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Nathan Andrew Richards, 26, of Berkley, Michigan, entered the presence of his Savior, Jesus Christ, on June 22, 2026, following a tragic vehicle accident. To know Nathan was to experience extraordinary kindness, genuine friendship, and the love of Christ in a deeply personal way. Selfless, joyful, and unwavering in his faith, he lived each day with remarkable intentionality, always making time for others and ensuring everyone he encountered felt seen, valued, and loved. Whether sharing a meal, opening his home, offering encouragement, or simply showing up when someone needed him most, Nathan lived out the Gospel with quiet consistency and wholehearted generosity.

Born on January 13, 2000, Nathan was the beloved son of Andrew and Celeste Richards and one of four siblings, growing up alongside Abigail, William, and Harrison. His childhood was filled with adventure, laughter, deep friendships, and a vibrant faith. He loved Star Wars, superheroes, loud music, soccer, VeggieTales, family camping trips, road trips, and traveling with those he loved. He was blessed by lifelong friendships formed through his church, homeschool community, and the Berkley neighborhood he proudly called home.

From an early age, Nathan possessed an extraordinary gift for bringing people together. He loved creating music, making films, dreaming big with friends,

and building friendships that would last a lifetime. Those same friendships became the foundation of a life devoted to serving Christ and others. Nathan faithfully served in children's ministry, led worship, worked with SpringHill Day Camps as both a counselor and Area Director, and founded Anthem Collective alongside close friends as an expression of his desire to build Christ-centered community. He pursued that calling through studies at Christ For The Nations Bible Institute and later at Oral Roberts University, where he served as Head Chaplain and continued to grow as a humble servant leader.

In 2023, Nathan became Children's Ministry Director at Cross and Anchor Church, where he joyfully invested in children, parents, and families with wisdom beyond his years. He also loved teaching fifth-grade students, becoming both mentor and friend to every child entrusted to his care.

Nathan's greatest earthly joy was marrying and building a life alongside his beloved wife, Lauren. Together they opened their home in hospitality and prayer through a ministry called "Pasta & Prayer," welcoming countless people into a place of worship, friendship, healing, and the peace of Christ. Their home became a refuge where strangers became family and many encountered the love of Jesus in life-changing ways.

More than any accomplishment, Nathan will be remembered for the way he loved. He regularly made time to connect over a meal or coffee, remembered every birthday, celebrated others before himself, and faithfully walked beside people through both joy and hardship. His contagious smile, genuine humility, unwavering loyalty, and steadfast faith left an imprint on countless lives.

Though his years were few, the impact of his life is immeasurable.

Nathan was preceded in death by his beloved grandfather, William Wressell. His legacy will be carried on by his beloved wife, Lauren Richards; his parents, Andrew and Celeste Richards; his siblings, Abigail, William, and Harrison Richards; grandparents, Charles and Sherry Richards, Rose and Ron Gibson, Beverley Wressell; his parents-in-law, Tracy and Steve Brown and Jim and Cheryl Newhard; sisters-in-law, Sarah and Alexa Newhard;

brother-in-law, Scott Newhard; his future brother-in-law, Josh Mathew; aunts and uncles, Peter and Johanna Richards, Mike and Anne Marie Szuba, and John and Heather Fisher; cousins, Ellie, Annah (Yuseong), Ben (Grace), Emma, Maddy, Sarah, Jonathan, Evan (Grace), Ava, Liam, and Juliet; and an extraordinary community of cherished friends whose lives were forever changed by knowing him.

A celebration of Nathan's life will be held on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham, Michigan. Visitation with the family will take place on Tuesday, June 30, and Wednesday, July 1, at Sullivan & Son Funeral Home in Royal Oak.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to The Nathan Richards Foundation to honor the profound impact Nathan had on the world around him and to continue carrying out his vision of sharing a vibrant and full life through service to Christ and others. Additionally, a Family Memorial Fund has been established in his memory to provide support for his beloved wife, Lauren, and to help offset funeral expenses. Contributions are sincerely appreciated but never expected. The family is deeply grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Though Nathan's earthly worship has ended, his heavenly worship has only just begun. His legacy lives on in every person he encouraged, every child he mentored, every friend he faithfully loved, and every heart drawn closer to Christ because they first encountered His love through Nathan.

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)
Berkley, MI 48072

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 12:00 AM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Visitation

JUL 1. 12:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple Road
Birmingham, MI 48009