

## Nickolas Showman

December 16, 1985 - December 19, 2021

Nickolas Edward Showman, 36, of Brighton, MI lost his 2-week battle with COVID-19 on December 19, 2021. He leaves a huge hole in the hearts of his family and friends who were always entertained by his stories, injuries, crazy ideas and hilarious sense of humor. He truly brought the life to the party.

Nick was born on December 16, 1985 to David Showman and Rhonda Savela and was raised in Romeo, MI. He was a standout swimmer and football player during his school years, becoming captain of the swim team and excelling at water polo. The love for water followed him into adult hood, when he regularly kayaked with friends and attended regular trips to the UP. Nick dreamt of one day being able to swim with the dolphins or even to live with them.

In 2012, Nick made a big move from Romeo, MI to the dry, desert heat of Lake Havasu City, AZ. When he wasn't chasing flash floods, looking for tumbleweed to "adopt" or attempting to feed wild donkeys, Nick enjoyed smoking and barbequing various meats and sharing it with neighbors. He looked forward to the yearly Havasu Hot Air Balloon Festival, where he volunteered in the setup and taking down of enormous balloons. In his free time Nick enjoyed doing small projects around the home such as using a flamethrower to burn unwanted weeds, raking the rocky landscape and building a fire pit in the backyard. He returned home to Michigan in 2015 due to the lack of seasonal change and, most of all, snow.

If Nick wasn't out on the water or hiking in the woods, he was found in the kitchen where he experimented with recipes that he couldn't wait to try. He was happiest when attending a gathering where he was able to feed others, visit and share some stories. If there was a bonfire, Nick was always willing to help out and even offer an extra smores stick to someone who needed it. No matter what the challenge or request, he gave his all to ensure that he exceeded all expectations with a joke whether it was for himself or others.

Nick was beloved by everyone who ever met him; an amazing husband and a best friend to all walks of life. No matter the circumstance, you'd always leave with a story of something funny/crazy that Nick did while you were with him. He was a for sure conversation starter: volcano surfing, cheese, future plans/shenanigans and zombie engagement were some of his favorites.

Nick is survived by his wife of 7 years, Stephanie, his older brother Robert, his father David and his fluffy "son" Toshi. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Siying and nephew Joseph. Nick is now at peace and free of MS, joining his grandmother Dorothy and beloved cat Tiam in paradise.

“Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I am grateful that thorns have roses.” —Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr

Memorial visitation Friday, January 28, 2022 at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Road (N. of 22 Mile) 3-8 PM. Memorial service Saturday, January 29, 2022 12:00 PM at the Wasik Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Visitation

JAN 28. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

### Memorial Service

JAN 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
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Shelby Township, MI 48315  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wasik Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Nickolas Showman*



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 29, 2022 at 10:15 AM

SS

“ *Stephanie Showman lit a candle in memory of Nickolas Showman*



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**Stephanie Showman** - September 18, 2022 at 12:04 PM

SS

*It's been so long, but I love you still the same.*

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**Stephanie Showman** - September 18, 2022 at 12:04 PM

JA

“ *Julie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Nickolas Showman*



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**Julie Anderson** - January 29, 2022 at 10:25 AM

JS

“ It was a joyful day, Nick, when you and your big brother Rob became a part of our family—the day your mom Rhonda and our son Scott were wed. We cherish wonderful memories from that day and, even more, our memories of all that days that followed it. Godspeed, dear grandson.  
Grandma and Grandpa Savela



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**Judy Savela** - January 29, 2022 at 09:36 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Nickolas Showman.



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January 27, 2022 at 10:42 PM

JK

“ Thoughts and prayers from the Kopp Family.



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**Jason Kopp** - January 27, 2022 at 10:14 AM

JK

“ Sending my condolences on the loss of your husband and bestfriend. Maybe he look down on you from Paradise and bring you peace.



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**Jenna Kopp** - January 26, 2022 at 10:24 PM

JH

“ Steph, I worked with Nick for approximately 2 years at Heritage Funeral Services. I had soooo much fun working with Nick! And WOW did he love you so very much. I have so many good memories of Nick, it's hard to pick one or two to share. First of all, he was probably the best dressed of all of us. He was always in 3 piece suits. Immaculately pressed. He also had the best gadgets! He had his own GPS in his van. It was so fancy! I used to tease him about that! Then he bought this amazing respirator. He went above and beyond to make sure he could do his job well and successfully! Whenever I got a “call” with Nick I was happy because I knew it would go well. :) Then there was the time when he was trying to win Elton John tickets. Well, he got me sucked in and I started to listen to WNIC & call in too. He listened allllll day & night trying to win tickets for you! I hope you saw that video I posted on FB. We laughed about that for so long! He was so funny!! Then when I left Heritage & went to work in a funeral home, I made sure he'd come say hi whenever he was in the building. Everyone loved him. He was kind. Funny. Smart. Caring. But the one thing I really want you to know is how much Nick talked about you. It was a lot! Always sharing about what he had cooking for the day. Or playing practical jokes on you. And how much you both loved Halloween! I am so thankful Nick was my friend. And Steph, I'm so sorry for your loss. He will be fondly remembered. He was definitely one of the good ones. ((Hugs)). Jen

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**Jen Headley** - January 26, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *My wife Nicole & I first met Nick at one of many bonfires that Doug VanTongeren hosted. I will always remember his amazing energy and love of life. We quickly became friends with Nick and Steph. Our condolences. He will be missed.*

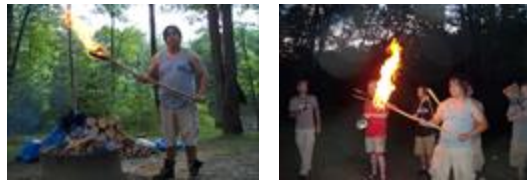


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**Thomas Kosiorek** - January 26, 2022 at 09:49 AM

DT

“ *I first met Nick on a camping trip in 2010. We had a blast and became good friends soon after. We staged some fake battle photos for fun. At the end of the day we are all just big kids. Nick brought his sensor of humor and outdoor/camping knowledge that really made the trip. Wish I could be sitting next to a bonfire with you bud! Miss you!*



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**Doug Van Tongeren** - January 26, 2022 at 08:35 AM

SS

“ This was one of our splurge moments at one of our favorite restaurants: Wuri Sushi. It was the one time I always knew you were genuinely excited for a salad before the main course! Even though we stuffed our faces we always had room for green tea ice-cream for dessert. 🍷 I'll miss these food moments with you.



Stephanie Showman - January 25, 2022 at 08:38 PM

UJ

“ Uncle Mike And Aunt Jane lit a candle in memory of Nickolas Showman



Uncle Mike and Aunt Jane - January 25, 2022 at 04:15 PM

UJ

Uncle Mike and Aunt Jane sending hugs! 🤗

Uncle Mike and Aunt Jane - January 25, 2022 at 04:16 PM

KS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kris and Rick Staten - January 24, 2022 at 08:24 PM

KS

“ *Kris And Rick Staten lit a candle in memory of Nickolas Showman*



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**Kris and Rick Staten** - January 24, 2022 at 08:17 PM

SS

“ *I love and miss you more everyday, my love. I will miss your love and admiration for nature.*



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**Stephanie Showman** - January 24, 2022 at 07:30 PM

JT

“ *Jacqueline Travis lit a candle in memory of Nickolas Showman*



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**Jacqueline Travis** - January 24, 2022 at 07:02 PM