



## Nathan Runyan

April 9, 1986 - November 9, 2024

The open house celebrating the life of Nathan Runyan of Verndale will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22, at the Alliance Church in Verndale. A time of prayer and sharing will begin at 6:00p.m. Burial will be held at a later date.

Nate peacefully passed away at the age of 38 on November 9, 2024, at Abbott Northwestern Memorial Hospital surrounded by family. He stood his ground with remarkable strength after an aortic dissection two years ago, enduring surgery and a long recovery. However, two infections this fall within a month proved too much for his heart.

Nate was born the third of four children, to James and Betty (Langer) Runyan on April 9, 1986, at Lakewood Hospital in Staples, MN. Nate attended school in Verndale Public Schools (2005) and Bemidji State University (2009). For many years, he could be found working on his grandfather's farm cutting wood, building fences, or helping his dad and Grandpa Marvin keep things running smoothly. He loved working with his cousin, Brett, at Drastic Measures Brewing, often driving across the state for deliveries. He was rarely far from his brother Jay, quietly working alongside him to draw chuckles and laughter from those around them. Nate's love for Minnesota sports, whether cheering on the Timberwolves, Vikings, or Twins, was best enjoyed from a comfy recliner. Also a huge fan of fantasy sports, he participated in family leagues

and local leagues for many years. After his first heart surgery, golf with Jay and brunch after dialysis with his mom became routines that he enjoyed. Music spoke to Nate, with Kendrick Lamar and Eminem being a few of his favorites. He loved his cat Daisy, and he carried his nieces around until they got too big to carry. He was smart, smarter than he ever wanted to take credit for and the hard-working type that just put his head down and did the work.

Those who knew him best, knew that Nate was a man of few words so when he said something, it meant something. They would also know that under that quiet exterior lived a complicated, witty and kind person he might not reveal freely. He was a pillar that held up his family that will not be replaced.

Preceding Nate in death was brother, Brian Runyan; grandparents, Marvin Runyan, and John and Evelyn (Budig) Langer.

Nathan is survived by his grandmother, Mary Runyan of Verndale; parents, James and Betty Runyan of Verndale; brother, Eric Runyan (Emily) and nieces Eleanor and Edith of Chicago; sister Amanda Tyrrell (Jakin) of Browerville; and brother Jason Runyan of Minneapolis. He is also deeply mourned by numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and cherished friends.

Honorary urn bearers will be Nathan's cousins.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

NOV **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Alliance Church  
109 Brown St. NW  
Verndale, MN 56481

## Time of Prayers and Sharing

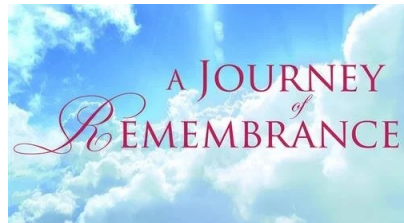
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109 Brown St. NW  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Nathan Runyan



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 20, 2024 at 12:15 AM

BR

“ Brian and Michelle Ruffino purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Nathan Runyan.

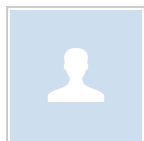


Brian and Michelle Ruffino - November 21, 2024 at 11:52 PM

BR

“ Brian and Michelle Ruffino planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Runyan.

Brian and Michelle Ruffino - November 21, 2024 at 11:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nathan Runyan.



November 21, 2024 at 08:36 PM



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

November 21, 2024 at 08:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nathan Runyan.



November 21, 2024 at 05:46 PM



“ Shelly (Otto) Dukowitz lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan



**Shelly (Otto) Dukowitz** - November 21, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nathan Runyan.



November 21, 2024 at 03:44 PM

GD

“ *Gene & Mary Denny sent a virtual gift in memory of Nathan Runyan*



Gene & Mary Denny - November 21, 2024 at 02:12 PM

LY

“ *Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



Linda Youngbauer - November 21, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nathan Runyan.*



November 21, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nathan Runyan.*

November 21, 2024 at 12:32 PM

LC

“ Love, Steve and Kathy Cecich purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Nathan Runyan.



Love, Steve and Kathy Cecich - November 20, 2024 at 04:11 PM

LC

“ Love, Steve and Kathy Cecich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Runyan.

Love, Steve and Kathy Cecich - November 20, 2024 at 04:11 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nathan Runyan.



November 20, 2024 at 03:19 PM



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

November 20, 2024 at 03:19 PM

KS

“ Karen Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan



Karen Schumacher - November 20, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 19, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nathan Runyan.



November 19, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Nathan Runyan.*



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November 19, 2024 at 04:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nathan Runyan.*



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November 19, 2024 at 09:10 AM



“ *Heartbreaking... Your entire family have been and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers! God bless you and give you strength. Even so Lord Jesus come!*



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**Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg** - November 18, 2024 at 03:49 PM



“ *Bruce and Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



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**Bruce and Trish Steinkopf** - November 17, 2024 at 11:32 PM

LD

“ We are so sorry to hear about Nate, he fought a good fight. Sending our love , hugs and prayers to the entire Runyan family.  
*Joe and Lori Doll*

Lori Doll - November 17, 2024 at 09:36 PM

HD

“ Jim, Betty and family- please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of Nathan.



Harry and Judy Dahlin - November 16, 2024 at 06:42 PM



“ Nate was one of the best coworkers I ever had. He will never be replaced or forgotten



Nathaniel Noel - November 16, 2024 at 11:24 AM

SW

“ Sharon Wutzke lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan



Sharon Wutzke - November 16, 2024 at 02:43 AM

JH

“ Joel Haverkamp lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan



Joel Haverkamp - November 15, 2024 at 10:05 PM

LH

“ Lyle J. Haraldson lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan



Lyle J. Haraldson - November 15, 2024 at 01:18 PM

DE

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family now and in the days to come.



Dean and Cheri Endres - November 15, 2024 at 07:37 AM

JW

“ Jim & Kathy Wilhelmi lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan



Jim & Kathy Wilhelmi - November 14, 2024 at 07:43 PM

SK

“ *Sally Kopp lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



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**Sally Kopp** - November 14, 2024 at 06:32 PM

JT

“ *To the Runyan family we are so sorry to hear of Nathan's passing. Our prayers are with you all.*

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**Jim and Vickie Thompson** - November 14, 2024 at 06:24 PM

JR

“ *Jack and Judy Richter lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



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**Jack and Judy Richter** - November 14, 2024 at 03:35 PM

TW

“ *Tonja White lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



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**Tonja White** - November 14, 2024 at 01:41 PM

BR

“ Prayers to all the family during this difficult time.



Bonnie & Ron - November 14, 2024 at 11:04 AM

W,

“ I shall always remember Nate as “Nate, the dancer”. So very sorry for your loss. Hugs

Wendy ,Jessop - November 14, 2024 at 10:43 AM

LR

“ May your sadness be overcome with many fun and happy memories



lisa randall - November 14, 2024 at 10:41 AM

GC

“ Gary and Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan



Gary and Marcy Collins - November 14, 2024 at 08:25 AM

GD

“ *Deepest sympathy for your loss, we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers 🙏*



George Julie Deiss - November 14, 2024 at 06:08 AM

PH

“ *I was lucky enough to meet Nate when I played ball for the Bison. He was always nice to me and always made me laugh. I wish I would have known you longer. Your suffering is over and may you rest easy. You will be missed*

Philip Hastings - November 13, 2024 at 11:52 PM

EF

“ *Esther and Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



Esther and Alan Freitag - November 13, 2024 at 08:42 PM

NB

“ *Sending prayers to all of the family. So sad when a child goes before the parents and grandparent. Hugs to all of you.*



Neal & Leona Bowman - November 13, 2024 at 08:40 PM

Kathy  
Hastings

“ *Kathy Hastings lit a candle in memory of  
Nathan Runyan*



Kathy Hastings - November 13, 2024 at 07:49 PM

LM

“ *Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of  
Nathan Runyan*



Linda McIntire - November 13, 2024 at 07:43 PM

JH

“ *Joe and Diane H lit a candle in memory of  
Nathan Runyan*



Joe and Diane H - November 13, 2024 at 07:14 PM

CR

“ *Chris Randall lit a candle in memory of  
Nathan Runyan*



Chris Randall - November 13, 2024 at 05:22 PM

SO

“ *Sharyl Olson lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



sharyl Olson - November 13, 2024 at 05:11 PM

DT

“ *Diane Teigland lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



Diane Teigland - November 13, 2024 at 04:59 PM

JP

“ *So sorry to hear of Nathan's passing. May God grant you peace. Children should not go to Heaven before parents. We don't know Gods plan but that one day we will be together again as our LORD and SAVIOR has promised. Deepest Sympathys. Jackie and families*

Jackie Perius - November 13, 2024 at 03:28 PM

JB

“ *Judy and Randy Beaver lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



Judy and Randy Beaver - November 13, 2024 at 03:26 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



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**LEO . HAISMAN** - November 13, 2024 at 12:34 PM

BW

“ *Prayers for your family at this very difficult time*



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**Bruce and Carol Wiese** - November 13, 2024 at 11:15 AM

NB

“ *Nancy and Brad Braaten lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



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**Nancy and Brad Braaten** - November 13, 2024 at 09:45 AM

CR

“ *Nathan, you will always be loved, and your memory will live on forever in the hearts of those who were lucky enough to know you. Aunt Catherine*

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**catherine Riewer** - November 12, 2024 at 11:47 PM

BD

“ *Bob and Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



**Bob and Kathy Derby** - November 12, 2024 at 10:30 PM

JC

“ *To all of Nathan's family, we are so saddened to hear of Nathan's passing.💔 Our hearts go out to you. We loved Nathan so much. His kindness and sincerity he shared with us over all the years will be missed. Please know our prayers are with you as you navigate through this sad time. 🙏 We are here for you always. "How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard\* Winnie the Pooh. ♡*



**Jim and Janell Carr** - November 12, 2024 at 09:34 PM

DJ

“ *Dennis & Kathy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



**Dennis & Kathy Johnson** - November 12, 2024 at 09:23 PM

SW

“ *Jim and Betty, I cannot heal your heartache but I can tell you that Nathan will be the brightest star in the Heavens tonight.. He will not be far away as he will always be in the hearts and memories of those who knew and loved him..*



Sally Siegler, Wadena - November 12, 2024 at 09:13 PM

HS

“ *Heidi M Stokes lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



Heidi M Stokes - November 12, 2024 at 08:56 PM

RW

“ *Roger Wiese lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



Roger Wiese - November 12, 2024 at 08:08 PM

JJ

“ *Jon and Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



Jon and Patty Johnson - November 12, 2024 at 06:19 PM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



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**Patty Desrocher** - November 12, 2024 at 05:34 PM

AS

“ *Amanda Snyder lit a candle in memory of Nathan Runyan*



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**Amanda Snyder** - November 12, 2024 at 05:05 PM

BB

“ *Sending condolences to the families!! Lifting you all in prayer!!*



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**Barbara J Brown** - November 12, 2024 at 04:13 PM

KT

*Praying for you all during this time of loss*

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**katen Trosen** - November 12, 2024 at 07:53 PM