



Stefan James Nelson

September 26, 1989 - April 7, 2020

Princeton – Stefan James Nelson, 30, of Princeton, IL passed away due to complications after a motorcycle accident on Lovers Lane on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. His loved ones surrounded him with prayer and love.

Stefan was born in Princeton, IL on September 26, 1989 to James and Andrea (Oloffson) Nelson. He was a graduate of Princeton High School, Class of 2008. After his high school graduation, Stefan enlisted in the U.S. army, where he served as an airborne infantryman with the 82nd Airborne division. He deployed to Iraq in 2011 and received an honorable discharge in 2016. Stefan went on to attend Bradley University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 2019. After graduation he started working for CAT in Mossville, IL.

Stefan had a huge, vibrant, silly and loud personality. He made friends easily and could quickly fill any room with laughter, dad jokes being his specialty. Without a hint of embarrassment, he would sing at the top of his lungs, intentionally changing the words in a song or improvising his own hilarious jingles. He lovingly gave his family and friends goofy nicknames that somehow always managed to stick. When he wasn't making you laugh, Stefan could usually be found pouring his heart into the activities he loved. He loved working with his hands, doing construction alongside his father in his spare time, or repairing anything mechanical. He was a hunting enthusiast. He

loved tromping through the woods with his brother-in-law and spending hours at the gun range with his uncle and cousins. Most of all, he loved being a dad to his 2 daughters, Charlie and Rosie. Together they built a Barbie dream house, shot BB guns, played dolls, and had 3 person dance parties. He was the most devoted father, and his silly bedtime stories will be missed the most.

Stefan is survived by his former spouse and mother of his daughters, Katherine Nelson of Princeton, IL; two daughters, Charlotte and Rosalie Nelson both of Princeton, IL; his parents, James and Andrea Nelson of Princeton, IL; his twin sister, Kailey Nelson of Peru, IL; one brother-in-law, Eric Swenson of Seymour, IL; five grandparents, Gary and Mary Oloffson, Arthur and DeeAnn Nelson and Virginia Dorff; his mother-in-law, Debra Swenson and grandmother-in-law, Sheila Swenson.

He is preceded in death by his grand father-in-law Conrad Swenson, grand mother-in-law Maxine Cole and his father-in-law, William Swenson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for charitable distribution. You may also donate online at www.norbergfh.com

Due to the current pandemic, Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments will be hosting a drive-thru visitation on April 17, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at their location 701 E. Thompson Street, Princeton, IL.

Services for Stefan will be private for immediate family members only, per the family's wishes, it will also be livestreamed in a private group on Facebook. Please see the following link to join the group prior to services <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Norbergmemorialhomememorialservicegroup/> on April 17, 2020 1:00 p.m. officiated by Pastor Derek C. Boggs. Graveside services to follow at Elm Lawn Cemetery in Princeton, IL, military rites accorded.

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments

Online condolences at www.norbergfh.com

Cemetery Details

Elm Lawn Memorial Park

Knox St
Princeton, IL 61356

Previous Events

Graveside

APR **10**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Elm Lawn Memorial Park
Knox St
Princeton, IL 61356

Drive Thru Visitation

APR **17**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Livestreaming Service

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Tribute Wall



BR

“ He was in my squad. Countless day we make fun of each other and mornings this guy would always ask “ what’s up with the piss face.” This guy cared a lot. He was a good friend. Love ya buddy

brian - October 10, 2020 at 07:10 AM



“ Stefan always had a very vibrant and booming personality, like a firework. So no better a memory to share than of last years 4th of July. Stefan and I hadn’t seen each other in some time and I had a bunch of left over fireworks, from sparklers to full size mortars. We shot them off all night long. I remember the girls being terrified after the first few big ones but within minutes they were just as addicted as Stefan and I. I swear at some points, Stefan had a bigger smile full of more bewilderment and pure joy than his girls and I combined. He couldn’t get enough. We built mini firework shows together for our small audience, trying to time our mortars then run as fast as we could. I’ll miss you big guy, thank you for the wonderful memories and teaching me to enjoy the smallest moments in life. (Yes, even if they include Sarsah.)

Leo Bartelmey - April 17, 2020 at 11:47 AM

JC

“ To Stefan’s Mother, Father and all of those who loved him. At a time when words do not suffice:

Taken from Abraham Lincoln’s letter to a mother who had suffered a great loss.

“I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming.

I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have’ (raised a young man who was so genuine, approachable, and unforgettable - A True All American).

I've attached a picture (phone pic, not great quality) I took the night (April 8th) I learned of Stefan's passing. I thought of him as I watched the moon rise above the trees. The night prior was the Super Moon. A proper tribute to the passing of a Super Guy. In a special way, I will memorialize Stefan each April 7th by watching the rising of the 'Stefan Moon'

*My Deepest Condolences
James Cairns (Caterpillar Colleague & Friend)*



James Cairns - April 14, 2020 at 10:24 PM

SK

“ Terri and I would like to send our sympathy. We met Stephan at Fort Bragg when Aaron and Stephan were getting ready to leave the Army. He was an asset in moving that gun safe.



Steve and Terri Melby, Clay Center, Ks - April 14, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stefan James Nelson.



April 14, 2020 at 03:20 PM

SG

“ Hello Jim and the whole family,
I am so very sorry to hear of your tragic loss. You must be so proud of the amazing accomplishments that Stefan had in his too short life, but the loss of a beloved son, father, grandson, and twin brother at such a young age is just so devastating and seems so wrong. I hope and pray that there is some comfort and peace to be found for you all in the days and months to come. My thoughts are with you.
-Steve Gale

Steve Gale - April 14, 2020 at 01:37 PM

KJ

I am so very sorry for your loss! Stefan was a wonderful, fun loving young man. My deepest thoughts and prayers are with you and all his family! I feel so blessed to have known him! Kathy Janssen

kathy janssen - April 14, 2020 at 04:46 PM

KJ

So very sorry for your loss. Stefan was a wonderful, kind and fun loving young man. It was my pleasure to know him even for a short time. May God comfort all of you in this time of great loss!

Kathy Janssen - April 14, 2020 at 05:30 PM

QM

“ 1 file added to the album Caterpillar



Qursheed Mohammed - April 14, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Stefan James Nelson.*



April 13, 2020 at 07:28 PM

CR

“ *Cousin Andrea (my coworker) Denise Conner :*
Shared a memory when Stefan & Hailey were born you worked together in a medical office .
Your pet cockatoo made a lot of noise due to the new arrivals ! She took Barney for you !
A warm memory with Air Hugs (((🤗))) ,
Rosie Castle



Castle Rosemary - April 13, 2020 at 07:04 PM

BD

“ *Condolences to the family.. You are in my thoughts & prayers...*



Barry Dugosh - April 13, 2020 at 06:14 PM



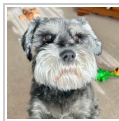
“ *Jim, Andrea, Kailey and family: I am so saddened to hear about the passing of Stefan. Please know that you all are in my deepest thoughts.*

Roger Lowe - April 13, 2020 at 05:43 PM

RD

“ *Ray and I want to offer our deepest sympathy to Stefans entire family. We know him mostly through his grandparents Gary and Mary. They were so proud of him and all his accomplishments. Please know we are praying for your family, during this tragedy.*

Ray & Vicky DeMay - April 13, 2020 at 05:34 PM



Andrea, Jim and Kailey. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Carol Sledgister - April 14, 2020 at 04:51 PM

CP

I am sending my deepest sympathy to the Nelson family, My heart is heavy with your loss, My memories of Stefan are of a sweet and happy young man. I keep thinking about Charlie and Rose and Katie and pray for strength to get through this difficult time. Heartfelt condolences to you all.

Tina Petersen, Hot Springs, AR (Lorraine's friend)

Christina Petersen - April 15, 2020 at 01:34 PM