



Randall Nicolai

July 3, 1960 - January 19, 2014

Randall "Randy" Nicolai, age 53, of DeMotte, IN passed away Sunday January 19, 2014 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, IN. He was born July 3, 1960 in San Pierre, IN to John and Theresa (DeYoung) Nicolai.

Randy was a 1979 graduate of Kankakee Valley High School and a truck driver for Carbrite Co. He was a member of First Christian Reformed Church, DeMotte, IN.

Randy is survived by his mother, Theresa Nicolai, DeMotte, IN; Sister, Christina (Daniel Sr.) Siphema of DeMotte, IN and brother, Fred (Susan) Nicolai of Crown Point, IN. Several nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his father, John.

Friends may call on Thursday January 23, 2014 from 3-8 PM at Jackson Funeral Service, DeMotte, IN. Funeral Services will be held on Friday January 24, 2014 at 10:30 AM at First Christian Reformed Church, DeMotte, IN with Pastor Laryn Zoerhof officiating.

Memorials may be made to The Family.

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery
DeMotte, IN 46310

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
(219) 987-5300
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Service

JAN **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Reformed Church
1633 South Halleck Street
DeMotte, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Randall Nicolai



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Steve DeYoung - January 24, 2014 at 05:39 PM

SD

“ I have been traveling this week and sorry I can't be there. I have so many joyful memories of times with Randy. I was broke and the transmission on my Nova died. Randy with a lot of laughing, an occasional lite swear word and mostly heaps of grace installed a new one, with me pretty much watching. He would take no money, and simply said, "We're family". That was Randy, joyful, and generous with his time and his talent. I know he and all the Uncles are having an incredible reunion as we speak.

Steve DeYoung - January 24, 2014 at 03:39 PM

LF

“ When I brought my husband into the family, Randy was one of the first cousins he got to know. He says "I knew that he was my kind of people." The real stuff is all that's important.

Laura Frederick - January 22, 2014 at 07:28 PM

SD

“ Randy taught Andy and I how to ride a bike (into a barn) and make sure barn was OK, hot rod a pickup in the farm fields and showed us what 100 felt like on the back-roads of Demotte. Only demand was "don't tell your mother". We always remembered that! 15 years later I had the opportunity to deliver a load to the Coke plant with Randy and the exit road was icy and I could tell he wanted to play... he jack knifed his trailer around utility pole and didn't hit ANYTHING, when he stopped the truck he had a holy-crap look in his eye and said, the only way Randy could, I meant to do that! We both laughed and I said" I wont tell YOUR mother".. Randy was another older brother to us younger cousins, I always told him he would make a GREAT dad and he was in ST. John.. RIP Randy you will always be missed and loved

Joel Deyoung

susan deyoung - January 22, 2014 at 06:43 PM

SD

Joel, this beautiful. Thanks for writing it.

Steve DeYoung - January 24, 2014 at 03:50 PM

KH

“ Randy is the origin of some of my best cousin memories...teaching me how to drive down a country path (at age 10!), yee-hawing in the glass elevator downtown Chicago and excessive, dangerous amounts of home fireworks. I will miss him.

Kathryn Huls - January 22, 2014 at 04:59 PM

DD

“ One of the men in my life that spawned my love for anything with an engine on it! If it had a steering wheel he could drive it. If it broke he could fix it. (he and I broke our share of things together) He had integrity, and a work ethic beyond belief. Man I will miss him .

Dan DeYoung - January 21, 2014 at 07:09 PM