



Wallace Reed Nelson, JR

September 26, 1967 - January 22, 2022

Wallace Reed Nelson Jr. loving husband, father, brother, son, uncle and friend, left this world on January 22nd, 2022, to begin his eternal journey.

He was born to Wallace & Betty Nelson on September 26th, 1967. Both of his parents proudly served in the military. He grew up in Kentucky with his sister Romaine, who preceded him in death in 2021. He had many childhood friends, keeping in contact with some throughout his life. He attended the University of Kentucky and later earned his MBA.

He was everyone's friend, teammate and cheerleader. His love was all encompassing and life-giving. He lived his life in the moment, enjoying world travels to Hawaii, France, Argentina, Chile, Mexico and Italy, among many other places. Reed's love of cycling led him to participate in many cycling groups, mainly the "Good Times Gang," cycling community in Kansas City. He loved the many group rides, parties and functions within GTG. He also loved the many experiences cycling presented such as viewing the Tour de France, meeting new people and bringing inexperienced cyclists into the community with his encouragement and knowledge of the sport. It was said by friends that he would try and figure out a solution for everything and therefore was given the nickname, "Doc."

Reed was an avid, "foodie," and lover of wine, which led to his hosting and participation in many dinners and wine tastings with friends and new acquaintances. His knowledge of spices and his love of different flavor profiles was evident in the complex variety of dishes he prepared, yet he could also make a simple soup that would comfort and warm one's soul.

Reed loved hiking and enjoyed trips to Colorado, Argentina, Hawaii and Chile where he hiked some of the most beautiful places on earth. He supported children through Compassion International and loved receiving the cards and updates from them. Reed felt that no one should ever go without a meal.

He worked for a number of companies throughout his life, the most recent being Schaeffler Group. His work associates considered him not only a coworker but also a friend. His latest business meeting included a boating/.fishing trip in Wisconsin. Reed considered Matt C, Jesse, Todd and Matt D, his brothers in work as well as in life. Reed made his final home in Loveland, Colorado. He had hundreds of friends who cherished him, and who he said, "made his life fulfilling and beautiful".

His zest for life and his love of people will forever be his legacy. There will be a 'Celebration of Life' bike ride in Kansas City in the Spring of 2022.

Reed is survived by his wife Tammy Nelson of the home. Reed's children are Cory Richards of Rockford, IL, Nikki and Kyle Sabatini of Howard, CO and Megan Ingersoll and Colt Helmer of Tulsa, OK. Reed is also survived by his brother in law, Jerry Streeval, niece Crystal Joy Foley, nephew Jesse Stockton and great nephews Samuel Streeval and Justice Streeval.

Cremation / Spreading of Ashes:

The family will travel to Kauai, Hawaii in March of 2022 to spread Reed's ashes in what he considered, "one of the most beautiful places on Earth". Next year, the family plans to summit Long's Peak in Colorado to continue Reed's wishes of wanting to, "conquer the mountain someday".

A quote from Reed's poem, "The Aspens" -

...So as I look at the horizon
It has a clear and infinite view
Whereas my life on earth
And my days left here are few

And the aspen leaves still flutter
As they turn golden and fall away
And I do just the same
And will 'til my last day

Comments



“ Hi Reed,

It was a pleasure to call you my friend. Your jolly spirit was always warm and welcoming. I'm so glad we got to travel, hike, ride, and wine together several times in the past few years. I'll miss your company, camaraderie, food and wine picks, and good times on my next adventures.

Thanks for the local social rides in kc too. I'm glad you're not in pain, and can enjoy all the fun things in heaven now.

RIP Reed.



Aaron Horman - February 10 at 06:23 PM



“ Homage...a reverence for a lost friend, and most often poor hindsight, thoughts of too little and too late. I kept him near through my life, but never so close as to interfere with my explorations or his. Yet, our paths crossed again and again:

- We shared waiting tables in St. Louis.
- Exploring Bolivia and the Andes.
- Discovering our limits on Mount Rainier and the Grand Teton.
- Literally, he kissed the hairy naked ass of an Eco Challenge team member, and he did it, quite simply, because he said that he would.
- Team morale had never been higher!

Through all of this and more, what he never did...was complain, grimace or scowl. Reed's indomitable goodwill...his remembrance, will always be my aspiration, to be like my friend!



Erick Miller - January 30 at 01:19 PM



“ REED! We met as very young adults in the same industry. Just so many memories. When I was a young mother working 2 jobs, you brought clients to the restaurant I worked on the side. Always my friend first. You messaged me out of the blue to see if I wanted to go to Hawaii. Knowing you, I knew I did. We had many amazing memories as travel buddies, as I knew we would. I just can't believe we can't ever share another one. You were my own personal "Anthony Bourdain"! You loved life so much and loved sharing. I learned so much from you about places, food, wine. I'm going to miss you buddy
Until we meet again...all my love and gratitude for everything.



Liz Balch-Johnson - January 28 at 10:42 PM



“ THE ASPENS

Original poem by Reed Nelson written on 30AUG2021

The aspen leaves flutter
Like a sea of butterflies
Everything about this place
Brings a symphony of sighs

I see miracles everywhere in nature
As fauna and flora evolve
But as people we're of limited time
And must forge through on our resolve

I'm just a portion of my old self
My body ravaged by disease and time
I came into the world penniless
And will leave it without a dime

Dreams change with the seasons
And some of us adapt
Like those tiny hummingbirds
Who fly vast distances unmapped

So now as the sun slowly sets on me
Long before my time
Instead of things getting easier
They've become an arduous climb

Can a man catch a break?
Or are we all left to lament?
The difficulty of this life
Into which, without a say, we're sent

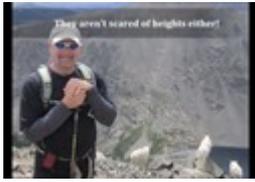
With no guarantees
Of duration or success
Every day becomes a thing
To value and to bless

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It has a clear and infinite view
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Shawn Williams - January 26 at 10:44 PM



“ I am so honored so grateful i got to spend 10 beautiful years with you, my family loves you and i will always love you, i have so many memories of you and you have taught me so much, made me who i am now and i will always be grateful and hold you in my heart, i miss you forever



sev - January 26 at 10:29 PM



“ Court, Mel, Bailey, & Mac purchased the Memorial Trees for the family of Wallace Reed Nelson, JR.



Court, Mel, Bailey, & Mac - January 26 at 08:40 PM



“ You fought so hard Reed. It seems just like yesterday we were having lunch, and you telling me how bad you had been feeling and were waiting for some new tests. Your positivity, energy and outlook made me feel you would overcome the odds. I am lucky to have been able to call you my friend. You will be missed.



Regan Sample - January 26 at 05:37 PM



“ My heart breaks to hear you are no more with us Reed Everytime I met you either during a ride or for my birthday get-togethers or in house parties, you were one person spreading so much joy and happiness with your energy to all. You have given me advice every now and then for several things in life since you saw you in me at those things and it has helped me a lot. Internally I prayed every time a video is posted from you about your updates. I somehow always thought you would beat it seeing that positivity in every video of yours including your last one but it's too sad that good people like you have to pass this early on in life. You will be missed a lot Reed. Days like these are when I feel bad that I did not convey enough times to those in my life that I loved them



Ramya V - January 26 at 04:59 PM



“ My buddy Reed, taking me on another culinary adventure in Lincoln,NE.



Matthew Dill - January 26 at 04:56 PM



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Tammy Nelson - February 02 at 01:02 PM



“ Dear friends and family-
If you would like to share photo's , video's, or memories about Doc, please feel free to do so.
Thank you for your love-
Tammy<3

Tamara Nelson - January 26 at 04:15 PM



“ Lara Seng lit a candle in memory of Wallace Reed Nelson, JR



Lara Seng - January 26 at 04:08 PM



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Tamara Nelson - January 26 at 03:51 PM



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Tamara Nelson - January 26 at 02:57 PM



“ IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, please consider supporting Reed's favorite charities:
https://www.compassion.com/sponsor_a_child/
<https://www.feedingamerica.org/>

Nikki - January 26 at 11:40 AM



“ Nikki & Kyle Sabatini lit a candle in memory of Wallace Reed Nelson, JR



Nikki & Kyle Sabatini - January 26 at 11:33 AM



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Tamara Nelson - January 26 at 11:24 AM



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Tamara Nelson - January 26 at 11:15 AM



“ Sandi Weaver lit a candle in memory of Wallace Reed Nelson, JR



Sandi Weaver - January 25 at 10:41 PM



“ Thank you Sandi- Tammy

Tammy Nelson - January 26 at 09:47 AM



“ Tammy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Wallace Reed Nelson, JR



Tammy Nelson - January 25 at 05:27 PM