



ON A CAT

by Algernon Charles Swinburne

The roofs are warm in sunshine,
and the birds sing sweet and loud,
The blue sky glows, the wind that blows
Is neither still nor proud.
There is no war in heaven;
On earth, no trouble and no strife,
Whereon the soft feet of a cat
Pass noiseless through this life.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



NATHAN A. BARZ

February 16, 1990–March 5, 2025

Nathan A. Barz, 35, of Ventura, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Nathan Allen Barz, the son of Mark and Dalena (Nielsen) Barz, was born on February 16, 1990, in Mason City. Nate grew up in Ventura and graduated from Ventura High School in 2008. He worked at the Viking Drive Inn in Ventura during the summers and later took on a management role there. Nate was employed at McKesson's in Clear Lake until 2022. A true animal lover, Nate cherished his pets, especially his cats. He found joy in playing video games, collecting sneakers, and watching his beloved Philadelphia Eagles.

Nate is survived by his parents, Mark and Dalena Barz of Ventura; three sisters, Erika Kirby of Omaha, NE, Norra Dakin (Ryan Prindle) of Omaha, NE, and Melissa (Robb) Pfohl of Oklahoma City, OK; nieces and nephews, Meredith and Sam Kirby, Kori Prindle, Casper and Evan Muessigmann and El Prindle; aunts and uncles, Christine Holt, Dixie Rottinghaus, Kenneth (Sandy) Nielsen and Mike Barz.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Al and Ihla Jean Barz; maternal grandparents, Don Nielsen and Doris Drury; and an uncle, Daniel Barz.

Nate will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His warmth, laughter, and spirit will be remembered fondly.

Memorials may be directed to Music Man Square or the Humane Society.



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Music Man Square | 308 S Pennsylvania
Mason City, Iowa 50401
Thursday, March 13th, 2025, 11:00 am

CELEBRANT

Erika Kirby (sister)

MUSIC

“Over the Rainbow”—Israel Kamakawiwo’ole
“Fly Like an Eagle”—Steve Miller Band
“Forever Young”—Rod Stewart

READINGS

On a Cat—Algernon Charles Swinburne
A Pair of Sneakers—Austin Warwick
Native American Proverb—Cherokee Tradition
On Eagle’s Wings—Michael Joncas
One at Rest—Anonymous

READERS

Annette Watson (cousin)
Jennifer McDermott (cousin)
Brandon Holt (cousin)
Nick Nielsen (cousin)
Robb Pfohl (brother-in-law)

We would also like to acknowledge Nate’s friends Mackenzie Clark, Tyler Denney, Jeremiah Hagen, Josh Henley, Cody Kadolph, and Joey Millard as honorary pallbearers.

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FUNERAL HOMES