

In Loving Memory of

Brian David Nies

August 4, 1968 ~ September 11, 2024

Scripture Service

Christ The King Catholic Church, Presho, SD

7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 19, 2024

Funeral Service

Christ The King Catholic Church, Presho, SD

10:30 a.m., Friday, September 20, 2024

The Trucker's Last Ride

He traveled the roads in years gone past

A life he chose and hoped it would last

Driving all night from state to state

Trying to get home and arriving so late

He parked his truck now his engine has stopped

And those who love him their hearts have dropped

He traveled the country with a smile of great pride

Now he drives the streets of Heaven

On the trucker's last ride

May God ride with you

10-4 and Goodbye

Officiating

Father John Heying

Music

Rose Comp ~ Accompanist

Casketbearers

David-James Nies Donahoe

Joseph Nies Donahoe

Brandon Gakin

Manny Nies

James Haugaard

Thomas Haugaard

Andrew Haugaard

William Nies Donahoe

Chace Gakin

Bryant Gakin

Maleko Lopez

Daniel Haugaard

Michael Haugaard

Jonathan Haugaard

Honorary Bearers

The Crystal Red Transportation Family

The Baartman Trucking Family

Military Rites By

Johnson Peterson Post No. 179, Kennebec-Reliance, SD

Interment of Ashes

Presho Cemetery, Presho, SD

At A Later Date

*Everyone is invited for lunch & fellowship in the church hall
immediately following the funeral services.*

Arrangements By: *Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD*

Brian was born August 4, 1968 (a mere 3 minutes after his twin sister Barb) in Pierre, SD to David and Sandra (Bingen) Nies. He grew up in Presho, SD and attended Lyman School District, graduating in 1986. He joined the U.S. Army following graduation and served his country for more than 5 years, including deployments to Korea and Desert Storm. He was honorably discharged in December 1991. After driving truck for the military, he continued in the profession as an OTR driver for the next 33 years, logging approximately 5 million miles over his career.

He loved his family, both close relatives and extended, and kept in regular contact with all of them. He treated his nieces and nephews as his own children, and continued the tradition with the next generation.

He enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson when he had time and especially during the Sturgis Rally time. He was a regular attendee of any family get-togethers, but especially the Nies Reunions at Camp Bob Marshall in the Black Hills. He loved his job, driving across the country these past 38 years—the open roads, the adventure, the landscapes, and even the solitude. He used that solitude to great advantage, spending the time catching up with family and friends with his phone calls often lasting a couple of hours.

Brian lived the life of an American hero. Not as the kind that has a wall full of medals and is honored on special occasions. Brian's life makes up the fabric of a strong nation. He was honored to serve his country as a young man in the Army. Then he came home to use the skills he learned while serving.

It is not every day that you find a man like Brian that spent his life performing a job that holds businesses and an economy together through all kinds of weather, in times of war and peace, even through pandemics. And at the same time is faithful to check in on family and friends to let them know he's there to help keep them together.

He led the kind of life that keeps America strong.

Brian passed away September 11, 2024 in Kentucky. Gratefully sharing his life are his father David Nies, his sisters Jeanne (Damian) Nies-Donahoe, Barbara Gakin, and Debra Nies, 11 nieces and nephews, 11 great-nieces and nephews, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was especially close to his Haugaard cousins and spent a great deal of time with them all whenever he was off the road.

He was preceded in death by his mother Sandra Nies, aunts Susan Vander Woude & Karen Meeker, uncles Gary Nies, Lloyd Nies, Paul Vander Woude, and Dick Meeker, cousin Becky Vander Woude, and his grandparents Theodore & Esther Nies and Roy & Frances Bingen.

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