



## Ryan Nielsen

July 16, 2001 - June 13, 2024

Ryan Nielsen, 22, of Arnolds Park passed away at his home in Arnolds Park on Thursday, June 13, 2024.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the Downtown Church in Milford. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Burial will be held in the Lake View Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

Ryan Joseph Nielsen was born on July 16, 2001, in Spokane, WA, to Drew Nielsen and April Nielsen. He graduated from Spirit Lake High School. Ryan had an eye for fashion and was a skilled clothing designer proficient in sewing and styling. He created his own LLC, Self-Obsessed. Before he passed, he was preparing for his first clothing release.

In his free time, he enjoyed listening to music, painting, hanging out with his sisters, and designing and sewing clothes. He deeply loved his cat Moonchi. He also enjoyed going out with family and friends, going thrifting, taking nature walks, sitting by the water, and biking. He had a passion for new things, he loved taking trips to new places and trying things he had never experienced. Ryan held a deep love for the arts.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, father Drew Nielsen of Spirit Lake; mother April Nielsen of Arnolds Park; sisters Faith and Paige Nielsen both of Cedar Falls and his twin brothers Ray and Kevin Portello of Lynnwood, WA.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, William and Vicki Nelson, paternal grandparents Marc Nielsen and Maralyn Williams, aunt Barb Goodwin, uncle Kevin Goodwin and his aunt Katherine Nielsen.

# Cemetery Details

## Lake View Gardens

Okoboji, IA 51355

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 22. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Downtown Church  
2105 N. Ave.  
Milford, IA 51351

## Service

JUN 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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2105 N. Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ryan Nielsen*



Robinson Funeral Home - June 21, 2024 at 04:03 PM

NM

*Thank you for sharing Drew and April..it was a beautiful tribute.*

Nicki Marston - June 21, 2024 at 04:53 PM

NG

“ *Nicki Marston and Sondra Godfrey purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ryan Nielsen.*



Nicki Marston and Sondra Godfrey - June 21, 2024 at 04:35 PM

JJ

“ *Jon, Evan, Devin, Jacob, purchased the Loving Lies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Ryan Nielsen.*



Jon, Evan, Devin, Jacob, - June 21, 2024 at 01:52 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ryan Nielsen.*



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June 21, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ *Walkers x6 purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ryan Nielsen.*



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**Walkers x6** - June 20, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ *Walkers x6 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ryan Nielsen.*

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**Walkers x6** - June 20, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ *Gilly and Keith. purchased the Basket Full of Wis hes for the family of Ryan Nielsen.*



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**Gilly and Keith.** - June 20, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ryan Nielsen.*



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June 19, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ *Justin William Nelson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ryan Nielsen.*

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**Justin William Nelson** - June 19, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ *Michele S sent a virtual gift in memory of Ryan Nielsen*



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**Michele S** - June 19, 2024 at 03:33 PM



“ *With Love, The Markovich Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ryan Nielsen.*



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**With Love, The Markovich Family** - June 18, 2024 at 04:51 PM

LC

“ Love Chrissy Michelle David Chad purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Ryan Nielsen.



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**Love Chrissy Michelle David Chad** - June 18, 2024 at 03:17 PM

LC

“ Love Chrissy Michelle David Chad planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ryan Nielsen.

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**Love Chrissy Michelle David Chad** - June 18, 2024 at 03:17 PM

AH

“ Amanda Hansen purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ryan Nielsen.



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**Amanda Hansen** - June 18, 2024 at 01:47 PM

PE

“ Pam Edmunds lit a candle in memory of Ryan Nielsen



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**Pam Edmunds** - June 18, 2024 at 12:42 PM

PE

*So sorry for your loss hugs and prayers*

**Pam Edmunds** - June 18, 2024 at 12:43 PM

CT

“ *Sorry for your loss.. sending tons of prayers and blessings to the whole family..  
Troy and Carmen Thoreson*



**Carmen and Troy** - June 18, 2024 at 11:32 AM

KG

“ *Karen Swalve & Deb Gettner purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ryan Nielsen.*



**Karen Swalve & Deb Gettner** - June 18, 2024 at 09:51 AM

DK

“ *Darrin And Susan Kruger lit a candle in memory of Ryan Nielsen*



**Darrin and Susan Kruger** - June 18, 2024 at 01:39 AM

DO

“ *Don And Sheryl Ogle lit a candle in memory of Ryan Nielsen*



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**Don and Sheryl ogle** - June 17, 2024 at 03:06 PM

TF

“ *The Rebland Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ryan Nielsen.*



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**The Rebland Family** - June 15, 2024 at 11:39 AM

JH

“ *John Huntsinger lit a candle in memory of Ryan Nielsen*



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**John Huntsinger** - June 15, 2024 at 10:35 AM

KR

“Faith is one of my closest friends ive ever had i fell in love with her entire family when i got the privilege to know ryan i really enjoyed him i felt that we had alot in common. Ryan was an artist and a visionary i loved the passion he held and the love he had for everyone and everything he did. The passion ryan had was breathtaking and beautiful. And I'm so fortunate to have had the privilege to be close to him and his family. He was a good soul and he obviously cared so much for the world and for others. Im very distraught I'll never get to see him again i loved the time i did have with him. And i wish i would've spent more. Condolences to the Nielsen family. Thank you faith for letting me into your home and into your family and thank you for the opportunity to ever know ryan. He is a kind and empathetic soul.  
With love, Ken

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**kennedy runkle** - June 15, 2024 at 05:35 AM

PM

“Ryan was my girlfriend Faith's brother. I didn't get to spend as much time with him as I wanted to but the days we spent together last summer and the times he visited us at college will forever be in my heart. He was an amazing person with a passion for arts and fashion design. The world deserves to see the things he created. He was incredibly loving and an amazing brother to Faith and Paige as well as a the best son April could have asked for. All love to Ryan and the surviving members of his family I love you always.

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**Patrick Markovich** - June 15, 2024 at 12:20 AM

JW

“ Jessica House Wyles purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ryan Nielsen.



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**Jessica House Wyles** - June 14, 2024 at 06:50 PM

JW

“ Jessica House Wyles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ryan Nielsen.

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**Jessica House Wyles** - June 14, 2024 at 06:50 PM