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Christopher Jay Nicklesen was many things to many people: a Marine Corps veteran, a devoted son, beloved brother, a loyal friend, an uncle, a papa, and a father figure to more than just his own children. He was the kind of man people could depend on solid, steady, strong, and always willing to lend a hand. His presence brought comfort and strength to those around him, and his absence will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him.

Chris lived a life marked by loyalty, humor, and generosity. He leaves behind countless memories, stories, and lessons that will continue to guide those he touched. We are grateful to have had such a solid and remarkable man in our lives.

Think of him when you see a hummingbird and crack a beer and a joke in his honor. Celebrate his memory the way he would have wanted. We love you, Dad. Go Blue!

Christopher was preceded in death by his father, David Nicklesen, and his brothers, James May and Joe Diaz.

He is survived by his beloved mother, Shirley; his caring sisters, Kim, Kathy,

Karen, and Heather; and his brother, Tarry. He leaves behind his children, his favorite daughter Eva Nikole and his favorite son David Jay; his treasured grandchildren, Djay and Nijah; and his beloved nieces and nephews, Desirae, Patrick, Blake, Christopher, CJ, Sheridan, Gavin, Addison, Tim, Taylor, and Trish. He is also survived by his great-nieces and great-nephews, Lila Grace Jean, Paige, Vivian Selena, Dominick, Indigo, and Ilijah, along with many extended family members and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

Military burial and honors will take place on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 2PM at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd. Holly, MI 48442. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to be placed in procession.

Semper Fi, Chris. Your service, strength, laughter, and love will never be forgotten.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Military Honors and Burial

JUN 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Rd
Holly, MI 48442-9444
(248) 328-0386

Please arrive to cemetery 15 minutes PRIOR to get into procession.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Taylor Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Christopher Jay Nicklesen.*



The Taylor Family - June 09 at 12:47 PM



“ *Christopher your great smile will be a charish memory in my heart. Paradise has gained a wonderful Man. My dearest condolences to his children David Jay and Eva my niece and nephew. And to his family I pray for comfort at this difficult time of losing such of a fabulous man that had a heart of gold. Forever your great smile and laughter will be a charished memory Brother Love you Chris*

Nancy Luna - June 08 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Erika Potter purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christopher Jay Nicklesen.*



Erika Potter - June 08 at 11:43 AM

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“ *Erika Potter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher Jay Nicklesen.*

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