nick always had such a positive warming personality and spirit. He could light up a room whether at a gathering, an event, in private, or when he was making more sandwiches than an entire family reunion could eat. His spirit was definitely pure gold, blue and white. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him as family or friend. I wish we could've had the opportunity to have spent more time together, especially in the last few years. Really miss you buddy.  
Rest In Peace Nicklas.



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Chase - January 15 at 04:01 AM

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Loved it Chase. Thx

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Mark Vorpapel - February 14 at 03:22 PM



“ Gosh I... don't even know where to start... I fall off the face of the earth for a few years and come back to an old buddy of mine gone... I only got to hang out with you a handful of times but you were a great friend, and goodness... I will miss you for the rest of mine. Sleep well my friend.



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A - August 31, 2025 at 03:53 AM



“ *Dalaina Sanders lit a candle in memory of Nicklas Vorpapel*



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**Dalaina Sanders** - June 17, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nicklas B. Vorpapel.*



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June 05, 2025 at 11:21 PM



“ *Nick was one of my son's close friends. I had the pleasure over the past 8 years to have him in my home many times. We considered him part of our family. He was always polite, friendly and just lovable. He will be missed terribly by our family. Sending prayers, hugs and love to the ones he left behind.*

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**Cathy Cross-Czartoryski** - June 03, 2025 at 10:51 PM