



Asa Alexander Nielson

April 29, 1998 - March 2, 2021

Asa Alexander Nielson passed on peacefully at home on March 2, 2021 at age 22 of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a terminal genetic disorder. Asa was born in 1998 in Karaganda, Kazakhstan and adopted by Asa and Karla Nielson. He arrived in America on May 18, 1999.

Asa Alex stole everyone's hearts with his big smile and pleasant disposition. He met his challenges with dignity and resolve. He was wheelchair bound at age 10. Asa became an Eagle Scout with two Palms, graduated from Mountain View High School in Orem, MVHS Seminary, and Utah Valley Institute of Religion. He served an honorable service mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, completed the Pathways program and was nearing his Associate's degree at BYU-I. He attended the Temple regularly and served with a beautiful and humble attitude that impressed and inspired others. He served as Elder's Quorum secretary in his singles ward.

He was an avid reader, a gospel scholar, and filled with wisdom, faith and understanding. Asa Alex impacted many lives with his courage, faithfulness, and positive attitude. He was a listener and counselor to friends and family. He loved life, driving through the mountains, eating out, and watching his favorite sport teams.

Asa is survived by his parents, Asa S. and Karla J. Nielson, siblings: Necia (Bill) Witt, James (Caroline) Nielson, Frederick (Jari) Nielson, Diana (Ryan) Harmon, Philip (Chelsey) Nielson, Paul Nielson, KaraLynn Nielson, Joseph Nielson, Sabrina (Andrew) Young, and twenty nieces and nephews. He is preceeded in death by grandparents John and Lorna (Staples) Nielson of Richfield and Grant and Lorraine (Mason of Aurora) Johnson of St. George.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers or gifts, donations are made to Humanitarian Services using this link or by mail, at the address below.

<https://donate.churchofjesuschrist.org/donations/church/humanitarian-services/humanitarian-aid-fund.html?cde2=475-Humanitarian-home&cid=Humanitarian-home-donate-button&>

On this page, enter the dollar amount you wish to donate, then enter under "In Memory of" his name, Asa Alexander Nielson, and please include this email:

AsaDonation@gmail.com. The donation amount is private, but a thank note can be sent to you.

If you would rather mail in your donation in memoriam, send to Philanthropies, 1450 N. University Ave., Provo, UT 84604.

A Viewing will be held Tuesday, March 9th, at Utah Valley Mortuary, 1966 West 700 North, Lindon, Utah from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. A private family service to follow with interment in Orem City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery Details

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East
Orem, UT 84097

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Utah Valley Mortuary
1966 West 700 North
Lindon, UT 84042
uvfuneral@gmail.com
<https://utahvalleyfuneral.com>

Tribute Wall

PA

“ I remember him from scouts he was such a great guy very brave with his illness but I hope Asa and Karla will be ok. I have fond memories of him especially at the eagle time when there was big rain while we were camping and sharing a tent, I told him we would only live once, why not mess around while we had the chance? To this day I don't know why I felt that way at that time. It was a strange combination of his disease, being terrified of death, and being a strong-willed kid. We ended up having several encounters I came in his mouth at one point, which made a lasting impression on him I'm sure.

I was always an outcast anyway until High School, so it was easy for him. We ended up going to High School together, and carpooled for years.

May god take kindly to his soul and watch over those who loved him.

My heart goes out to the Nielson family.

Patrick - May 18, 2021 at 10:12 AM

DN

“ Asa, Karla, and Family... Your tributes were touching, and funny, and memorable. I feel honored to have briefly interacted with Asa. I hope you find comfort in knowing that a very special soul is a part of your eternal family. I look forward to getting to know him better.

Our love to all.

Dixon and Annie Nielson

Dixon Nielson - March 09, 2021 at 04:16 PM

KN

Thank you so much, Dixon and Annie. We love you!

Karla J. Nielson - March 23, 2021 at 10:21 AM

MF

“ This beautiful young man has touched the hearts of many and he will continue to affect us all. Blessings to your family and all who have known and was warmed by Asa's presence in this world.

Mary Felix - March 07, 2021 at 10:00 AM

BH

“ *Sister Nielson. I was a student of yours and your TA, many years ago. While i was a student, my wife and i lost a baby and you were so kind to me. May God hold you in his hands and bless you with his spirit.*

Boyd Hall - March 06, 2021 at 11:44 PM

DG

I'm so sorry to hear about Asa! He was an outstanding young man and example of courage and determination. His loss to your family can only find relief in the knowledge that he is in the presence of our Savior and he is no longer confined to a wheelchair. Thank you for bringing this young man to become a member of our ward family uplifting each one of us.

david glines - March 10, 2021 at 09:25 PM

AD

“ *Asa stole my heart the first time I met him. It warms my soul to know he is no longer suffering. May God bless his wonderful family.*

Angela Duerden - March 06, 2021 at 08:06 PM

TA

“ *I used to see Asa at the temple rather regularly on Fridays. I didn't know him at the time when I worked there, but I admired his fortitude.*

Tay - March 05, 2021 at 11:23 PM

KN

Thank you Tay. Our lives have intersected with our sons' spiritual success! Best wishes, Asa and Karla Nielson

Karla J. Nielson - March 05, 2021 at 11:30 PM

RT

Asa used to come to my class at the Utah Valley Institute. I always loved it when he was there. He just seemed to be a noble soul and the spirit would always accompany him. I'm certain he was met by great love and a crown of righteousness. His smile must be bright today!

Rick Tanner - March 09, 2021 at 01:53 PM