



Nathaniel Sebastian Dolan

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On Saturday, October 30, our beloved Nathaniel Sebastian Dolan was reunited with his brother Nicholas in heaven. Under the compassionate care of Hospice, he passed peacefully in the arms of his mother Lisa and her partner Mike.

Nate, as he was affectionately know by many, was born December 18, 1989 at Eglin Air Force Base in Ft. Walton Beach, FL. He attended Palm Harbor University High School where he completed the IB program with honors and competed in the National Science Bowl. He subsequently received two bachelors degrees (BioChemistry and Biology) and a Masters in Chemistry from Baylor University; graduating Magna Cum Laude. While pursuing his PHD, he also taught courses in the sciences at both Baylor and the University of Texas.

A curious mind since childhood, Nathaniel was a brilliant man with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. An avid reader and passionate teacher/tutor, he lived to learn and learned to teach.

Anyone who knew Nathaniel was touched by his infectious smile, genuine compassion and creative spirit. Though often inside a lab or classroom, he never missed an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of a sunset or rainbow. It is our hope that he will never miss one again.

Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Nathaniel is survived by his Mother Lisa Griffin(Mike); Father Chris Dolan; Grandparents Lee Griffin (Lisa), Akemi Griffin (Jimmy), Mike and Bonnie Dolan; Aunts Erika Kirchner(Chris), Nina Dillard(Gabe), Stephanie Maye(Shannon), Jackie Griffin, Tina Heaton(Will); Uncle Quintin Griffin.

Nathaniel's life will be celebrated with a private, family service.



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MS

Matt Stumpf posted:

I'm not sure if this is even monitored anymore, but this time of year has me thinking about Nathan, as we called him in middle school and high school. Nathan was an incredible person and friend. I sat next to him on the bus to the first day of 6th grade and we proceeded to have a million adventures from there, romping around all of Palm Harbor and even a fun cruise to around the Caribbean with his mom and stepdad. He was one of the smartest people I've ever met. I think of him often and miss him to this day. I wish I had kept in better touch as we got older. He left his mark on me as he did so many others, as we can clearly see from the many messages like mine on this page. Miss you Nathan

October 27 at 2:21 PM

SB

Sam Bork posted:

Nate was such a kind and intelligent soul. He was a great friend you could count on and I remember how easy it was to just chat and have a great time with him. He took me down to the piers to see the wildlife and would always message me when he found an alligator or another interesting creature he'd know I would enjoy. May his memory live on

January 11 at 12:26 AM

SA

Shane Atwell posted:

I remember when I first met Nate, when he moved to Au Gres, Michigan. He, and I connected right away, and became the best of friends. Nate moved back to Florida, and missed my birthday on November 21st, a few days later, I drove 19 hours straight to Florida, in order to be there for his birthday. I convinced him to drive up to Michigan with me for Christmas! Nate was very fond of Grimass, which was our pet Bearded Dragon. As I am typing this I am crying my eyes out. I can't believe he is gone. He was one of my closest friends, someone who I could trust no matter what. I feel as if I have lost a part of me.

January 10 at 11:25 PM

LS

Lauren & Rich Smith posted:

Nate, a bright light on a cloudy day. Your smile, gentleness and humor were so natural for you to share with all who knew you. I am so incredible blessed to have gotten to share parts of our life together. You are missed but knowing you are with Nicolas gives us peace. Love to Lisa, Mike and your entire loving family.

November 4 at 11:42 PM



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JS

Jason Burke-Sella posted:

To the family and friends of my dear friend Nathaniel, I wish all of you peace and comfort as you endure the coming days and adapt to living without his earthly presence. I cannot begin to say how much his beaming personality and his wit touched me, sometimes on a daily basis when he would send me memes to make me laugh or just think. Over the years, we became closer and so trusting of each other and shared some profound conversations. I still grab my phone, wanting to reach out and just hear Nathaniel's voice. I'm sure everyone else feels the same. I wish for everyone to find solace in their own memories of Nathaniel and to be at ease knowing he's at peace and can now be the brother to Nicholas he should have had the chance to be. Some bonds are meant to be and will never break. Until I see you again, Nathaniel, you remain a true and trusted friend in my heart and I'll be happy to hug you once more.

November 4 at 6:26 PM

AG

Ali Gallagher posted:

RIP my dear young friend. I will miss your smile and the joy you brought to my life since I first met you as a freshman and friend to my son at Baylor. Nathan, even though you often turned to me for advice, I am the better for having learned so much from you. About kindness for a stranger, to show more compassion for others because you can't tell by looking at them what kind of a day or life they were living. Smart beyond your years. We are all better for knowing you. You touched a lot of people in your three decades. Your life made a difference.

November 3 at 5:07 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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