



## Nathan Paul Schwartz

February 19, 1978 - February 16, 2022

Nathan Paul Schwartz, 43, passed away unexpectedly on February 16, 2022 at his residence. Nathan was born on February 19, 1978 in Madison, Wisconsin, the son of Ralph Stephen Schwartz and Mary Schroeder Huberty.

He was skilled at many trades, learned them quickly and worked mainly in roofing, tile work and home construction for various employers. Nathan had a heart of gold and a kind spirit and struggled with drug addiction for many years recently dealing with the challenges that recovery can bring. He never fully recovered from the unexpected loss of the love of his life, Lena Riederer.

Nathan had a very eclectic love for a broad range of music and acquired a large collection of vinyl as a hobby in recent years. Nathan played dartball and horseshoes in leagues in the city. He was a member of Brothertown Indian Nation. He had a special love for many of his feline pets. His smile could light up a room and his stunning hazel/green eyes could change color based on his mood.

He is survived by his parents, stepfather Robert Huberty, his brother Justin (Sarah Sonsalla), nephews Cole and Logan Schwartz, and step-niece Kiley Wagner. He is further survived by aunts and uncles, Joe Schroeder, Elaine (Duane) Rebek, Sue (Robert) Steinbarth, Mary (Timothy) Klima, Cecelia (Andy) Preston, Tony (Mary) Schwartz and Tess (Mark) Wagner.

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents.

VISITATION: Visitation will be held from 1:00 – 4:00 PM, and a time of remembrance will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac. Cremation has taken place.

We may never know what was inside that took you away from us, but you did the best you could until you couldn't any longer. You never wanted to leave us, you just didn't know how to stay.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
31 E. Division Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## Service

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ There is something incredibly special about grade school classmates. Nate and I attended Roberts School together, and I remember him for his gentleness, kindness, and sweet smile. Mary, I'm so incredibly sorry you lost your baby. Only God can give the grace, mercy, and love to someone who was hurting so badly, and it will be that grace, love, and mercy which will give you a chance to be with him again one day. Until then, I pray you can find some sense of peace and understanding in this tragedy. The obituary was written so beautifully. The stigma that comes with addiction and mental health will only continue if we don't talk about it in a way that makes it as common as heart disease or cancer, because it really truly is. My deepest sympathy to all of Nate's family.

Julie Schwartz - February 26, 2022 at 09:12 PM

CB

“ Dear Mary and family, thinking of you during this time of loss. My deepest sympathies.  
Sincerely, Carol Burgess

Carol Burgess - February 26, 2022 at 12:52 PM



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



February 26, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Nathan Paul Schwartz.*



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February 25, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nathan Paul Schwartz.*



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February 24, 2022 at 08:42 PM



“ *Ralph and family, how very sad for this loss. Our children are one of God's greatest blessings. My heart goes out to the family and prayers for strength. This saddens my very soul. Take care Ralph.*

*Linda*

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**Linda bacon rescheske** - February 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Nathan Paul Schwartz.*



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February 23, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nathan Paul Schwartz.*



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February 23, 2022 at 12:26 PM

CT

“Nathan was the adorable and sweet boy I played with across the street when I was a kid. He had the best lego sets and matchbox cars. He was a mini boy version of his beautiful mother but with light eyes. He was fun and silly. I moved out of the neighborhood when I was 9. I crossed paths with Nate again Jr. High and Highschool. We talked about old times in the 3rd Street hood. He was a kind and smiling soul. Harmless and sweet. He got along with everyone and remained a neutral party to most situations that claimed a side whether in a good debate or in groups of people. He always saw both sides.

Now, I haven't seen Nate for a long time but as friends on social media I watched him share the things he loved and the things that caused him pain. I talked to him privately a few times about those things. I was always worried a bit for him knowing fully his struggle as I've seen it in those I love before. When I saw that he passed I knew what it meant for all of those left behind to now carry the pain he held. That's the crazy thing about this type of loss. His pain is gone but transferred to those he loves. He didn't mean for that to happen. He couldn't have known because he was just trying to figure out how to make his stop. As I sit here typing this his picture is looking right at me smiling away. I don't want to speak for him but I know that he never meant to hurt anyone.

This obituary was so beautifully written and honest. What an amazing tribute. It's okay to talk about it all. It's important to talk about it all. I lost my dad 13 years ago the same way. The root was addiction. Addiction doesn't discriminate. There's no doubt in my mind that he did the best he could for as long as he could. In his honor I'll continue to act when I see people struggling. I'll keep loving those who are hard to understand and love sometimes knowing they never wanted to be the way they are. I implore each of you reading this to do the same.

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Christine (Stubbe) Trinrud - February 23, 2022 at 10:12 AM

VB

*That is such a beautiful tribute and message.*

**Vicki Bartz** - February 23, 2022 at 03:04 PM

 Linda Shady

“ *Mary, Bob and family.  
My deepest sympathy on the passing of Nathan.  
May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead of all the fond memories you had with Nathan.* 🙏🙏🙏

**Linda Shady** - February 22, 2022 at 10:46 PM



“ *To Mary, Bob, Ralphie and Family, My heart is so sad for your loss of Nathan. Such a kind man with such sweet words to me every time I saw him. He always gave great hugs and I could see how special he was expressing himself. He will be truly missed. My love and prayers to you all.*  
*Annette Hamm*



**Rick Cuellar** - February 22, 2022 at 08:16 PM

DH

“ *I enjoyed talking to Nathan. He had a gentle and kind manner about him. My deepest sympathy to the family*

**Donna Harmer** - February 22, 2022 at 07:16 PM

BP

“ Dear Ralph and Mary and family,  
We send our love, prayers and may that give you a measure of comfort along with the beautiful memories and knowing he is with Our Lord and Savior.  
I remember babysitting in town and at ‘the cemetery house’ ;) Nathan’s eyes were mesmerizing. This photo and tribute is beautiful. God Bless.  
Tom & Beth (Sievert) Paulson Family

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**Beth Paulson** - February 22, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ I went to school with Nathan at Theisen and Goodrich. That smile would light up a room. And he had a way of touching people with his laughter.  
Prayers to all of the family and friends, and my deepest sympathies.

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**Gretchen Rauls** - February 22, 2022 at 02:00 PM

VS

“ Mary and family-I am so sorry for your loss and can’t imagine the depth of your sorrow-praying for comfort, strength and healing for all

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**victoria Schneck(Crego)** - February 22, 2022 at 01:54 PM

KL

“ Mary and family, there just are not any words.  
I am sorry so very sorry. Just know I am thinking of you praying for you and grieving for you. Hugs to all

*Kathy Lambeseder*



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**kathy Lambeseder** - February 22, 2022 at 09:17 AM