



Donald Nicholas Potrebic

March 5, 1977 - November 6, 2013

Donald Nicholas "Nick" Potrebic, age 36 of Lake Station, formerly of Hobart, passed away November 6, 2013. Nick was a member of Hobart High School's Class of 1995 and later attended Indiana University Northwest and Purdue Calumet. He was currently self-employed at his computer servicing and programming business. Nick was an avid Chicago White Sox fan, loved fishing, and loved spending time with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Nick was preceded in death by his grandparents- George and Catherine Conway, Peter and Olga Potrebic.

He is survived by his parents- Donald "Potch" and Ellen "Len" Potrebic; sister- Heather Potrebic-Reid -(Charles) Isley; nephew- Tyler Nicholas Reid; niece- Taylor Nicole Reid; uncles- Ronald (Barb) Potrebic, James (Kay) Conway; cousins- Rhonda (Kevin) Curtis, Karen (Lee) Jones, Patrick (Brenna) Conway, Ronald (Jennifer) Potrebic, Donna (Stacy) Adams; special friends- Joe (Chrissy) Butler, Joe (Erin) Such, Duke (Pam) Witcher; special princess- Cheyenne Ginger.

Friends may visit with Nick's family on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, from 3-8p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at 10 a.m -- he will lie in state at the church from 9 am-10 am. at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 200 E. 78th Ave., Merrillville, IN. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. www.

burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Crown Point, IN 46307
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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joan of Arc Church
200 E. 78th Ave
Merrillville, IN

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Christina Butler lit a candle in memory of Donald Nicholas Potrebic*



Christina Butler - November 19, 2013 at 11:15 AM

MI

“ *Michael lit a candle in memory of Donald Nicholas Potrebic*



michael - November 13, 2013 at 01:51 PM

CB

“ *I have not seen Nick since H.S. but I will never forget that smile of his. I honestly do not think I ever saw him without a smile on his face. He was someone you knew you could count on to be there for you. His family and friends are in my prayers.*

Crissy (Radinsky) Borton - November 13, 2013 at 01:58 AM



“ Nick, I didn't know you as well as some, but I liked your easy going demeanor. Your laugh was infectious, and your personality was one of a kind. You will be missed. I remember only after a few times seeing you, I was in the St.Mary's E.R. when you called my husband to say Hi, it was only moments later when you appeared in the room with me with your wonderful smile and gave me a hug and a glass of water:) I will miss you:) Good bye my friend and RIP. Sincerely Candice Perkins



Irene Candice - November 12, 2013 at 05:38 PM



“ Nicky ----> lol
I'll Never forget that Laugh, that Smile or The fun times we had!! Im so BLESSED to have met you and to have had the chance to know you and call you MY friend.
Nothing But Love for you, Always in my Heart..... <3
Sarah Gorski-Hopkins

Sarah Gorski- Hopkins - November 12, 2013 at 03:18 PM



“ Such sad news. Nick was always so helpful to my mother-in-law when she lived next door. We knew we could ask him to help her out and he was always willing to do it. Our hearts go out to his family. He will be missed.

Dennis & Lu Fossey

Louise Fossey - November 11, 2013 at 09:36 AM

“ When I heard the devastating news on Thursday, I was heartbroken for the entire Potrebic family and for Nick's dear friends. (Joe Such, thinking of you!) Nick and I graduated from Hobart High School together in 1995. The one thing that vividly stands out in my memory when I hear the name "Nick Potrebic," is a great big genuine smile and a sweet-natured disposition. Nick and I shared many classes together, as I well recall, and what I remember was what a selfless person he was, always asking me and our other classmates how we were all doing, what was new, and was always willing to lend a hand or had an idea for someone having an issue in that class. He was a first class kind of guy, and I feel greatly privileged to have known Nick for this too short of time. Unfortunately, I hadn't seen him much, if at all, since high school, but happened to bump into him at Target a couple years back, and I immediately recognized him and his huge smile, he hadn't changed a bit! And I said "hi Nick," and he gave me a hug and solely asked about me and my family, my friends from high school who he knew I probably still was in contact with; Kelly Burns, Cindy Osika, Mark Feczko, and others. He filled me in on what he was up to, again, all with a smile, and I left the store feeling very happy that I had run into him that day. Especially now, as I write this post, I am extremely grateful I had seen Nick, even if it was only for a five minute conversation in an aisle at Target. We are all better people for having Nick, and people of his profound caliber, in our lives. Nick, may you rest peacefully now and please know that you will never be forgotten. God Bless The Potrebic Family during this most difficult time. My family and I will continue to pray for your strength and may you find comfort in knowing how many people respected him, loved and admired him and will never forget the beautiful memories he has left behind to cherish and seek comfort from. Gone too soon, but he will always live in our hearts. Hearing Leonard (HHS Class of '95) I'm certain Mrs. Potrebic would never forget her absolute favorite guidance office assistant two years in a row! That was ME, by the way. :) Again, many thoughts and prayers for the Potrebic family during this tragic time. I am so deeply sorry.

Valerie Heuring Leonard - November 10, 2013 at 01:57 AM

HI

“ *My Brother, you are loved so much, I really believe more than you ever could imagine. The love for you that literally hundreds of people have expressed in one way or another is simply awesome. You make me proud to be your sister, you always have. You have done so much to take care of Mom and Dad, things that you know I couldn't do but I promise that I will do the absolute best I can to be everything that you have been for them. You left me some pretty big shoes to fill, but that's okay. The promises made to you by certain people will be carried out. I just can't believe you are gone. I loved growing up with you. We sure had a lot of fun and a lot of laughs. I couldn't have asked for a better brother. I love you and miss you beyond words and I would give anything to be able to tell you that I love you again. I miss your smile and your laugh. Your niece and nephew, Taylor and Tyler adore you and you were such a great Uncle to them. We all love your little Princess Cheyenne and I am so glad that in the past couple of months you could be a great "daddy" to her. We will see each other again but until we do, just know that I love you so very much and miss you like crazy.
Love You Forever!
Your Sister, Heather*

Heather Isley - November 09, 2013 at 11:12 PM

BJ

“ *i got nothing but memories.....wonderful memories*

Bobby Jin - November 09, 2013 at 07:49 PM

MH

“ OUR DEAR NICK, THE SMILE THAT NEVER STOPPED OR WILL, OUR SMILES HAVE, WE ALL MISS YOU LIKE YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN GONE FOREVER.
OUR LOVE & PRAYERS FOR YOUR FAMILY, MY HEART HURTS IN WAYS I NEVER FELT BEFORE FOR MY DAUGHTER CHRISSY BUTLER, AND JOE, MADILYN, AND JACK. YOUR LITTLE PRINCESS WILL NOT STOP WATCHING FOR YOU, OR CHEVY & NEITHER WILL WE ALL, FOR EVERY STAR THAT SHINES, I KNOW IT'S OUR NICK SMILING DOWN ON US, LETTING US KNOW WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN. LOVE ANY PRAYERS TO ALL YOUR FAMILY, YOUR MOTHER, FATHER, WE WILL PRAY FOR THEM TO KNOW THE DAY WILL COME, AS GOD HAS PLANNED FOR THEM TO SEE YOU AGAIN. I LOVE YOU NICK. ps: BY THE WAY WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP IN HEAVEN RIGHT NOW? PLAYING BASEBALL, CALLING IT THE WHITE CLOUDS TEAM, GO HIT THEM, WE ALL WILL BE WATCHING THEM BALLS FALLING FROM ABOVE, WE KNOW YOU NICK, & YOU CAN DO IT. GET SOME PEACEFUL REST NICK. LOVE & PRAYERS, CHRISSY'S MOM, WHO YOU ALWAYS CALLED MOM#2, I MISS YOU, MY #2 SON. LOVE YOU, MOM#2 MARILYN HOOD

MARILYN HOOD - November 09, 2013 at 07:30 PM

KM

"Although Nick and I were not close friends, we share many close friends and my feelings on Nick will always be that he was about as friendly of a person as I had met. He had a great impact on all his buddies and I can see what endeared him to them. I will miss seeing him smiling and saying hello and shaking my hand like he genuinely was happy to see me..not just going through the motions. I pray for his family and friends that they can find peace and live the rest of their lives with the fond memories of Nick .I know I will.

Kent Moore

Kent Moore - November 10, 2013 at 10:36 AM