



## Nickolas James Bennett

May 9, 2020

Nickolas James Bennett or Nick to everyone he knew, was 32 years old and lived in Loveland, Colorado. Nick passed into peace early Saturday morning, May 9, 2020 in his home nestled in the Rocky Mountain foothills just outside the city limits of Loveland. Nick was born in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma to Jake and Denise. He grew up with 3 amazing sisters; Tonia, Meghan, and Valerie. Over the span of his life he lived in 9 different states. The one he talked about the most was Hawaii and the fun times he spent sleeping on the beach and hiking all over the island. He talked all the time about growing up on the farms, all the trouble he would get in, and the havoc he and his sisters wrecked on each other. He would smile and laugh when he told those stories, not wanting to admit those were his favorite memories.

Nick started work with his dad at the early age of 14. He always said how much he loved working with Jake. He had many different jobs over the years some including: tile and flooring work, shoe making, roofing supply, irrigation and landscape, and handyman work. He loved working outside on whatever project he could dream up. Hailey would always say there wasn't anything that he couldn't do. He was a jack of all trades, and could fix or work on anything. He also loved watching building and construction how-to videos, always wanting to learn more and more. His most recent job was working as a landscape technician for Integrated Site Services. It was the perfect job for him, fixing things with his hands outside. He was the only landscape technician, so he was invaluable to his boss, who loved having Nick apart of the team.

Nick came to Fort Collins, CO in June of 2015; the last of his siblings to follow their parents here. He traded in his Chevy Yukon for a 1978 class C camper, nicknamed "the grey goose", which became his house and vehicle.

Nick met Hailey on October 31, 2015 at a Halloween party. Nick had come with a friend and Hailey was meeting her cousin. Thanks to the matchmaking of Hailey's cousin they connected and had their first date the next morning over breakfast. As they say with most love stories, the rest is history. They were inseparable.

Nick married Hailey in a beautiful ceremony at Brookside Gardens in Berthoud, CO surrounded by friends and lots of family on June 7, 2018. Nick and Hailey welcomed a beautiful baby boy into the world December 21, 2019, Bodhi James Bennett. Nick became superdad. Bodhi spent the first nine days of his life in the NICU due to some issues from Hailey's Type 1 Diabetes, and Nick became the rock that Hailey needed for her and Bodhi's recovery. Bodhi was instantly the light of Nick's life and his mini-me. We are grateful Nick will live on through our precious boy, Bodhi.

Nick was the brightest light and his smile could warm any heart. His laugh was unbelievably contagious and Hailey would tickle him just to hear his laugh. It was her favorite thing even though he didn't like it very much. Everyone that knew Nick, had nothing but amazing things to say and talked about how smart and talented he was. Nick had so many people that loved him and will miss him more than words can express. As most people know, Nick was in a horrible motorcycle accident at 20 years old. From that accident, he had a traumatic brain injury and suffered from constant head pains and migraines. Because of that, his family takes some comfort in knowing that he is no longer in pain.

Nick is survived by his wife Hailey Noel Bennett, son Bodhi James Bennett of Loveland, CO, father Jake Bennett of Loveland, CO, mother Denise Spielman of Omaha, NE, sisters, Meghan (Ty O'Day) of Omaha, NE, Valerie (Eric Saylor) of Denver, CO, Tonia (Richard Hall) and nephew Zeek Hall of Coffeyville, KS. Father and mother in law Randy and Teresa Souther of Fort Collins, CO, sister and brother in law Mackenzie and Michael Hudgins of Severance, CO.

Nick- I love you the mostest of all infinity and beyond no take backs. -Hailey

A private family viewing and cremation has taken place at Goes Funeral Care in Fort Collins, CO. A celebration of life will be held in the future for all of those who want and are able to attend, when we are allowed to gather in larger groups.

# Comments

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Anne Raynor - July 06, 2020 at 07:31 PM

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“ Hailey, Bohdi and family,  
Please accept our sincere and deepest condolences. We are so very sorry about Nick's passing. No words can ease your pain but please know we are thinking of you and praying for you daily. You will have a lot of amazing memories to share with Bohdi and others 😊 Take care of yourself and stay strong and lean on family and friends to help you through this very difficult time. With sincere sympathy, Love and Hugs, Patty, Bill, Heath and family



Patty and Bill Schroeder - June 04, 2020 at 12:40 AM

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“ My Son, the pain I feel for losing you is absolutely crushing. I will hold you, my dear sweet boy, in my heart until I see you again. I wrote this letter to you and read it up on our favorite mountain last Friday. The weather was so perfect up there that day. You always found your peace there. 🦋 Nick, as your Mother it is so easy for me to celebrate your life. You were always my Sonshine. As a baby you didn't learn to smile for the 1st 4 months of your life. But then when you did you never stopped. Your smiling face brought me so much joy. Your giggles melted my heart. The way you would laugh and growl and scrunch your little face at the same time still makes my laugh. The way you would snuggle up to me and say "I'm a Mamas boy and proud of it" will always be one of my favorite memories. When you were little we would take you and your sisters to the beach and you would laugh and play in the sand. You loved to run up to the oceans edge and bend over upside down and let the next wave splash through your hair. You would run up to me giggling and then run back and do it again. You're adventures were endless. This is the hard part. When life got unimaginatively difficult for you. You took it on the chin and kept getting back up. I've always been in awe of your strength that way. You gifted every person that knew you with so many found memories to hark back on for the rest of our lives. Thank you so much my Sweet Nick for the precious gift of your short life. As your Mother I will never be able to say goodbye to my Sonshine boy. I will hold you in my heart for the rest of my life.

I love you so much my Nick,  
Your Momma Duke  
Your Momma D  
Your broken hearted Momma



Denise Spielman - May 23, 2020 at 01:07 AM

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Eliot Schmidt - May 13, 2020 at 09:05 PM

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“ We loved the time we spent with the family through the years. This was our stay with the family when they lived in Florida. Nick will be missed. We look forward to seeing him again in better conditions!! Love to the family. Uncle Jeff and Aunt Vicki



**Bennett Jeff and Vicki** - May 13, 2020 at 07:03 PM

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**Goes Funeral Care & Crematory** - May 13, 2020 at 02:09 PM

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“ Nick put this on my bedroom door at age 5 and it has never come off - Mimi

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**Laurie Galbraith** - May 13, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ Nick with his loving sisters. Tonia, Meghan and Valerie.

**Laurie Galbraith** - May 13, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ Thank you Laurie my babies

**Denise Spielman Bennett** - May 13, 2020 at 09:39 PM

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“ Nick was our neighbor and best friend to my husband. We will miss him tinkering on Sunday morning and his nightly visits the most.

**Leann Collins** - May 12, 2020 at 05:46 PM

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**Marcella Morgan** - May 12, 2020 at 01:42 AM



“ Thank you Marcella for posting these sweet precious pictures of our babies. I love you so much for knowing exactly what I need. At the same time it hurt my heart that you know. How does a Mother say goodbye? I don't know how I can.

**Denise Spielman Bennett** - May 12, 2020 at 03:04 PM

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“ Nick warmed all our hearts from a young age. Gone, way too soon, but will always live on in our hearts and memories. He will be dearly missed!



**Marcella Morgan** - May 12, 2020 at 01:41 AM