



Grant Michael Noonan

November 8, 1980 - April 18, 2012

Grant Michael Noonan, 31, of Denver, died April 18, 2012 at his home. He was born November 8, 1980 in Fort Collins, Colorado to Jerry and Leanna "Zuber"

Noonan. Grant was joyfully married to Erin Elizabeth Suelmann on September 6, 2008 in St. Louis, Missouri. Grant enjoyed living and growing up in Fort Collins and graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1999. He attended and graduated from University of Colorado-Boulder in 2003 with a degree in Environmental Design. He gained recognition in a National Solar Design Competition while attending CU. He also attended and graduated from the University of Arizona with a professional degree in Architecture in 2008. During his senior year, he was awarded the RONALD R. GOURLEY AWARD for design excellence by exemplifying architectural values that respect the earth that also integrates positively with the environment. He then received a Master Degree in Architecture from University of Colorado-Denver in 2010. Grant was employed by Kephart Architects in Denver at the time of his death. Grant was also a member of the American Institute of Architects. Grant was an outdoor enthusiast and enjoyed many activities; four-wheeling, hiking, mountain biking, snowboarding, and skateboarding. He was involved with the Northern Colorado Youth Hockey Association and played the sport all the way up through his senior year in high school. Grant was a connoisseur of beer and a home craft beer brewer. He loved the Arizona desert and the spirit of the southwestern culture. He

demonstrated his love for his family and friends every day. Grants' big personality, humorous ways and engaging smile left an impression on every one who knew him. His enthusiasm for life and adventure was a gift. He will be missed and held closely in our hearts forever. Survivors include his wife, Erin; his mother, Leanna Noonan and his step-father, Thomas Vnuk of Fort Collins, his father, Jerry Noonan of Superior, Wisconsin; sister, Shay Kevin McWain of Severance, Colorado and nieces, Ella and Hannah McWain; maternal grandmother, Betty Zuber of Superior, Wisconsin and paternal grandmother, Germaine Noonan of Superior, Wisconsin. Preceding Grant in death are his grandfathers, Rocco Zuber and William Noonan. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Blessed John 23rd University Center, 1220 University Ave. in Fort Collins, Colorado on Wednesday, April 25th at 10:00 a.m. A reception will be held immediately afterwards, celebrating and sharing his life. Memorial contributions can be made to Humane Society of America or The Roy Drachman Institute at the University of Arizona-Tucson's College of Architecture in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Was randomly thinking about you today and decided to see if a photo of you was still online...and here you are. Miss that smile, it was a good smile! Wish we could go skate downtown to Illegal Pete's, grab a burrito and beer, and have a laugh like old times! Miss ya buddy!

Jamie - May 02, 2022 at 03:48 PM

ZS

“ Grant and I had classes together in Boulder in architecture. After i told him how I crashed into a parked Jeep driving on the ice, Grant took it upon himself to find out what parts needing replacement and found them for me so I could avoid insurance claims. He even gave me parts he had himself. He never asked for anything in return, nor accepted any sort of payment. All these years later I am still touched by this kind gesture. My heart goes out to his loved ones. -Zach Sher



Zach Sher - March 10, 2019 at 12:58 PM

LN

Thanks for remembering our sweet guy.

leanna noonan - September 12, 2019 at 01:01 PM

CM

“ Christy Mcniell lit a candle in memory of Grant Michael Noonan



Christy Mcniell - May 12, 2016 at 10:32 PM

CM

“ I send my condolences to the entire family and loved ones of Grant Noonan. I just recently was searching for him in hopes to reunite with him as a friend from many years ago..I was his girlfriend as a young teen girl. Although I am unsure if this is him I believe it was according to the obituary and how it explains he loved skateboarding and he was in hockey as a youth..these two things I know were his passion when I knew him as a teen girl..He had an amazing heart and was just an amazing person all around. So this news did sadden me to find out and if I would had known I would had attended his funeral. If his parents remember me my name was Christy White and again I am deeply sorry for you and all his lived ones loss .

Christy Mcniell - May 12, 2016 at 10:29 PM

CH

“ Leanna and family, I was truly saddened to hear about Grant, no words can express how sorry I am for your loss. We've known each other since 1st grade and I remember the first time I met Grant.It was summertime in Lake Nebagamon and he flew by me on his skateboard....I think he was in junior high? you did not even have to tell me that he was your son, I could see so many similarities in personality, smile, and sense of fun that the relationship was crystal clear. My thoughts are with you and your family. Love Corinne and Tom

Corinne Heffernan - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Grant, Erin just told us the news. I was in complete shock. It was not too long ago we hung out and you were so happy and bubbly. You always put a smile on my face and brightened the room when you entered. You also made one of my good friends in college a very very happy woman and for that I will always be grateful. I remember the first time Erin saw you... To your friends and family... there are never words that will help in this situation. 31 years is too young to leave this earth. You have lost a beautiful person. I wish you all much strength in the years ahead. Love, Jenny an old college friend of Erin & Grant

Jenny Shell - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Leanna, My heart is aching for you and your family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Patty

Patty Heyse - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Erin and Family- My deepest sympathy to you. I hope you can take comfort in knowing that you are surrounded by people who love you and want to support through this difficult time.

Rachel Herlihy - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Erin, Words cannot express enough. My heart is with you. Sending you love and comfort.

Cathleen Beaver - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Noonan family. I am sorry that I cannot be there with you to celebrate Grant’s life. I had the pleasure of working side by side with him on the DDBC houses while he was in Tucson. Grant always made me laugh – and he is the only one of my students who truly enjoyed drinking Pabst Blue Ribbon out of a can with me when we celebrated the group’s accomplishments together – I always appreciated having a kindred spirit on those days. Finding architects who are willing to admit a fondness for PBR from a can is very rare – and Grant was a rare individual. He was always there for everybody – no questions asked; he never turned anybody down with a request for help, including me. I will never forget his smile, impersonations, work ethic, perseverance, and friendship. He was always a source of levity and grounded in substance. I miss him sorely. He “was going to teach my boys how to play hockey one day.”

John Folan - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Grant Noonan is and will always be greatly missed. It is hard to lose someone that was a good friend and more than an intern. The title “Intern” places architecture education and practice in such a corporate and business like façade, I like the traditional term of apprentice. I believe Grant’s apprenticeship with Kevin and I, focused on developing a sense of values beyond simply the normal 9 to 5 work day. Grant’s love of beauty and life were born in the mountains of Colorado but blossomed in the desert of Arizona. I feel lucky to have been a small part of that growth. I will miss you Monkey Boy... My ship sails in rough waters knowing you’re not out there to listen to my rants.

Jay Brown - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Wish I could be there to celebrate Grant's life. I have only met him once but have heard so much about him from Shay, Kevin, and the girls. I know they will all miss him daily but from reading these posts it sound like his love for adventure, fun, and humor will live on through his nieces. Sending lots of hugs and love to you all from your Vermont family.

Jessie Robbins - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I'm sorry for your loss. I will always remember Grant. He always made friends with everyone. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. May peace be with you.

Monica Benefit - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Dear Leanna, Tom, Shay, Kevin your children and Erin, Grant's time on this earth was not wasted, he touched the lives of many and will be remembered for the vitality he brought to this earth. I know your hearts are broken and you will always miss him. You have one another now and please give to one another the comfort you all will need during this time and in the future. Erin, I do not know you but mourn for your loss. I hope you are surrounded with love and support that will help sustain you. My deepest sympathy to you all.

Ramona Dunbar - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ I knew Grant from middle school and high school. He was always so positive, friendly, and funny...a good person to be around, especially if you were having a bad day. I am so sorry to hear about this. Grant and his family will be in my thoughts. With love and healing,
Courtney

Courtney Osterfelt - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I extend my deep condolences to Erin and Grant's entire family. May your bonds support each of you at this difficult time. Treasure the many memories and the warmth you found in your time together.

Joni Reynolds - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I have such fond memories of Grant. He had such a quick wit and was always so up and fun to be around. Math was not his thing but every other part of learning was an adventure for him. He wanted to learn and always had an interesting outlook on how things should be done. His unusual way of looking at things made his life's profession more insightful into the way people look at buildings. I feel it an honor to have been his friend and mentor. What a special man he is. You will be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days. Gayle Huntsman

Gayle Huntsman - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Grant, I'll miss your laugh and your easily made friendship. Although I didn't know you long I knew we were friends. Your off the cuff comments and jokes made my day many times. The passion you had for "good" architecture was evident and inspiring. Farewell my friend til we cross paths again. Erin, this was my way of saying how Grant was a part of my day at work, some of the better part. I'm thinking of you and your family..

Joe Marceca - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ To Erin & Family, my deepest condolences. I am so sorry for your loss of Grant. My thoughts and sympathies are with you through this heartbreak.

Burke Fishburn - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Leanna, I am so sorry to hear of Grant's passing. What an amazing young man! My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.

Trudy Jordan - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Leanna and Shay, I am thinking particularly of you but I want to convey my heartfelt sympathy to your entire family. The very appealing little toddler that I remember obviously grew into an exceptional young man who will be sorely missed. Know that I am thinking of you.

Diane Schock - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Erin and Grant's family, my deepest condolences and prayers. I loved hearing about Grant in our conversations, Erin, about work, travel and life and appreciate his creativity and environmental accomplishments. You are in my heart at this time.

Jamie D'Amico - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ I was not fortunate enough to have known Grant but having worked closely with Erin I know he was a special human being. My heart goes out to the many people touched by his loss, especially Erin. My love and prayers are with you and hope you find strength in all the support that is here for you.

Katie Trexler Kern - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ I am so sorry to hear about Grant's passing. I was one of Grant's teachers in elementary school. He was such a fun-loving member of our class and had such a thirst for learning. You are all in my prayers and my heart is saddened by the news of his passing. His memorial was beautifully written and it was so impressive to read what a great man Grant grew up to be.

Leslie Grecik Arnold - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Dear Erin and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. This poem was sent to me after the passing of my father, may it speak to you as it did to me. Sincerely, Pam Johnson You can shed tears that he is gone, Or you can smile because he has lived. You can close your eyes and wish that he'd come back, Or open your eyes and see all he's left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, Or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember him only that he is gone, Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, Or you can do what he'd want: Smile, open your eyes, love and go on. Author: David Harkins

Pam Johnson - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Words come hard, we have no idea what pain you are enduring. May you know that we are thinking of you and praying for your peace. Sending lots of love and hugs to you all. Grant had an amazing family! See you soon!

Christy and Kim Dittmar - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Grant, I'm overwhelmed by your passing and a sense of how it is 3 years and only 3 since we shared our last dinner in Tucson, only 5 since you held our newborn son, 6 since we first met at a party in the house surrounded by cactus, geckos and hippies. I have missed your smile, your friendship, your exuberance. Now I miss there ever being a chance to experience these again. Be at peace, my friend. May your spirit be free.

Jamie Lewis Hedges - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ I still can not comprehend a world without you in it somewhere making others laugh. Being around you always made me feel happy and at ease, like I had come home to an old friend that would always accept me. We have so many 'Grant' stories that have already been passed on to our kids. You will forever be remembered and missed dearly. Be at peace my friend.

Kristin Hedges Kris - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Not cutting up for one last model; one more block of ramen; I can't bum you a smoke; and I only wish there was another house to design... another place to build and be. Love you, Bro- will miss you.

Travis Humburg - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Grant loved spicy, or should i say hot food and especially, hot peppers. One fine night before Grant and Erin moved back to CO. they and a bunch of Tucson-Transplants met for Tuesdays. Grant proceeded to offer some Ghost Peppers that were smoked for us to try. Many brave souls decided to taste the worlds hottest pepper that night myself included. I told Grant "Man, these aren't that hot." Grant said "Nate, if you eat the whole seed pod i'll buy you a Pabst." I said "No problem bro!" 25 min. later I came to with a puddle at my feet that was 40% drool, 30% tears and 30% snot. Grant was handing me a Pabst and laughing hysterically. "Man, I ate that for a 3\$ Pabst" was all I could think. That is the Grant I will remember. Living life to the fullest with a huge smile on his face. I'll miss you MY BROTHER. Erin, I am sending you My Love, MY Blessings and My Condolences. Sincerely...N8

Nathan Matti - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Leanna, we are so sorry for you in the loss of your son. Our thoughts and prayers are for you and all of Grant's family at this difficult time.

Steve & Judi Liebaert - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ To the Noonan family. I am so sorry for the loss. Grant was an amazing spirit full of life, laughter and love. I will be for ever grateful of my time with him in High School. I pray that he is finally at peace and I know he is smiling down on all of us.

Leah Davidson - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Erin, My thoughts are with you and your family. Meghan

Meghan Treitz - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Leanna, I am so sorry for the loss of your son. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Louise Belleau - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Erin, My heart goes out to you. I was deeply saddened by the news. I am so very sorry, will be thinking of you.

Shana Fassman - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ Dear Leanna:Even though I never met your beloved son, Grant, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Please look me up, next time you are ever in the Twin Ports. Sincerely, your cousin Beth Z.

Beth Zuber - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Words are inadequate to express my sadness for you. Hold tight to your memories for comfort.

Linda Stremming - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I’m a mom. I’m a grandma. I never met Grant but my heart is aching non-stop for you, Leanna and Erin, and all of Grant’s loved ones – family and friends. My prayer is for peace and understanding why such a young, beautiful life departs so soon. I know the memories you have of Grant will live on, and I pray that a smile will find your lips each time you close your eyes and remember his beautiful spirit. Our entire Zuber family is hurting so much for all of you to have to endure this grief. Our journey in life is never easy, but God is in control and holding all of you near. I am certain of that.

Gary & Brenda Stormoen - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Leanna, my heart is so heavy with sorrow for you at the loss of your Son Grant who is my great nephew. Altho I never met Grant, just reading all the beautiful comments about him and seeing his photos, conveys what a wonderful man he was. So many members of our large Zuber family have been weeping with you. I know there are no words that can touch your pain at this time but I pray God's strength will help you thru this difficult time. I am so very sorry. Love, Aunt Beady

Beady Zuber Forsberg - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Erin, I am sorry for your loss and my thoughts are with you and your family at this time of need. Beth Hoffman, Immunization Program

Beth Hoffman - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ To Grant's Family: I am so sorry for your loss. I graduated high school with Grant - we weren't close but I always saw him smiling, laughing and having a good time. I will picture him skateboarding in heaven. My thoughts are with you.

Laura Nesler Fusco - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ My sincere condolences to the Noonan family on your loss, I had the opportunity to coach Grant in hockey many years ago, I'll never forget him, he was one of my favorites, I loved his wit and humor, his leadership, dedication and talent.

Tim Burge - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Erin, Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are in my every thought and prayer. May friends comfort you, faith uphold you and loving memories of the time you had with Grant help you smile again.

Melissa Spencer former CCIC Program Manager - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I remember when I meet Grant at Preston Jr. High. He was a great friend to all, he was friends with everone and always has been. He's never passed judgement on people bacause of their background. He accepted everyone for who they are, even though I wasn't very close with him after Jr. High he has always been someone I look up to. He had a huge impact on my life, yes even in Jr. High. The way he excepts people into his life is what I admire the most. I work with kids now, and try to establish the same morals Grant has shown me. I feel very lucky to have known him, and I hope his family will get through this hard time as best as they can. We will all miss you Grant and will never forget you.

Sarah Prickett Tyndal - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I would like to say how wonderful, however short, it was to have known Grant. He will be missed dearly. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Michael and Angel Nervik - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Leanna, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember how your eyes lit up whenever you talked about Grant. My thoughts are with you.

Sarah King - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Missouri people will miss seeing Grant wrapped around Erin's arms. He is doing good things for the king, "God". Our prayers are with you and your family. Love Larry & Vicki

Larry Wibbenmeyer - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Words can't begin to express my deep sorrow for the loss of Grant. Please know I'm sending positive, sympathetic thoughts and energy your way, and will be keeping you close, in my thoughts and prayers.

Margaret Huffman - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ My deepest sympathy to the family for your loss. Erin, please know that I'll be thinking of you and hoping some comfort comes your way. You and the entire family will be in my prayers.

Lynn McCracken - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PY

“ Erin and Family, I am sad to hear of the death of Grant. Know that you have my sincere condolences and a wish that I could do more. With care and appreciation

Paul T Yoder - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I was lucky enough to have Grant as a friend during junior high and high school, I haven't had contact with him since, but he certainly touched my life! He always brought a smile to my face; what a kind and compassionate soul. Your family has been in my thoughts a lot over the last week, and I am hopeful that you all will be surrounded with love, and find strength during this difficult time.

Kelly Brueggen Martell - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Grant was someone I looked up to in school. I am blessed to have as many memories as I do. I can still hear his laugh and see his smile. He was one of those people who could light up a room just by walking into it. We had a few classes together and I always looked forward to flirting with him as much as possible before the class was over. He taught me how to do a couple of tricks on a skateboard. If someone needed something Grant would help any way he could. He will be missed by all who knew him. My heart goes out to his family, and I pray he is at peace. May God bless him.

Angie Vesely Parker - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Our hearts go to each of Grant's family especially to Erin and Grant's Mother. We got to know Grant in Tucson with visiting our daughter Kristin and his smile and precense was bigger than life and we will always cherish his memory. his laughter and ease with all he would meet and greet each as a friend. May you rest in peace...

Beverly Peterson - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss to the Noonan family, Grant will be missed by many people that loved him....May god Be with you all.

Jennifer Mayfield - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Grant was a wonderful, kind person. He will be missed by many. My heart goes out to his wife, mother, friends & family who loved him. Many prayers during this extremely difficult time.

Stacey Jo Crandall - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Erin, Al and I send our deepest sympathy to you and Grant's family. We're glad we got to know him and appreciate his many talents. We are here for you. Hugs, Sharyn

Sharyn Chesser - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I too will never forget the good times we had through school. I was lucky to have known you and shared memories with you. I will never forget you. May your family find peace.

Alicia Childress - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ We will never forget our first glance at your warm eyes & beautiful smile at Crown Winery Missouri. You warmed the room as soon as you entered. You will be missed being beside Erin. You truly showed what marriage and love was on earth. We are sure you are doing God's work, just in a different place. Love you from Larry & Vicki from Missouri.

Larry & Vicki Wibbenmeyer - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Tears dry. Laughter fades away. Memory stays forever. This old Persian proverb speaks to us now at this time of sorrow. Since meeting Grant for the first time several years ago, we loved his personality and were ready to go to bat for him at anytime. Our best memory of Grant is when he made us dance at his wedding. We regret that Grant and Erin never lived in St. Louis so that we could use Grant's exceptional talents in our construction business. Our hearts go out to Erin, who is like a daughter to us, to Grant's mom, dad, stepdad, sister and other family members, and to the Suelmann family. God bless Grant and all who love him. With sincere sympathy, Ray and Janet Ghasedi and the Ghasedi family

Ray and Janet Ghasedi - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ To family and friends of Grant, Please know that you are in my thoughts. Sincerely, Karen DeVries Choral Director Preston Junior High School 1994-2005

Karen DeVries - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Erin, we are saddened to hear of your sudden loss and our hearts are with you in this difficult time.

Benedetta and Nicolo - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I am very sorry for your loss, your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Eric Sandberg - April 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Working with Grant was a pleasure and we are all lucky to have known such a kind, funny, and generous man. What an incredible loss. Our prayer is for peace in the hearts of his family and friends.

Jodi and Brian bellah - April 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM