



## Timothy Lynn Niggle

November 2, 1950 - December 23, 2023

Timothy L. Niggle died Saturday evening December 23, 2023. Born in Bloomington November 2, 1950 to Lt. Col. Harry T. And Patricia Niggle. Survived by his wife of 51 years Karen Thickstun Niggle, siblings Philip (Lourdes) Niggle, Gregory (Linda) Niggle, Laura Plunkett, nieces, nephews and many friends. Preceded in death by his parents and grandparents John and Dolly Niggle and Chester and Stella Cecil.

He met Karen in 1969 when her grandmother invited his grandmother to Easter dinner. Tim was living with his grandmother as an IU freshman. Karen had come from Ohio with her family. When leaving, Tim gave cheek kisses to Karen's grandmother, mother and Karen as her grandfather loudly whispered that he was "petting the cows to get at the calf."

Educated in five US states plus Misawa, Japan and Lima, Peru, he was a person who maintained friendships for a lifetime. He never missed a chance to meet FDR American School of Lima classmates, joyously attending reunions large and small whenever and wherever someone organized a get together.

At Indiana University he earned a BA in political science with social science teaching certification, an MA in history and philosophy of education, and an MA in adult education. He was ABD in adult education with minors in law and

in higher education when IU closed that graduate program so he switched to Higher Education to complete his doctorate.

He earned an IU Lieber Memorial Outstanding Teaching Award for "Teaching in a Pluralistic Society." After graduation he taught at University of Hawaii Hilo and Southeast Missouri State University before returning to IU as Assistant Professor part-time and Director of Student Information Management Services. He retired in 2015. He also served as Assistant Superintendent of Cape Girardeau, Missouri Public Schools, and Title IX Specialist for the Great Lakes federal region desegregation assistance center. He served several years as President of Alpha Chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa professional educators' organization.

Tim was "woke" before that term came into contemporary usage, committing himself to improving equity in education, especially sex equity and multiculturalism, even at personal sacrifice. He was a giver, not a taker, and lived a life of integrity, honesty, loyalty and generosity.

He will be cremated and interred at Knightridge Cemetery, Bloomington. A memorial event will be scheduled at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

JAN **20**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Karen, im not sure if you will see this but, I want you to know that I think about you and Uncle Tim often. I was just trying to Google Tim's name to see if I could find a way to reach out to him when I stumbled across His obituary. I am truly sorry for your loss. I know words are never enough but I will forever Cherish having both of you in my life as a child. I love and miss you both. -Andrew Ballard

Andrew Ballard - February 08, 2024 at 05:12 PM

KN

I hope you check here again. Please contact me. We cherished you and thought of you often.

Karen Niggle - February 22, 2024 at 11:19 PM

KN

You were often in our thoughts all these years too. I moved from High St but phone number is the same.

Karen Niggle - February 23, 2024 at 01:29 PM

LH

“ Laura, I am so so sorry to hear of Tim's passing and the circumstances as to which you were just informed. My prayers and love are with you. Call me if you need anything  
Lisa Lummis Hobbs.

Lisa Lummis Hobbs - January 30, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ Karen, I'm so sorry for this huge loss! "My" Tim spoke highly of yours, and of course all those FLTAs over the years think of him as their American dad. So much love. Sadly,  
Rebecca Manning

Rebecca Manning - January 07, 2024 at 10:45 AM

TH

“ *Tyna Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Timothy Niggle*



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**Tyna Hunnicutt** - January 03, 2024 at 03:34 PM

KA

“ *Dear Karen,  
I loved working for Tim. I appreciated his wisdom and wry sense of humor. He made working in Suite 1000 a wonderful experience. May his memory be a blessing.  
The other Karen (Franks)*



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**Karen** - January 03, 2024 at 02:26 PM

FP

“ *Tim was always there to navigate through difficulties and complexities of the system to help and to be supportive. He was compassionate and caring that way as a colleague and as a friend. He would weave in Karen's name in all conversations and thus made apparent the love & respect he had for her in all aspects of life.*

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**Faridah Pawan** - January 03, 2024 at 12:01 PM

MN

“ Tim's great asset was how much he cared and would brainstorm with me on ways to help students broaden their international engagements. Always supportive, sparkingly witty, and supremely caring for the welfare of our programs and students at IU, he will be deeply missed.

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**Martha Nyikos** - January 03, 2024 at 11:58 AM

AH

“ Tim organized the most efficient meetings I have ever attended as leader of the Academic Standards Committee. This was a committee to address and assess petitions from students for changes to course work and programs. I could not believe how efficient Tim was, and as new assistant professor, I was so grateful. Plus he led the committee with great good humor. Sending best wishes to his family and friends.

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**Amy Hackenberg** - January 03, 2024 at 11:32 AM

DB

“ A rare educator who cared about the students he served. An innovator and friend who served Indiana University in the most positive way although often underappreciated . A person who enjoyed life and happened to be the best ink pen tossers who ever lived. He is the kind of person this sad world really needs.

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**Doug Butler** - January 02, 2024 at 11:37 AM

CB

“ Karen,

*I am so sorry for your loss. Tim was always a laugh to be around. I remember him always saying I am a doctor you know. He will be missed.*

*Cindy Bell*



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**Cindy Bell** - January 02, 2024 at 11:03 AM

NB

“ Nancy Boatner lit a candle in memory of Timothy Niggle



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**Nancy Boatner** - December 31, 2023 at 04:34 PM

AF

“ Aunt Shirley & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Timothy Lynn Niggle.



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**Aunt Shirley & Family** - December 27, 2023 at 03:57 PM

SW

“ Karen,  
So sorry to learn of Tim's passing. I have precious memories of you both from my younger years, sitting in your bean bag chair with headphones listening to music when you lived on Madison St., visiting when you lived in the married housing apartments at 3rd & Jordan. And of course, any time I our paths would cross, taking a few minutes to catch up with each other.

Thoughts and prayers for you and your family at this difficult time.  
Susie Waltz

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Susan Waltz - December 27, 2023 at 10:42 AM

GN

“ Dear Karen,  
I was fortunate enough to have Tim as a brother and a confidant. He was always strong when I needed that and understanding when I needed. He was always there for me. We were never a family that spoke of our feelings, but sometimes just being together was enough.  
Please call me if you want or need to. As you know my family is always here for you.

Love,  
Greg

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greg niggle - December 27, 2023 at 10:33 AM

AL

“ Tim was my boss for a couple of years prior to his retirement from IU. He was one of the most authentic and fair-minded people at my new job, and on that entire campus. May he rest in peace. -Antonia Leotsakos

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Antonia Leotsakos - December 27, 2023 at 10:28 AM

GN

“ Dear Karen, I am truly struggling with the loss of Tim. He was always the beacon of strength for me. I hope that you know that whatever I can do to ease your burden, will be done.  
Love, Greg and family

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**greg niggle** - December 27, 2023 at 10:10 AM

SJ

“ I am saddened to hear about Tim's passing. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with him at Indiana University. He dedicated himself to helping support future educators. Condolences to Tim's family.  
Sally Jones

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**Sally Jones** - December 27, 2023 at 10:05 AM

MA

“ Dear Aunt Karen,  
I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Uncle Tim. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this incredibly difficult time. Know that I am here for you and sending love and strength as you navigate through this loss. May cherished memories bring you solace and comfort in the days ahead.

With heartfelt sympathy,  
Mark Niggle

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**Mark** - December 26, 2023 at 10:46 PM

KC

“ Love, Prayers, Thoughts with Karen, Phil, Lourdes, Gregg, Linda, & Laura. Family memories are precious. Love, Fred & Kathy

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**kathy Zeilinga cousin** - December 26, 2023 at 06:26 PM

MC

“ *Losing a loved one is always difficult, but even more so at the holidays. I am holding Tim and the entire Niggle family in my thoughts and prayers. May Tim rest in peace with all the members of the heavenly Cecil clan.*

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**Mike Cecil** - December 26, 2023 at 03:58 PM

JS

“ *Karen, I am so shocked and sorry to hear of Tim's passing! My thoughts and prayers are with you, Philip, Greg, and Laura. If there is anything I can do please let me know. Jayne (Braun) Stalcup 812-325-3390*

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**Jayne Stalcup** - December 26, 2023 at 03:32 PM