



Dane Robert "Robby" Nicolay

March 10, 1986 - March 26, 2024

Dane Robert Nicolay was born March 10, 1986 in Fort Worth, Texas, to parents Dana Eugene Nicolay and Betty Jean Harless Nicolay. In his life, laughter was among Robby's highest values. On March 26, 2024 Robby went to make God laugh, and to bring a smile to those who have gone before.

At eighteen months, Robby and his parents moved to Huntsville, TX, where he remained a town regular for the majority of his life. Robby was an exceptionally energetic person, and filled his life with more than its share of activity. His greatest passion was for the arts, and he worked in an expansive range of genres and media. Beginning with piano in early childhood, he went on to participate in several musical collaborations—most notably the band Master Blaster—and pursued numerous solo ventures. At various times he recorded and performed on keyboard, guitar, bass, and vocals, and also experimented with music production. Robby inherited a passion for the theater arts from his parents, and was naturally inclined to comedy writing and performance. His passion for drawing and cartoon was irrepressible, and he worked in other visual media including stop-action claymation and film. To support himself Robby worked in food service, and was a self-described “foodie.” In all these areas, Robby was a connoisseur and critic with wide-ranging experience and tastes. Robby also made a hobby out of conversation. He was especially fond of arguing the contrary side of an issue and pursuing a debate to the brink of absurdity. In spite of his penchant for arguing both sides

of a point, he held deep convictions on numerous moral and political issues; most notably the value of free expression to democratic society and to human existence. His passion for all of these endeavors was part in parcel of his lifelong spiritual quest.

Robby was an exceptionally kind, sensitive, and gregarious person. He was a loving son, grandson, nephew, cousin, brother, and friend. He touched the lives of all who knew him, and he will be dearly missed. He is survived by his parents Dana and Betty Nicolay and his brother Ian, as well as his red heeler, Eddie.

A visitation will take place from 5 PM to 7 PM on Friday, April 5th at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home (1700 Normal Park Drive). A celebration of Robby's life will begin at 11 AM on Saturday, April 6th at First Christian Church of Huntsville (1800 Avenue R). Interment will follow a reception at the church, at 2:00pm at Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery

800 Martin Luther King BLVD
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Funeral Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church Huntsville
1800 Ave R
Huntsville, TX 77340

Interment

APR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mayes Addition of Oakwood
800 Martin Luther King BLVD
Huntsville, TX 77320

Tribute Wall



“ Louise W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dane Robert "Robby" Nicolay.

Louise W. - April 20, 2024 at 03:24 PM



“ Dana, Betty and Ian - our hearts are heavy at Robby's passing. So many fond memories of all of you. Blessings, Greg and Dani

Gathright Gregory - April 10, 2024 at 03:35 PM



Charlotte Efird

“ Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Dane Robert "Robby" Nicolay



Charlotte Efird - April 10, 2024 at 12:22 AM



Charlotte Efird

Dana is now dancing in Heaven with Jesus.

Charlotte Efird - April 10, 2024 at 12:23 AM

MC

“ Dana Was so influential in my life as a student and on staff at SHSU. He was the kindest, smartest, talented and most Christian man. He & Betty brought me the nicest jewelry box from another country one year to show their kindness to me when we worked together on some projects. It sits in a special place in my closet with my valued treasures. I am heartbroken and wish I would have visited him

Once more before he passed. Prayers for the family and many friends.

Maggie Collum - April 06, 2024 at 12:56 PM

CC

“ Robby was so special to our family. One of my first memories of Robby was watching him onstage. He never upstaged anyone but it was impossible not to appreciate his acting ability and versatility. We still have a MasteBlaster CD and I remember being at a concert at Old Towne Theatre watching Claire and Kate in the mini Mosh Pit having a whale of a time.

Our sense of loss is deep but our memories are wonderful and will last forever. We love you all and grieve with you.

Carol, Claire, and Kate Cooper

Carol Cooper - April 06, 2024 at 10:13 AM

KR

“ Dana and Betty,
We grieve with you in your loss. What a treasure he was to you. While we only knew him as a young boy, the beautiful words and memories you shared make me sad we never knew him as an adult. May God wrap His loving arms around you to give you the comfort, strength, and peace that only He can give. We rejoice in the hope that we will all be laughing together with God and Robbie and our loved ones one day.
Love you both,
Kathy and John Rogers

Kathy Saunders Rogers - April 05, 2024 at 01:24 PM

KR

“ Kathy R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dane Robert "Robby" Nicolay.

Kathy R. - April 05, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ Robby will always hold a special place in my heart and there will never be anyone like him ever and I think he'd be proud of that. I'm so thankful for the memories and that I had the chance to know him. Sending peace and love to everyone - Barbie Kirkendall

Barbie Kirkendall - April 05, 2024 at 01:00 PM

AM

“ Abby Johnston and Blake Maples purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dane Robert "Robby" Nicolay.



Abby Johnston and Blake Maples - April 05, 2024 at 12:44 PM

AS

“ I’m so sorry I won’t be able to make it in person to pay my respects. Robby was a one of a kind, and your family is in my prayers. Sending lots of love your way, and hoping that planting a tree in his honor will help leave a tangible lasting reminder of the light he brought to the world!

Ashlee Schaper - April 05, 2024 at 11:55 AM

CA

“ Chris A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dane Robert "Robby" Nicolay.

Chris A. - April 05, 2024 at 11:52 AM

LS

“ Love, Betsy Sebastian purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dane Robert "Robby" Nicolay.



Love, Betsy Sebastian - April 05, 2024 at 10:58 AM

LS

“ Love, Betsy Sebastian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dane Robert "Robby" Nicolay.

Love, Betsy Sebastian - April 05, 2024 at 10:58 AM

LW

“ Dana, Betty: I didn't know your son; but having read his obituary, I believe I would have enjoyed knowing him immensely. This entry is designed to express my sympathies to you and to say that I'm praying that God will guide your family, giving you comfort and peace as you mourn for Dane.

Laverne Warner

Laverne Warner - April 05, 2024 at 10:22 AM

MH

“ Marvin Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Dane Robert "Robby" Nicolay



Marvin Hyvl - April 04, 2024 at 12:31 PM

EM

“ Robby was such a great friend, it was truly a joy to know him. He was so genuine and happy and always knew how to make me laugh. He had the best smile around. I am so very sorry for your loss, I will miss him tremendously, and your family and his friends are all in my thoughts and our prayers.

With love, Erin Maxwell and family

Erin Maxwell - April 04, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dane Robert "Robby" Nicolay.*



April 04, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ *Austin & Georgetown Mitchells purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dane Robert "Robby" Nicolay.*



Austin & Georgetown Mitchells - April 03, 2024 at 10:36 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Angela (Scott) Stacks

Angela Stacks - April 03, 2024 at 05:58 PM



“ *Diane M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dane Robert "Robby" Nicolay.*

Diane M. - April 03, 2024 at 03:48 PM

GM

“ *Dana, Betty and Ian you are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray that you find comfort and peace during this difficult time of grief.*
Gina, Taylor and Mason Morrison

Gina Morrison - April 03, 2024 at 03:45 PM

CT

“ *Carmen Trevino, Mother of Alex Trevino purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Dane Robert "Robby" Nicolay.*



Carmen Trevino, Mother of Alex Trevino - April 03, 2024 at 03:29 PM