



Stefan Nicholas "Nick" Grande

October 16, 1992 - March 19, 2009

Stefan Nicholas "Nick" Grande, age 16, of 270 E. Prospect St., Smithville, entered into his eternal home with the Lord Jesus Christ on Thursday, March 19th, 2009 at Akron City Hospital.

Services will be Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. at Smithville United Methodist Church, 243 N. Milton St., Smithville with Pastor Jim Sustar and Pastor Vince Frey officiating. Interment will be at Smithville Cemetery.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., Wooster.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the following First National Bank Branch's, c/o Nick Grande Memorial Fund (112 W. Market St., Orrville, OH. 44667 or 1320 W. High St., Orrville, OH. 44667) or 153 E. Main St., Smithville OH. 44677 to help defray expenses.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: www.custerglenn.com.

Nick was born on October 16, 1992 in Orrville to Robert A. and Deborah N. (Carter) and has been a resident of Wayne County all of his life.

He was a sophomore at Smithville High School who was a very caring person and cherished the many numerous friendships that he made over the years. He enjoyed hunting and was an outdoors person who especially loved paintballing; gaming on the computer; enjoyed music of all types and above all loved talking and spending time with his family. He had attended Heartland Christian Center in Wooster.

He is survived by his father, Robert A. Grande of Smithville; mother, Deborah

N. (A.Curtis) Prater of Las Vegas, NV.; 2 brothers, Jacob and Ben Grande in Smithville; 2 sisters, Gabrielle and Hannah of Las Vegas, NV.; maternal grandmother, Velma M. Carter of Wooster and paternal grandmother, Barbara E. Grande-Swartz of Wooster; uncles, Dan Grande of Wooster and Ron (Sandra) Grande of Greenville, S.C.; and aunt, Deb Grande- Harsh and many cousins and family members.

He is preceded in death by grandfathers, Dominic A. "Buttsie" Grande and Charles E. Carter.

Previous Events

Service

MAR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Smithville United Methodist Church
243 N. Milton St.
Smithville, OH

Tribute Wall



“ I am a member of a Medal of Honor gaming clan, and we hear from a clan member's father that his son had passed away and would not be playing anymore. We have researched it and think that Nick is our gaming friend. Would someone please contact me by email (lori charboneau@hotmail.com) and tell me his MOHAA gaming name so we can confirm that Nick is indeed our deceased clan friend? We would like to send the family a card and some other things from us but need confirmation that we have the right person. Thank you.##imported-begin##Lori (CF goddess)##imported-end##

April 19, 2009 at 08:07 PM



“ Deb,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! I miss you and wish I could be there for you.
Know I love you!
An old best friend,
Angel##imported-begin##Angel Thomas##imported-end##

April 02, 2009 at 07:13 PM



“ Dear Bob & Deb and family:
I am so sorry to hear about Nic's passing. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers now and always. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to serve you during this terrible time.

With much love,
Brenda McClain and family##imported-begin##Brenda McClain
##imported-end##

April 01, 2009 at 10:55 PM



“ I always enjoyed playing Medal of Honor with my friend Hallifax. He always made me smile.##imported-begin##Lori (CF goddess)##imported-end##

March 29, 2009 at 08:13 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this tragic time. Our son enjoyed talking to Nick about hunting and enjoyed spending time with him during FFA events. He will be missed by many. You did a wonderful job showing and teaching your son love and compassion. Which he in turn gave to many. Again, Mr. Grande, our prayer go out to you and your family during such a horrible time.##imported-begin##David and Brenda Shelly Parents of Jim Ball##imported-end##

March 27, 2009 at 09:31 PM



“ Grande Family,
I am so sorry for your loss, my thought and prayers are with you all, my grandson Nick Hobson was a friend of Nick's, so even tho i didn't know him my heart goes out to you just try and remember when someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a real treasure, may God bless you and yours always and His love bring you comfort in the days to come.
Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy.
Nick's Grandmother in West Virginia##imported-begin##Janet Hastewell##imported-end##

March 27, 2009 at 01:44 PM



“ To the Grande and Prater Families,
Bob, Deb & Curtis, and children. Our thoughts are with you in this
difficult time.

Deb, as a mother who carried Nick next to your heart, his death
must be a severe loss. Know that he thought the world of you. Even
his physical facial features resembled yours. When Curtis joined the
family, Nick welcomed him with open arms and put him on his
forever-friend list. Nick was a special fellow.

Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Merv &
Mabel##imported-end##

March 26, 2009 at 07:39 PM



“ Don't know the circumstances of your loss. But what a lost it must
be. May God be with you and comfort you during this time. He is our
strength in time of need.

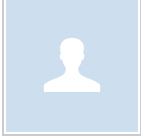
We can look forward to the second coming of Christ when we can
all be united and rise to meet Jesus in the clouds to go Home with
Him. That is the promise that He gives His.##imported-
begin##Wooster Seventh day Adventist Church##imported-end##

March 26, 2009 at 05:38 PM



“ Sorry for your loss regan and nick had a lot of good times together.
Those times he will remember for the rest of his life. Nick was one
of a kind with a heart of gold. He was so well manured and behaved
and respectful. He will be missed a lot by us all god bless mike mary
regan colline mccune##imported-begin##the mccunes##imported-
end##

March 26, 2009 at 01:21 PM



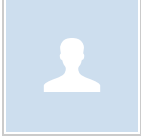
“ Dear Bob and family,

I am so sorry to hear the terrible news. Nick was a wonderful person, I remember him showing me with great enthusiasm the fireflies you had in your back garden.

You are a strong and kind family and I wanted you all to know we are thinking of you back here in England.

Take care old friend! Chris (Sussex, UK)##imported-begin##Chris Inkpen##imported-end##

March 26, 2009 at 10:05 AM



“ Hello Deb,

I was Nick's 8th grade English teacher...as a matter of fact, I did not realize until I read the obituary that I was also YOUR 8th grade English teacher many years ago. You may remember me as Miss Berg.

I didn't get a chance to talk to you today at the funeral, but I wanted to tell you how sorry I am at the loss of Nick. He was a true original and I enjoyed having him very much in my class. Even as an 8th grader, talking to Nick was like talking to an adult.

I understand from the other middle school teachers that Nick, Colton, Nemo, and some other high school boys came over to the middle school last week to see some of their old teachers and I had already left and didn't get a chance to see them...I will regret for the rest of my life that I did not get to talk to Nick on what turned out to be the last day of his life.

So I wanted you to know I remember you well and when I realized you were Nick's mom, I could see the resemblance immediately.

Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. As you could see by the multitudes of friends who came out to his calling hours and funeral, he was loved by many, myself included.

Sincerely,

*Robyn Holbert (Miss Berg)##imported-begin##Robyn
Holbert##imported-end##*

March 25, 2009 at 07:14 PM



“ It's so beautiful to see all of the memories shared on here, Nick touching each person in some way. Everyone who met him was blessed by his kind spirit. Everyone of us will remember something different about him. Though we now mourn his passing, celebrate the beauty of his life while God shared him with us. "Friends are friends forever, if the Lord's the Lord of them."

You are all in our prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##The Raines Family##imported-end##

March 25, 2009 at 12:42 PM

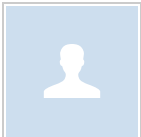


“ Bob, Jacob and Ben,

We may never know why this happened, but God has a very special plan for you. Just remember Nick is in a much better place.

You all are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin## Terry & Rochelle, Tolan, Trent and Sydney Shane ##imported-end##

March 25, 2009 at 10:37 AM



“ Dear Ben, Jacob and Mr. Grande,

We have enjoyed getting to know you through school, church and Ohio Reads. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you deal with this terrible accident. May your faith, family, and friends sustain you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Norm & Linda Ream##imported-end##

March 25, 2009 at 10:28 AM



“ *Bob Grande and family:
My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family during this difficult time.
We will be praying for you.##imported-begin##Rebecca Fahrni-Haddany (LAVINDER)##imported-end##*

March 25, 2009 at 08:23 AM



“ *R.I.P. Nick, my prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Cecelia Campos##imported-end##*

March 25, 2009 at 01:24 AM



“ *We can't imagine what you must be going through. We are praying for your family. Jim, Tracey, Scott Swinehart & Kenny Larabee##imported-begin##Tracey Swinehart##imported-end##*

March 24, 2009 at 11:20 PM



“ *We are very sorry about your loss, you're in our prayers and we are thinking of you.##imported-begin##logan walton and family##imported-end##*

March 24, 2009 at 05:31 PM



“ Dear Grande Family,
I did not have Nick as a student, but I grew to know this special young man through the time that Ben and Jacob spent in my class. He was very special to his brothers!
Know that in this time of deep sorrow that God is holding you close and that He can provide you with the comfort that this world cannot. Your family is in my constant thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mrs. Kathy Madigan##imported-end##

March 24, 2009 at 03:33 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

The Bates' -

Jim, Linda

Tyler, Alex,

and Zoe##imported-begin##Linda Bates##imported-end##

March 24, 2009 at 03:15 PM



“ We wish you God's blessings of peace and precious memories.##imported-begin##Glen and Lois, Blake and Joelle Maibach##imported-end##

March 24, 2009 at 02:02 PM



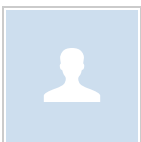
“ Nick became a member of my household when he became the best true friend my son Frank ever had. He was to be a lifetime friend for my son and I enjoyed his presence in my home....sharing and enjoying mycooking at meals Franky would request I make so Nick could taste my food. He was one of the few people Franky could relate to on his own level of depth. Hunting, comparing interests in music, guns and their history, or just shootong in the back field at my farm, they had a closeness not often found in a lifetime. I am so glad Franky and I got to share our music playing with him before we lost him. Though my time with him was brief, the quality of that time was memorable. I will carry him with me always.##imported-begin##Rick DeLollis##imported-end##

March 24, 2009 at 11:33 AM



“ Bob and Deb my heart is saddend on this the loss of your son. I am at a loss of words. My thoughts and prayers go with you, if there is anything I can do for you please let me know.##imported-begin##Ron J. Hatfield##imported-end##

March 24, 2009 at 11:25 AM



“ Dear Grande Family-During this difficult time, please know that you are in our prayers. Zak has expressed what a great person Nick was and how much he will be missed by so many. Our hearts go out to you in Christian love. May God's peace and comfort rain down on you now and forever.
Terry, Didi, Zak and Sara McCune##imported-begin##The McCune Family##imported-end##

March 24, 2009 at 11:23 AM



“ Our thoughts & prayers are with during this long dark journey... We pray for God's love, strength & grace to get thru each day, 1 at a time...

We do know your empty hearts as we lost our 20 yr daughter in 2005... life as u knew it will never b the same... the new -un normal..but know that God will carry u thru this horrible time...

In Christ,
greg & deb nofsinger##imported-begin##Greg & Deb
Nofsinger##imported-end##

March 24, 2009 at 10:41 AM



“ We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Please except our deepest sympathy. We continue to pray for you and your family. May God comfort you.##imported-begin##The Costanzo Family##imported-end##

March 24, 2009 at 06:08 AM



“ We are sorry for your loss. Can't imagine what you are going through. Your in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this hard time.

In this time of loss, may faith give you strength, may prayers bring you comfort.

With deepest sympathy,
The Beichlers##imported-begin##The Beichler Family##imported-end##

March 24, 2009 at 12:46 AM



“ Bob, I'm so very sorry for the loss of your son, I'm praying for you and your boys. Trevor##imported-begin##Trevor Porter##imported-end##

March 23, 2009 at 08:29 PM



“ Bob,
My heart goes out to you over the loss of your son Nick. I remember teaching him in my Sunday school class. My prayers are with you and your family. You have done a wonderful job raising these boys and I love your family tradition. Though Nick's life was way too short I hope you find comfort in knowing how many people loved him and the impact he had on others and he knew how very much you loved him. May God Bless you and your family and his peace and healing be with you.##imported-begin##Dottie Curie##imported-end##

March 23, 2009 at 06:28 PM



“ Bob,
I can't express enough how sorry I am for you & your family. My heart was broken when I heard about your son. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this most difficult time. May God be with you.

Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie Henry##imported-end##

March 23, 2009 at 06:20 PM



“ bob, so sorry about your loss, i know words can't express how sorry i am for you & your family. if there's anything you need or to talk i'll be here. joannie###imported-begin##joan beck bonnell###imported-end##

March 23, 2009 at 02:56 PM



“ God be with you and yours at this time and Nick will live on in your thoughts and stories of him.###imported-begin##Linda###imported-end##

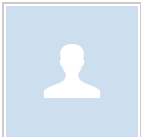
March 23, 2009 at 10:56 AM



“ Grande Family,

You will be in our thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathies.###imported-begin##The Perry Family###imported-end##

March 23, 2009 at 09:49 AM



“ Bob I am so very sorry to hear of your tragic loss. May the Lord bless you and keep you and your family wrapped tightly in his loving arms. Karen###imported-begin##Karen Snyder###imported-end##

March 23, 2009 at 08:13 AM



“ I never got the chance to meet Nick, but I work with his father, Bob who is a wonderful, caring man. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this very difficult time.

God Bless,

Cassie###imported-begin##Cassie Hershberger###imported-end##

March 23, 2009 at 07:26 AM



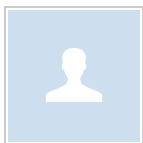
“ My deepest sympathies.###imported-begin##Lisa McClintock###imported-end##

March 23, 2009 at 05:25 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Grande family. I feel honored to have known such a fine young man as Nick and will carry with me special memories of him as a youngster. He has touched the lives of so many people in unimaginable ways and will live on in our hearts forever.###imported-begin##Wanda Kandel###imported-end##

March 23, 2009 at 02:29 AM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy is with you as you greive. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.###imported-begin##Loree. Jim, and girls###imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 10:25 PM



“ Dear the Grande family,
we are very sorry for your loss here at CF.. Your son, who believed
a member of cf, was a great person and we are deeply saddend at
what has happend to your son. Our prayers are with you, best of
luck the CF clan.###imported-begin##Riley [CF SAINTS]###imported-
end##

March 22, 2009 at 10:00 PM



“ Don't cry because its over, SMILE because it happened. I am a very
lucky person to have met you and to be considered a friend. You will
be deeply missed by many. Rest in Peace my Friend.###imported-
begin##denise###imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 09:37 PM



“ Dear Grande family-

You have our deepest sympathies during this difficult time. We hope
you are comforted by the love and support of the entire community.
During this time of hurt and loss, please know that we are praying
for your comfort and peace.

Greg has fond memories of Nick and enjoyed being his teacher.
Please let us know if there is anything we can do for Jacob or Ben.
Greg is always available to lend an ear if they need to talk.

Love and Prayers -

Kara and Greg DeRodes and family###imported-begin##Kara and
Greg DeRodes###imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 08:42 PM



“ nick, i still remember every single day of school where you brightened up my day. i remember each and every one seprately. i loved sitting with you in geometry class. ha, i loved how you made fun of how i talked, even though it annoyed me so much at the time. now looking back on it all, those were some great times. i shall cherrish everyone. maybe you have been taken from us here, but you have gone on to a place where we shall see you again. it may be a while, but we will all be there eventually.##imported-begin##amanda tullar##imported-end##

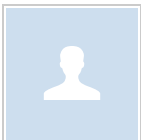
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“ From :{CF}: M.GEN^GUNNY_HIGHWAY (BRYAN) MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOURE FAMILY ON THIS MOST TRAGIC LOSS. HE WAS A FINE YOUNG MAN AND WE LOVED TO HAVE HIM PLAY ON HERE WITH US. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED.

With deepest sympathies. Bryan Ross
(509) 939-4206##imported-begin##Bryan Ross##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 08:33 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Hali was a heck of a kid he will be missed.##imported-begin##:{CF}:SFC^Godsized-Donny McKnight##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 08:26 PM



“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I have, and will continue to send prayers up for comfort and peace, and that our Lord will wrap His loving arms around you and hold you close to Him.##imported-begin##Amanda E. Bumgardner##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 08:08 PM



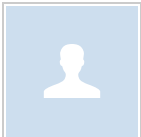
“ Nick was very special to our family. He was one of Matthew's best friends. He enjoyed playing paintball, video games along with hunting with Matthew and Matt (Senior). He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family getting through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Kovacs Family##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 07:59 PM



“ Our our prayers and deepest sympathies to the family .##imported-begin##Carl & Jill Phipps##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 07:08 PM



“ I learned of Nick through a blogging friend whose daughter is your youngest son's class. My family was praying for Nick and for your family. Please know that we share in your sorrow and that we will continue to uphold you all in our most heartfelt prayers. God's peace, comfort, and blessings to you all.

Sincerely,
The Mike Rose Family##imported-begin##The Rose Family##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 05:19 PM



“ Peace, Grande family & friends,
I did not know Nick, I am a parent & I graduated from smithville, this is my reasons for writing. Please except my condolences, I Know from personal experiance from losing my husband & bf 6 yrs ago there are absolutly no words that can bring comfort. It does help the pain & the shock by having such a strong support system. Rest in that support, it does help carry you through. Please know my heart & thoughts are with u & I pray that u can feel the love surrounding u. U will see what a tremendous person nick was by the out pouring, this will amaze you. Find also comfort in this. Blessings & Peace.##imported-begin##Bobbie Jo Cohen##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 04:42 PM



“ i'll miss you nick. you were awesome.##imported-begin##Cierra Good##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 02:22 PM



“ Nick,

You might be gone but you will never leave my heart or anyone elses. we love you nick and miss you so much. You will be forever remembered.

we miss you.##imported-begin##kylee scott##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 02:18 PM



“ Nick, You were a wonderful person! You are greatly missed at school and the community. Rest In Peace.
Nick's family,
We are all praying for you, my church is praying for you, as well as everyone at school. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Deana##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 01:21 PM



“ Nick, or should I say "oh, nick", you were truly a gift from god. The saying that "nobody knows what they have until its gone" is 100% true at a time like this.

All the days me, you and megan sat in the front row of the class bickering at eachother or getting bickered at by the teacher for talking was something i took completely for granted.

Its the little things in life that most people forget..but for me..its the little things you did to impact my life that i will never forget.

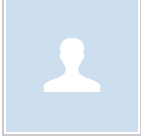
My prayers go out to the entire community and the family of nick, there will never be another 'oh, nick'##imported-begin##Carrie Coblentz##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 11:42 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. There is nothing we can say to take away the hurt, but we will pray and support you always. Time will help to heal the hurt.##imported-begin##Al an Pat Conkle##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 09:35 AM



“ *BEYOND LIFE’S GATEWAY*

*There is an open gate
At the end of the road
Through which each of us must go alone,
And there
In a light we cannot see,
Our Father claims His own.
Beyond the gate ,
Your loved one
Finds happiness and rest,
And there is comfort
In the thought
That a loving God knows best.
May God,
Who calls our dear ones home
And grants them peace and rest,
Give you the strength
And faith to say
That He indeed knows best.*

*Please know and remember that a whole community is praying for
you and your family as we try to share the pain of this
loss.##imported-begin##Carmen##imported-end##*

March 22, 2009 at 07:45 AM



“ Dear Grande family:

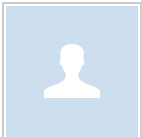
Nick was SUCH an amazing kid and he always put others first. We talked alot and was one of my best friends. I know im going to miss his random calls/emails all the time. I know that God will take care of this situation and He never gives you more then you can handle. It will take time but you, me, and the Smithville community will heal. I love you all and im going to miss Nick very very much.##imported-begin##Megan Carillon##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 04:19 AM



“ I love you man, I'm going to miss you...##imported-begin##Matt Pew##imported-end##

March 21, 2009 at 10:18 PM



“ nick, buddy what is there not too say about you and i?
you are one of my best friends in the world, I don't think anyone saw this coming at all.
i have so many memories of me and you and i will hold onto them until the day i die.
I remember our long conversations about random stuff and i will miss you yelling my name from across the hall, and sometimes I hear yooou yelling my name, Everyone may think I'm crazy but i disagree.
i hope I'm still cool too you.
i love you.
rip.##imported-begin##Kriston Kandel##imported-end##

March 21, 2009 at 09:31 PM