



## Nicholas Lloyd Dotson

May 31, 1991 - December 17, 2023

Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Nicholas L. Dotson (32 years old), fought valiantly but lost his battle with Wilms Tumor Cancer on Sunday, December 17th, 2023.

Nick was born in Lansing, MI and graduated Holly High School in 2009 where he met his high school sweetheart Delaney. They were together for 15 years, facing every challenge life threw at them together. He loved her profoundly in a way not many people get to experience. He spoke about her with a light in his eyes and a smile on his face. Nick was deeply excited to become a father and in July 2023, they welcomed their perfect son, Sullivan Beau Dotson. He was the best father and Sully Beau's favorite person. Even when Nick was experiencing unimaginable pain, he still found a way to play with his son and make him feel special. He worked for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for almost ten years. Throughout his career he met many wonderful coworkers who became family to him. That is a bond that will never die, they surrounded him with unwavering love to the very end.

Nicholas made an impact on everyone he met. His kindness, patience, and generosity were unmatched. He gave a laugh so willingly and wholeheartedly. He had the best laugh. He lit up every room he was in, putting everyone at ease with his smile and quick wit. He was ready to make every situation fun and make you laugh during it.

Nicholas is survived by his wife Delaney (Nester), their infant son Sullivan (Sully), mother Dawn (Kernen) Dotson, father Robert J Dotson Jr. (fiance Kathy), brothers Robert III, Kyle, and Alexander, his Grandpa Kernen, Grandpa Dotson, Grandma Lulu (husband Jim), aunts, and uncles. He was preceded in death by his Grandma Kernen. He had the great fortune to have a second family that loved him as well in Delaney's family. Her parents, Greg and Robyn Nester, siblings Travis Nester (and family), Karlie Davidson (and family), Chelsea Horne (and family), and Bailey Cubba (and family) thought the world of him.

A visitation will be Friday December 22, 2023 from 2-5PM and 7-9PM at the Dryer Funeral Home in Holly, MI. The funeral service will be held on Saturday December 23, 2023 at 11AM with Pastor Ed Pedley officiating at the Dryer Funeral Home in Holly, MI. A luncheon will follow on Saturday, December 23 from 3-5:30 PM at the Union Woodshop in Clarkston.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291  
bgdryer@hotmail.com  
<https://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

*CRAPO PARK CAN BE UTILIZED ON FRIDAY IF NEEDED (NO SHUTTLE FRIDAY) Please see map if needed.*

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.  
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## Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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*ADDITIONAL PARKING: SHUTTLES ON SATURDAY ONLY FROM HOLLY PRESBYTERIAN AND CRAPO PARK Please see map if needed.*

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ So sorry for your loss! My prayers go to you and your family!

Carolyn Fisher - December 25, 2023 at 07:46 AM



“ Melinda Smith Gaylord lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Dotson



Melinda Smith Gaylord - December 23, 2023 at 01:04 PM

KR

“ My son worked with Nick right after high school. Very sorry for your loss 🙏



Kristie - December 23, 2023 at 11:31 AM

TR

“ There are no words that can possibly express the sorrow of the passing of a loved one, it is very uplifting to see that Nicholas was so loved by everyone. His kindness will live on in all that knew him. And thank you for your service Nicholas!



Truus - December 23, 2023 at 10:03 AM

CL

“ So sorry to hear about your son Nick. Loss is never easy. Prayers for your family. carlene

carlene lagrou - December 22, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.



December 22, 2023 at 12:05 PM

AN

“ Andrea planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.

Andrea - December 22, 2023 at 12:05 PM

MA

“ Sending our deepest condolences to your family. Nick and Delaney were both loved by our family ever since we've known them in high school. We were blessed to witness their love story unfold over the year's. The last time I saw Nick he came in with his usual warm bright smile. He was sharing about his son and pulled out his phone to show me a picture. His joy of being a father sure lit up the entire place. Today our heart breaks with yours. Nick was a good man. We will miss seeing him and his contagious good heart.



Maria - December 22, 2023 at 11:38 AM

DB

“ Deputy Bilbia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.



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**Deputy Bilbia** - December 22, 2023 at 09:15 AM

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**Deputy Bilbia** - December 22, 2023 at 09:15 AM

DT

“ Donovan & The EHIM Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.



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**Donnovan & The EHIM Team** - December 22, 2023 at 07:42 AM

TM

“ We will be thinking of you and your family during this time. We are so sorry to hear about your son. Sounds like he was a wonderful man.  
Don and Tammy Mullett

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**Tammy Mullett** - December 21, 2023 at 09:07 PM

GB

“ Robert & Kathy - Sending our condolences to at this very difficult time. We are sending thoughts and prayers your way.  
Glenn & Pat Breuhan

Glenn Breuhan - December 21, 2023 at 09:03 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.



December 21, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Parking Instructions



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - December 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

LT

“ Delaney, we have not met, but our family, our friends, and our church family have prayed and rejoiced and agonized for you and your family ever since Nick was diagnosed. You, Sully and Nick are part of our hearts, and we share this heartache with you. Just know that we continue to pray for you and Sully and your entire family, and will do that without end. May God bring comfort and peace to you in the days and weeks to come.

Lisa Thick - December 20, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.

December 20, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.



December 20, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.



December 20, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ *Thinking and paying of you daily. Love you. The Bardeckis*



**Hollie Bardecki** - December 20, 2023 at 08:50 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.*



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December 19, 2023 at 10:51 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.*



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December 19, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.*



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December 19, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ *Your BCBSM Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.*

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**Your BCBSM Family** - December 19, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Nicholas Lloyd Dotson*.



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December 19, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Wellspring Lutheran Services* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Nicholas Lloyd Dotson*.

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**Wellspring Lutheran Services** - December 19, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Nicholas Lloyd Dotson*.



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December 19, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Tina Parker* lit a candle in memory of *Nicholas Dotson*



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**Tina Parker** - December 19, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Connie Austin Davis lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Dotson*



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**Connie Sue Austin Davis** - December 19, 2023 at 12:31 PM



“ *Lisa (Montgomery) lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Dotson*



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**Lisa Martin (Montgomery)** - December 19, 2023 at 11:23 AM



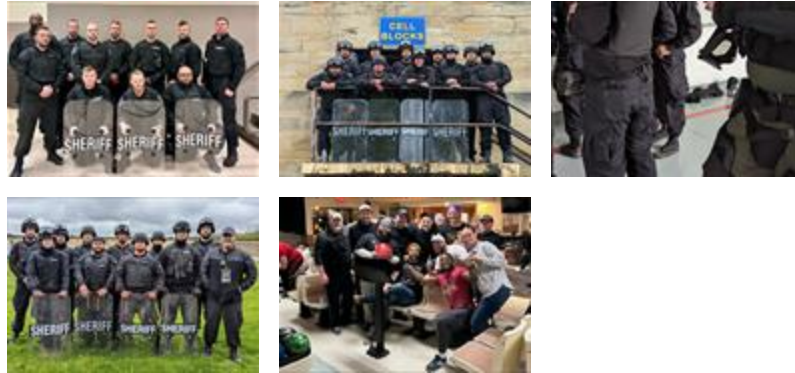
“ *Dotson will be dearly missed and is leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and joy in every person that had the pleasure of knowing him. - Katy Alexander*



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**Katy Jane** - December 19, 2023 at 10:25 AM

SA

“ 7 files added to the album *FRIENDS*



**SARGE** - December 19, 2023 at 07:36 AM

KF

“ Kennedy's family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.

**Kennedy's family** - December 19, 2023 at 07:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.



December 19, 2023 at 07:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.



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December 18, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Nicholas Lloyd Dotson.



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December 18, 2023 at 07:28 PM