



# Nathan Thoi Nguyen Thomas

October 26, 1993 - July 11, 2024

Our wonderful son, Nathan Thoi Nguyen Thomas, was taken from us on Thursday, July 11th. We are devastated that we lost him so young (age 30), but have wonderful memories of him that we will cherish forever. Nathan had a warm, caring spirit and clever sense of humor. Everyone fortunate enough to spend time with Nathan felt privileged to know him

Nathan was born in Vietnam. We were blessed to have Nathan and his brother become a part of our family in 1997. Nathan and Matthew were inseparable and each other's best friend.

Despite numerous health challenges, Nathan never complained. He was the strongest person we knew, never letting his illness define him, even after suffering a stroke on his last day of high school at Bloomington High School North in 2013. He continued his studies at the University of Evansville and IUPUI, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Technology.

Nathan worked the last three years as a Web Applications Developer at IU Foundation. He was very passionate about information technology. He loved programming and even did it for fun in his spare time. We are going to miss our family IT support person. He loved discussing technology and exploring various subjects with anyone willing to engage.

Nathan's heart was full of love for many things. He played piano and violin including playing at Carnegie Hall with the Hoosier Youth Philharmonic. He loved his cat (Kirra), orcas, cooking, fishing, geocaching, and Japanese culture. Nathan was also brilliant at solving the daily Wordle.

Those of us who were lucky enough to know Nathan will miss him dearly. His loving and caring spirit will be in our hearts forever.

Nathan is survived by his brother and best friend, Matthew Thomas, parents, Amy and James Thomas, grandmother, Marjorie Thomas, and his family in Vietnam, birthmother Nguyễn Liễn, sister, Nguyễn Uyên, and brothers Nguyễn Tuấn and Nguyễn Trí. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Robert and Amy Kleinschmit and grandfather James W Thomas.

Family and friends are welcome to attend a visitation for Nathan at St Mark's United Methodist Church in Bloomington on Saturday, July 27th, from 1:00 to 2:15. There will be a Celebration of Life at 2:30 with a reception to follow. Nathan's family requests, in lieu of flowers, to please consider a donation to St Mark's UMC for the Nathan Thomas Memorial Fund to support Appalachia Service Project (ASP) and Operation Friendship (OF), or a donation to the Lupus Research Alliance. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Previous Events

## Reception

JUL 27. 3:30 AM - 4:30 AM (ET)

St Marks United Methodist Church  
100 State Rd 46  
Bloomington, IN 47408

## Visitation

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## Celebration of Life

JUL 27. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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*Rest In Peace Nathan.*

*You will be missed. Your kindness, care, and warm heart will be unforgettable.*

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**The Luong's** - July 27, 2024 at 09:54 PM

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**Katie Bui** - July 27, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nathan Thoi Nguyen Thomas.*



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July 26, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ *We remember when you brought the boys to their new home in the States. They were so tiny and adorable. They each had a bed, but ended up sleeping together anyway. They had an unbreakable bond. And when they became your family, they joined two of the best people on Earth! You provided so many opportunities for Nathan and we know he was devoted to all of you. We can't imagine the pain and sorrow you are going through now. But please know that there are so many people sending you their love and support. We believe that you will see Nathan again. So sorry guys. We love you!*

*Eric and Monica Stone*

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**Monica Stone** - July 20, 2024 at 02:48 PM

MM

“ We are so very saddened by this terrific loss in our family. Nathan was always a welcome inspiration when he entered a room. His life was taken from us too soon. However, the quote “Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved”, applies to Nathan. I will forever feel so blessed for every moment I was given to share in his beautiful life.

Nathan was absolutely the most courageous young man I've ever known. We will miss him dearly but his memory will forever remain in our hearts. When I look at the many photos and memories you shared as a family, Nathan was one very blessed child. He was given more love in his short life than most are given in a lifetime. The three of you (James, Amy and Matthew) surrounded him with love, captured beautiful memories with him whether at home making cookies, traveling the country (and other countries), or building family traditions that you will forever embrace through the years.

I'm so sorry James, Amy and Matthew (and all of our family) for the void you will hold in your heart until you join again. My prayer for all of you, is no matter how great his loss, you will find joy in all of the immeasurable memories you will forever embrace of this precious child, Nathan!



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**Mia Montgomery** - July 18, 2024 at 12:31 PM

PR

So very sorry for your loss 🙏🙏❤️ no amount of words can describe your grief of a son or daughter. Just remember he is in a glorious place. You guys ❤️❤️🙏

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**Patricia Rairdon** - July 20, 2024 at 02:42 PM

SP

*I am so sorry for the loss of your son. I truly can't imagine your heartbreak but just as I believe that he felt the love & prayers that went out to him, I believe the same will help mend your family's heart in time. What will remain will be beautiful and enjoyable memories. God bless you all. Sheryl Price*

Sheryl Price - July 20, 2024 at 06:56 PM

MT

*It is still so hard for me to put into word because my heart is so broken. He was the sweetest and most thoughtful person. I didn't get to spend nearly enough time with him because he was taken so soon. I loved him so very much.*

marjorie Thomas - July 21, 2024 at 09:38 AM

DU

*This has been a difficult year for our family but nothing can be more difficult than losing a child. Nathan was an inspiration in many ways. He was constantly a pillar of strength as he battled the attacks on his body, enduring pain and obstacles throughout his life without a complaint. Nathan had an awesome sense of humor, enjoying a clean joke or as I remember teasing me and his aunt while eating his tiny octopus. One of my favorite memories was attending Jeff Dunham in Indianapolis, Nathan and I laughed so hard our stomach was cramping. We all loved his infectious smile. He has left a hole in our lives as my wife Laurie Ann who we lost in March. We will see them on the other side and I pray for healing for James, Amy and Matthew as they deal with this tremendous loss. I thank God for my time with Nathan and the impression he made on my life and those he impacted in his short time on this earth. I pray God's peace for our family, rest in piece Nathan we love you.*

Don Thomas (Nathans Uncle) - July 24, 2024 at 08:28 AM

NH

*So very sorry to hear this. You are in my prayers.*

Norma Holland - July 24, 2024 at 04:16 PM



*I was the interpreter for 2 weeks during his trip in Viet Nam with Matt in 2020, I still remember how kind and sweet he was. It's so sad that he left us so soon, saw this news when i was about to travel Japan which is his favorite country and I can't stop thinking about that and the memories we had. So sorry for the loss of his families, rest in peace Nathan!*  
*From Rosie.*

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**Trang Van** - August 02, 2024 at 01:09 AM



*We are are heartbroken to hear about your loss. I remember when we first met and it was evident how much you loved the boys (and they loved you in return). We have watched you parent them over the years as both boys grew to be such wonderful young men. I can't begin to imagine how difficult this is for all of you. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers and we know how much you loved him.*

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**Julie & Bill Head** - August 05, 2024 at 03:29 PM