



# Nicholas Steven Gruber

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**N**icholas “Nick” Steven Gruber, age 31 of Lewes, DE, passed away Monday July 10, 2023. He was born January 17, 1992, in Baltimore MD, son of Richard and Stacey Gruber.

Nick was employed by Schell Brothers, where he worked as the Senior Videographer. He was a 2010 graduate of North Carroll High School in Hampstead, MD and a 2014 graduate of Marymount University in Arlington, VA. While at Marymount, Nick excelled as a two-sport athlete in soccer and lacrosse and met the love of his life and future wife, Alexis.

Nick loved the outdoors, spending countless hours at the beach skimboarding and surfing. When he wasn't at the beach, he was hiking with his dogs, snowboarding, skateboarding, exploring abandoned properties, adding to his extensive record collection, going to concerts to see his favorite bands, and travelling with his wife, Alexis. No matter what he was doing, he always had a camera in his hand.

To know Nick was to love him, his larger-than-life personality, his infectious smile, and his uncanny ability to strike up conversations with anyone and everyone endeared him to all who crossed his path.

Nick was preceded in death by his grandfathers: Michael Gruber and Louis J. Pucci; and his beloved pets Kevin and Janis Hoplin. He is survived by his devoted wife of 5 years, Alexis Shaak-Gruber; his parents: Stacey and Richard Gruber of Hampstead, MD; his brother, Casey Gruber (Beatrice) of Denver CO; his sister, Maggie Gruber-Silcott (Braden) of Melbourne, FL; his maternal grandmother, Bunny S. Pucci of Baltimore, MD; his paternal grandmother, Marion Gruber of Baltimore, MD; his in-laws: Timothy and Cheryl Shaak of Brielle, NJ; his many aunts, uncles and cousins; and his faithful dogs: Fitzgerald and Gus.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 5:00 PM, at Parsell Funeral Home & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE, where friends may visit



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beginning at 2:00 PM.

In remembrance of Nick's life, donations may be made to the Surfrider Foundation, Delaware Chapter, [www.surfrider.org](http://www.surfrider.org).

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 10:00 AM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



# Events

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## Visitation

 **Wednesday**, July 19, 2023

 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



## Funeral Service

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 5:00 PM ET

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TL

**Timothy Lehne** lit a candle in honor of Nicholas.

To the family of Nick,I am so very sorry. May God be with you at this difficult time and send you comfort and peace.Tim Lehne

July 22 at 2:52 PM



WB

**Will Brown** posted:

Rich, Stacey, and family - Wanted to offer our condolences to you all. We are so sad to hear of Nick's passing. Sending our condolences to you all. Praying for you during this time. Will and Melanie Brown

July 21 at 3:31 AM

JK

**Jessica Koman** posted:

I'm so very sorry, Richard and Stacy, May Nick's memory be a blessing. Sending love and light.

July 20 at 7:00 PM

AP

**Amy P.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.

July 20 at 8:20 AM



AP

**Amy Pratt** posted:

To all of the family- I've been so sad thinking about Nick and all of you. I went to dinner with Suzy, Nick and Alexis last year at the beach. We had such a great time, and I was so impressed with Nick's workplace, he took us there to visit, and his enthusiasm for everything he was doing. They are such a cute couple, and I loved them. You guys have been in my thoughts every day. Sending hugs to everyone. ❤️

July 20 at 8:08 AM

GP

**Gail P.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.

July 20 at 5:59 AM





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**Karen Kanefsky** posted:

We are so sorry to hear about Nick's passing. May his wonderful memories help you and your family during this difficult time and forever more. Karen and Mark Kanefsky (friends with Randi and Howard Yablon).

July 19 at 12:39 PM



**Mary M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.



July 18 at 5:17 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Gruber family.



July 18 at 1:27 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.



July 18 at 1:27 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gruber family.



July 18 at 12:58 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gruber family.



July 18 at 7:50 AM



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**Julie Silcott** posted:

I will also like to add I felt the same way getting to know Alexis during hair and make-up for the wedding as well as getting to know the whole Gruber family! You all should know how amazing you are!

July 18 at 7:49 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gruber family.



July 18 at 7:17 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.



July 18 at 7:17 AM



**Julie Silcott** posted:

I first really met Nick and got to talk to him at Maggie's bridal shower and I will never forget his kindness spending time talking with me! He had shared the story of when his dog was found and I could see that he had a huge heart and that he loved big!!! My loving thoughts are with you sweet Nick and your whole family!!!

July 17 at 4:26 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Gruber family.



July 17 at 4:06 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.



July 17 at 4:06 PM



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**Tom Butt** posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Nick's passing. We pray that Nick's family and friends hold his memory close to their hearts and search for peace in those fond memories of Nick. Tom & Karen Butt

July 17 at 1:46 PM



**Drs. Frederick And Vanessa Smith** sent an Enduring Grace to the Gruber family.



July 17 at 12:00 PM



**Anonymous** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Nicholas.



July 17 at 10:10 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Heavenly and Harmony to the Gruber family.



July 17 at 9:50 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.



July 17 at 9:50 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Gruber family.



July 17 at 9:15 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Gruber family.

July 17 at 8:32 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Gruber family.

July 17 at 7:19 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Gruber family.

July 17 at 3:49 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gruber family.

July 16 at 5:42 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.

July 16 at 5:42 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gruber family.

July 16 at 4:13 PM





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**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Gruber family.



July 16 at 2:04 PM



**Miriam Pipes** posted:

Hugs and prayers, Stacey. Love, Miriam Pipes

July 15 at 1:47 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Gruber family.



July 15 at 11:42 AM



**Lynda Alper** posted:

I am so very very sorry for your loss. Lynda Alper

July 15 at 7:45 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Gruber family.



July 14 at 4:50 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gruber family.



July 14 at 7:24 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Gruber family.



July 14 at 5:12 AM



**Chris B.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.



July 14 at 4:45 AM



**Liz Hanzi** lit a candle in honor of Nicholas.

My deepest sympathy to you Suzy and your precious family. You have spoken so highly of Nick and I know this is a heart wrenching time. I'm sending my love and prayers for peace to you and your family for your irreparable loss. Much love, Liz



July 14 at 4:01 AM



**Laurie Marino** July 14 at 6:25 AM

Our deepest sympathies to The Gruber family, Nick's wife Alexis and his many family and friends. We know Nick as a childhood friend of our children. His sense of adventure and infectious smile will never be forgotten. May he rest peacefully. The Marino family.



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.



July 14 at 2:38 AM



**Terri G.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Nicholas.



July 13 at 7:09 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Basket of Memories to the Gruber family.

July 13 at 6:27 PM



**We Love You All, The Framms.** sent a Sweet Sampler Basket to the Gruber family.

July 13 at 6:22 PM



**We Love You All, The Framms.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.

July 13 at 6:22 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Gruber family.

July 13 at 5:54 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.

July 13 at 5:54 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Gruber family.

July 13 at 5:44 PM





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**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.

July 13 at 5:44 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Gruber family.

July 13 at 4:51 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.

July 13 at 4:51 PM



JM

**Joann McWilliams** posted:

Alexis , Tom and I had the pleasure of spending time with you and Nick on our Delaware vacation with your parents . He was a kind gentleman with a sweet disposition. Your love was tangible. Our hearts are with you as you grieve . Much love . Jo Ann and Tom McWilliams

July 13 at 2:36 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Gruber family.

July 13 at 1:44 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.

July 13 at 1:01 PM





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**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.



July 13 at 12:35 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Small Garden Dish to the Gruber family.



July 13 at 12:28 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Gruber family.



July 13 at 11:54 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.



July 13 at 11:54 AM



KM

**Kay McMahon** posted:

Alexis, Stacy and family: What can I possibly say when you experience a loss such as this. I loved when the kids were small and hung out on New Orleans Street enjoying life. I will also remember when Nick asked if he could stay at the cottage for a brief time and then asked if he could have a friend. Of course, we said yes. I was very surprised to find that his friend was none other than Janis Hoplin!! He had even "rabbit-proofed" the cottage. I hope as time goes on that many of these stories will keep you moving forward and sustain you. I will be praying diligently for your comfort and peace. With a broken heart, Kay and Mark McMahon

July 13 at 11:49 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Gruber family.



July 13 at 11:28 AM



**Don Alan Gordon** posted:

Nick was a character. I say this in the best sense of the word. He had character and spunk that was infectious to everyone around him. It pains me deeply to talk of him in the past tense. It leaves me at a loss for adequate words. I feel for everyone who has ever met him and those who were not fortunate enough to have met him. But most of all I feel for his family whose torment must be unbearable. Rest in peace Nick. I'm not sure how the rest of us ever will. Please know how much you were loved.

July 13 at 10:27 AM



**José G.** shared a photo to the **Schell Family** album.



July 13 at 10:18 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Tender Tribute to the Gruber family.



July 13 at 10:13 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Nicholas.



July 13 at 10:13 AM



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**Ashley Jenoff** posted:

Dear Stacey, Richard and family- I am so sorry for your loss. I always will remember the time listening to all of Nick's life adventures from his proud mom. Sending love and hugs -Ashley Jenoff

July 13 at 10:06 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Gruber family.



July 13 at 10:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Gruber family.



July 13 at 9:56 AM



**Kelley Gordon** posted:

Nicky was one of the most vibrant, open hearted and adventurous people I've ever known. I've loved him since he was a boisterous little kid, always ready to climb to the top of the jungle gym or leap off of the diving board. As a man, he was always easy to talk with, greeting me with his infectious smile and a big hug. He radiated passion for his sweet wife, his beloved pets, his treasured family, his art, the beauty of nature, music and fun. Our chances to visit were few and far between, but I will treasure each memory as I reflect on his too short life. My heart is broken for all who loved and will miss him. May you find comfort in your memories, the love of others, and may grace and healing be yours.

July 13 at 9:29 AM



**Terri** posted:

Stacey, I am so sorry for the loss of your son much too soon. May his photos, videos, and other legacies bring you some comfort over time. Holding you and your family in my heart. Terri Wilson

July 13 at 9:08 AM



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**Marjorie Matarazzo** posted:

Nick, you are going to be missed beyond words! We loved you when we first met you and you made Alexis so happy. I'll cherish our backgammon days and our share of The Grateful Dead songs. R.I.P. sweet Nick.

July 13 at 8:03 AM



José G. shared a photo to the **Schell Family** album.

July 13 at 10:18 AM



Wish I played another round of soccer ?? - José



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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