



Nolan Day

March 30, 1962 - August 16, 2015

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(Son of Larry Day)

Aiken, SC—Lawrence Nolan Day, III passed away peacefully asleep with his family and friends around him Sunday, August 16, 2015. The funeral service will be conducted from St. John's United Methodist Church Faith Center Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Tim McLendon officiating. A luncheon reception with the family will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The burial will follow at the Graniteville Cemetery near his dear, sweet Mother, Deane, and his best friend and Grandmother, Mama Grace. They will all be together and see each other again.

Nolan was born in Columbia, South Carolina, March 30, 1962. From ages two to nine, the family lived in Rock Hill until his Dad was transferred to Aiken. Good, happy years he enjoyed in all places - boating, fishing, camping in the mountains and beaches, shrimping, caring for and riding his horses and motorbike. Many weekends he and friends would go to a deer hunting club with his Dad. He always had dogs he loved, as many as four at a time. He was a tough kid which helped prepare him for a very tough life, beginning one month out of high school. A swimming accident at Gem Lake broke his neck and he was a quadriplegic until his death at age 53. He tackled being a quadriplegic with gusto, learning every way possible from occupational therapists to make his body move, which enabled him to do some of the

things we do every day and take for granted. He chose not to go to a nursing home, rather built his home and lived alone. Doctors, nurses, family and friends could not believe he could do it. He bought a used van with a side door hydraulic lift and had it equipped with special equipment so he could drive it. He did the same with a golf cart so that he could roam his eleven acres and the neighborhood, loving the horses there.

Nolan built himself a nice life as a quadriplegic until cancer caused his bladder to be removed January, 2015. He was weak since the operation and struggled to transfer from his wheelchair. Shortly after his daily five weeks of radium treatments, cancer struck again in a big way and nothing could be done. His intestines were locked down by the cancer. He could not digest anything and could only have water and ice until his death. His life has been an inspiration to everyone seeing or hearing about how he survived the thirty-four years.

Survivors include his father, Larry Day and his wonderful, adoring sister, Tina Kiyfes (who has not left his side in both surgeries) and her husband, Andy of The Woodlands, Texas; his stepmother, Sheila Day and her two daughters who are his stepsisters, Brenda Carter, Augusta and Teresa Grimm and her husband, David, Martinez. Primarily because his loving mother, Deane, was one of fifteen children, he has a multitude of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Honorary Pallbearers will be The Fellowship Class of St. John's United Methodist Church. Active Pallbearers will be Paul Flanagan, Pat Polk, Scotty Moore, John Vaught, Steve Johnson and Jimmy Golden.

The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to St. John's United Methodist Building Fund, 104 Newberry Street NW, Aiken, SC 29801.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements, (803-278-1181). Visit the registry online at www.poseycares.com

Cemetery Details

Graniteville Cemetery

Graniveville, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Johns United Methodist Church
104 Newberry Street
Aiken, SC 29801

Service

AUG 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nolan Day*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Nolan Day*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Tina and Mr. Day,
I am very sorry to hear this bittersweet news.
I pray that you find solace in the thought that for the first time in a
long, long time Noland is dancing the jig with a large large smile on
his face!*

Please know my prayers are with you.

Barry DeLoache

Barry DeLoache - August 21, 2015 at 07:32 AM



“ *Dear Larry and family, I am so sorry for your
loss. I know that you will miss Nolan, but take
comfort that he is resting in the arms of Jesus
where there is no more tears, pain, suffering or
sorrow. Rev. 21:4. He is whole now and you
don't have to worry about him anymore. We will
continue to pray and lift you up to The Lord for comfort and peace.
God bless you all,
Julie and Keith Polk*



Julie Polk - August 20, 2015 at 09:15 AM

LH

“ Uncle Larry and Tina - Nolan WAS Mama Grace's favorite and she made no bones about it! We girls accepted that, as he was a boy, and so stinking cute!! Nolan lived his life with such courage, and accomplished much with the love and support of his family - a job well done! Aunt Shirley is not able to travel, but we will be thinking of you and send our love - Cousin Leslie Heaton in Texas

leslie heaton - August 19, 2015 at 08:04 AM

HB

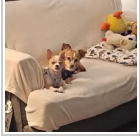
“ Larry, Tina, and all, my condolences to you; Nolan will be missed. He proved himself quite willing to lead a good life and now he enjoys a good death. Keeping him in our memories will help bring comfort now. His presence will remain.

Helen Boyce - August 19, 2015 at 07:53 AM

BS

“ I am sincerely sorry for your loss. Rev. 21:3,4 assures of a time when we will no longer grieve, mourn or be in pain over anything. What joy when this worldwide cause for tears is gone forever!

Barbara S. - August 19, 2015 at 07:00 AM

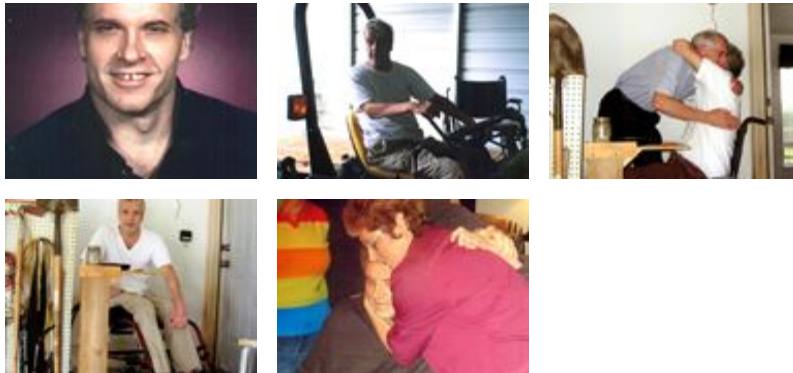


“ Nolan was an absolute ray of sunshine. I never saw him without a smile on his face. I only knew him post-accident but obviously that event never broke his spirit. My favorite memories of him are 1) Him listening intently to my son, Vilai, tell Uncle Nolan about a bug he found outside at Grandpa Larry's that day. Nolan was so into the conversation that it was just precious. 2) Nolan at my wedding with a cigar in him mouth and an huge grin on his face. His grandmother, our Sweet Mother Grace, said. "My Lands, what in the world is Nolan doing smoking that thing?" I said, "I think he is just enjoying being one of the fellas Mother Grace." Her response was, "Thank God for his determination. Many a man has been broken by less than that one endured." I agree Mother Grace. I know she's sending him to the kitchen to fix him her tottie that I never could get right. LOL Love to all. Gina Dowd

Gina Dowd - August 18, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ 31 files added to the album LifeTributes



Posey Funeral Directors - August 18, 2015 at 08:35 AM

LH

“ *Mr. Day and Tina, I am so sorry to hear of Nolan's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of him that I will always treasure. Each of you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Lisa J Hall - August 17, 2015 at 09:10 PM

MD

“ *Larry and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Nolan's obituary is such a tribute to his life telling what a strong and determined man he was in all he accomplished. May the Peace of the Lord be with You. Marilyn Dowd*

Marilyn Dowd - August 17, 2015 at 09:04 PM

RM

“ *Larry and Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you feel the comfort and peace brought by the beautiful memories you shared in Nolan's Obituary. He certainly was an inspiring man. You have our sincere sympathy.*

Robert & Kathy McNeill - August 17, 2015 at 12:58 PM

PJ

*Dear Tina and Mr. Day,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Nolan. It has been years since I have had any contact with you. I have great memories of your family and I send my sincere sympathy.*

*Paul Johann
North Augusta, SC*

paul johann - August 20, 2015 at 01:58 PM

MS

Nolan is an old friend of mine , I met him when we were young kids playing little league baseball , he's a great person ! I know a lot of people will miss him dearly . God Bless You My Friend.

Michael Smathers - August 27, 2015 at 11:02 PM