



Derek Andrew Siela

March 24, 1970 - January 29, 2026

Derek Andrew Siela, age 55, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away on January 29, 2026. He was born on March 24, 1970, in Rensselaer, Indiana, to Ted Siela and Elizabeth “Beth” (Nagel) Marcin.

Derek graduated from William Fremd High School in Palatine, Illinois, with the Class of 1988. He went on to attend Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

He built a career in the restaurant and catering industry, serving in management roles for many years. Most recently, Derek was employed at the Columbus Museum of Art. He was of the Catholic faith. Derek was an avid reader and was a proud recipient of the National Merit Scholarship and a Wittenberg Scholarship. An active and curious spirit, Derek loved soccer and played rugby during his college years. He also enjoyed gaming, including Dungeons & Dragons, hiking, and spending meaningful time with family and friends.

He is survived by his mother, Beth Marcin of Rolling Meadows, Illinois; his sister, Leah (Timmy) Lenz of Iowa City, Iowa; his niece and nephew, Caitlin Marie Lenz and Elias “Eli” Lenz; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded by his father, Ted Siela, grandparents, Harold and Peg Siela

and Louis and Marie Nagel, and his uncle, Phillip Nagel.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CT at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. A Funeral Mass will follow at 12:00 p.m. CT at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Interment at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Rensselaer will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association (https://donors.diabetes.org/page/FUNEGLCZUKJ&ada_source=WWP211001LW001M001CC&ada_sub_source=google&utm_source=google&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=awareness_campaign&utm_term=memorial&utm_content=ad&autologin=true?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22665133913&gbraid=0AAAAAD_Lb4a2SScGTXvvNj3liGwNAurYq&gclid=CjwKCAiA1obMBhAbEiwAsUBbIm3iURI-exG-hZquJJfgGqu7hu4tjfaSUwqDd4wLH6JT2p-6ZFLPhoCNGMQAvD_BwE)

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery - Rensselaer

Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Mass

FEB 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
318 North McKinley Avenue
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5351
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Derek Andrew Siela*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - February 06 at 01:05 PM

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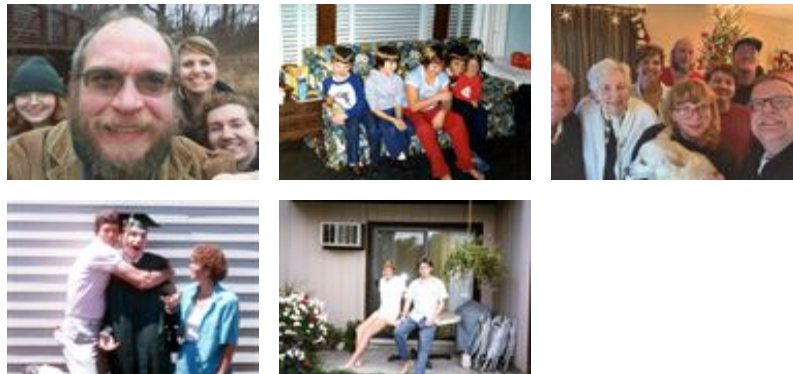
“ *Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of Derek Andrew Siela*



Gloria Baier - February 06 at 02:53 PM



“ *69 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - February 06 at 12:34 PM

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“ His Family at Gabbys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Derek Andrew Siela.

His Family at Gabbys - February 06 at 12:10 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Derek Andrew Siela.



February 06 at 12:10 PM

KE

“ Derek's intelligence and big heart will be missed by his friends in Columbus. I will miss our conversations about the world, books, anime and video games.

Keegan - February 06 at 11:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Derek Andrew Siela.



February 05 at 01:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Derek Andrew Siela.*



February 05 at 08:58 AM



“ *From the Fain Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Derek Andrew Siela.*



From the Fain Family - February 04 at 09:17 PM



“ *From the Fain Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Derek Andrew Siela.*

From the Fain Family - February 04 at 09:17 PM



“ *The Schad, Murawskis, & Kallas families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Derek Andrew Siela.*

The Schad, Murawskis, & Kallas families - February 04 at 08:31 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Derek Andrew Siela.*



February 04 at 08:31 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your family's loss.*



Deb Ellis - February 04 at 08:30 PM



“ *Lane Family Wealth Management purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Derek Andrew Siela.*



Lane Family Wealth Management - February 04 at 05:23 PM



“ *Lane Family Wealth Management planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Derek Andrew Siela.*

Lane Family Wealth Management - February 04 at 05:23 PM