



Tanner Nieland

December 5, 1992 - December 12, 2024

Tanner Nieland, 32 of Auburn, passed away tragically, Thursday, December 12, 2024.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, December 19, 2024 at St. Lawrence Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Brian Feller assisted by Deacon Bob Lenz. Music will be by Kathy Halbur and Sherry Loughran. Lectors for the Funeral Mass will be Randy Nieland and Joe Balk. Gift Bearers will be Tanner's cousins. Casket Bearers will be Jamie Nieland, Kevin Nieland, Jake Mann, Brandon Balk, Addison Ross, Dayton Ross, and Cooper Ross. Private family burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Auburn.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll from 5-7 p.m. with a sharing of memories at 7 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Thursday at the church.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Tanner's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Tanner was an outstanding CoreMark (Farner-Bocken) employee for over 14 years. He enjoyed his job and considered his co-workers as his second family. He was always smiling with his generous spirit and funny personality.

He loved living on the farm with his dad and taking care of his cats. He was a life-long fan of the New York Yankees and enjoyed watching the games and cheering them on with his dad. Another past time he shared with his dad was working out at the gym and he was getting stronger each day.

He spent the weekends with his mom and enjoyed her cooking. He always asked for her pork steak and baked potatoes. They watched countless hours of movies and tv shows especially crime and sci-fi shows.

Some of his biggest achievements are graduating from Kuemper Catholic High School in 2011 and achieving a Liberal Arts Degree from DMACC in Carroll. His most widely known talents were video games like Guitar Hero and Pokémon. He was known as a legacy in the Guitar Hero community, and as one of the best players throughout the entire world. Tanner was innovative, passionate, helpful to other players, and most of all, an integral part of building these communities online.

The most important part of his life was his family. His dad, his mom, his sister Mikayla and her husband Ethan and their kids Charlie and Harrison, and his sister Tia. They were his whole world. He loved family gatherings with his grandma, all his aunts and uncles, and his cousins. He brought so much laughter and love to the people around him. His joyous personality gave us all so many smiles and happiness, from childhood until his last day. He was a humble, gracious, and kind young man to all he encountered. He never complained a day in his life, and we will treasure the time we had with Tanner. He was one of a kind and will forever be missed. We love you, rest in peace.

Fly high @Tanman1234543.

Tanner was preceded in death by his grandparents, Arnold & Germaine

Nieland, LeRoy Balk, his uncle Randy Balk, his aunt Dianne Nieland, and his cousin Grace Mann.

Tanner is survived by his mother Laurie Nieland, his father Donald Nieland, his sister Mikayla Schoeppner and her husband Ethan Schoeppner, their kids and his nephews Charlie and Harrison Schoeppner, and his sister Tia Nieland and her boyfriend Ethan Ausburn; his grandmother Judy Balk, his aunts and uncles, and his cousins on both the Balk and Nieland sides of the family.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I never met Tanner in person, but I spent a lot of time interacting with him on guitar hero forums and various streams. He was a good dude and a legend in the guitar hero community. May his soul rest in peace....RIP Tanman. We will never forget you.

Brad (aka suhdude024) - December 22, 2024 at 02:57 PM

JO

“ Josterr lit a candle in memory of Tanner Nieland



Josterr - December 21, 2024 at 07:34 PM

CL

“ Laurie, I didn't know Tanner & I really don't know you, just a neighbor w/very noisy dogs. Tanner sounded like a wonderful young man. I am so, so sorry for your loss.
Claudia

Claudia Loneman - December 18, 2024 at 04:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tanner Nieland.



December 18, 2024 at 09:30 AM

TC

“ *Tanners Co-Workers purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Tanner Nieland.*



Tanners Co-Workers - December 18, 2024 at 12:52 AM

TC

“ *Tanners Co-Workers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tanner Nieland.*

Tanners Co-Workers - December 18, 2024 at 12:52 AM

JH

“ *To Tanner's family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with him for many years he was a wonderful person. and loved him like a brother tho I didn't know him personally i still enjoyed his goofy personality. and warm smile he know how to make people smile.he was loved by all who knew him and will be deeply missed RIP Monkey boy*



Jessica Grace Holdeman - December 17, 2024 at 04:17 PM

KJ

“ *Our sincere sympathy to Tanners parents & siblings & all the family.....Keep your memories of Tanner close to your heart....he will always be with you.....Remember God is always there for you.....R. I. P. Tanner John & Kristi Jorgensen.....*



Kristi Jorgensen - December 17, 2024 at 03:32 PM

JS

“ *Jolene Stoelk lit a candle in memory of Tanner Nieland*



Jolene Stoelk - December 17, 2024 at 11:54 AM

JN

“ *My deepest condolences to Tanner's friends, loved ones, and all who knew him. Sending strength and peace during this difficult time.*

Jess Netolicky - December 17, 2024 at 11:25 AM

WT

“ *Sympathy to the family of Tanner. May God give you strength at this time. Rest in peace Tanner.*



Wilbur & Karen Triplett - December 17, 2024 at 09:36 AM

CB

“ *It took a long time to write this to find the right word. Tanner you where a great guy. I've worked with you for a little over 11 years and he always had a smile on his face. Of someone was have a bad day he would always try to cheer them up with us goofy noises or goofy faces. He was also a hard worker. Tanner you will be missed*

Christine B - December 17, 2024 at 05:14 AM

TF

“ *Tanner's Guitar Hero friends purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Tanner Nieland.*



Tanner's Guitar Hero friends - December 16, 2024 at 11:51 PM

SM

“ *Sally, Terry, Jen, Caity Magner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tanner Nieland.*



Sally, Terry, Jen, Caity Magner - December 16, 2024 at 05:52 PM

GO

“ *Rest in peace, legend. Life is so unfair.*

Goldi - December 16, 2024 at 12:22 PM

AC

“ *Pains me to see you've gone, but you'll always be here in the memories of many, Tanman.*

Acrox - December 16, 2024 at 09:08 AM

AV

“ *Made a watercolor painting of him. May he find peace*



Avon - December 15, 2024 at 10:29 PM

RY

“ *I wasn't close to Tanner and I only knew him fleetingly, but it was clear he had a good heart. His light shone bright and he had a genuine innocence that was to be admired. My heart aches for him, his family, and his friends (human and animal).*

Ryan - December 15, 2024 at 05:16 PM

JS

“ *Jolene and Steve purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Tanner Nieland.*



Jolene and Steve - December 15, 2024 at 04:34 PM

AN

“ *You didn't have to hurt Tanner. I'm terribly sorry. Talk to you soon. If there's a way to pack a carton up there, show them the trash where the tobacco belongs. Much Love*



Anon - December 15, 2024 at 03:47 PM

ST

“ I became new to a community we shared and I've always enjoyed your presence from the get go and how peaceful it was to find myself surrounded by others alike. It's hard to take in moments like these because you truly are a genuine soul. We may not have been close friends but I love my brothers as my brothers. May you rest in peace brother, until we meet again in the afterlife, I love you brother.

stj - December 15, 2024 at 03:32 PM

Jl

“ Tanner, every interaction I had with you was an absolute delight and I'm grateful for the kindness I got to know from you. To Tanner's family, please know that he's so incredibly loved. Rest easy, Tan. <3

Jinx - December 15, 2024 at 03:27 PM

CS

“ Don and Laurie and family, Sorry for the loss of your son Tanner. My God Grant him Eternal Rest!

Carleen (Nieland) Schwieso



Carleen Schwieso - December 15, 2024 at 07:26 AM

AN

“ I only directly interacted with Tanner a few times but he left a lasting impact on me and the Rhythm Game community as a whole that won't be forgotten. Rest in Peace.

Anonymous - December 14, 2024 at 11:47 PM

TY

“ I've only known Tanner a few months and had just a handful of conversations with him online but even in that short amount of time it was immediately obvious how kind and generous of a soul he had. I'm incredibly sorry to his friends and family for your loss.

Tyler - December 14, 2024 at 11:03 PM



“ Tanner seriously it has taken me a bit to do this...bud you were as my brother..although you reminded me everyday I am 30 yrs older then you but omg we rocked we could get those totes out n stamped like no 2morrow...I will dearly miss you...but you will be in my heart every day as long as God wills...you have always had a special place in my ❤️...Tanner. I always loved the way you adored your mom we worked 2gether side by side for many years n you shared your inner side with me n I adore you for that as your Amy told me at 1 point n time us co workers are like a second family...as I totally agree....Tanner I love you always my beautiful 😍 friend n co worker...see you someday my friend...

Gerty Wheeler - December 14, 2024 at 09:49 PM

BI

“ Tanners family, I am immeasurably sorry for your loss. TanMan was a light. He was an important part of my community and I could always count on him to show up to every stream with a positive attitude and a compliment on how fun it was in the discord afterwards. That's just the kind of person he was. He raised everybody up. Whether it was sharing what his cats were up to or what shiny pokémon he caught, he always had something interesting to say. Tanner, thankyou for being you. We'll miss you.

billie - December 14, 2024 at 09:03 PM

HA

“Tanner was such a light in hard times. He was always kind and caring to those around him. He was an amazing part of the pokemon twitch community. I always looked forward to seeing what he was currently shiny hunting and what he had recently caught. We, as a community, grieve a loss of such an amazing human being. I wish him and his family peace and prayers during this time.

Hales - December 14, 2024 at 07:01 PM

SR

“Tanners family, I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. As his supervisor at work I got to witness the amazing spirit that he brought with him every day. His goofball attitude and enduring smile brought out the best in us. Our brother will be deeply missed. Please comfort yourself in the found memories of Tanner as we will try to do the same. Much Love and Sympathy.

Sam Riesenberg - December 14, 2024 at 12:24 PM

RI

“I'm sorry for your loss. Tanner was incredibly supportive of me and other creators and gamers on Twitch and YouTube. He innovated many strategies in various video games, and was always helpful and willing to share his discoveries. He did a lot for our communities and touched hearts worldwide

Much love from Denmark.

- Ricky

Ricky - December 14, 2024 at 06:00 AM

KB

“ *Kim Boeckman lit a candle in memory of Tanner Nieland*



Kim Boeckman - December 13, 2024 at 11:34 PM

KB

“ *Laurie and family. I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers.*

Kim Boeckman - December 13, 2024 at 11:33 PM



“ *I'm so so sorry. It broke my heard reading those words, sending much love to everyone who loved him.*

Never even met Tanner, but his influence in the guitar hero community and twitch chats was nothing but special, incredible, and inspirational. He will forever be a legend to us.

December 13, 2024 at 07:10 PM

CG

“ *Laurie, I am so sorry to hear about your son. Words seem inadequate when you have such a horrible loss. I hope you find your way to peace through your memories. Carolyn Grimsman*

carolyn grimsman - December 13, 2024 at 03:50 PM

JD

“ *Oh Laurie, I was so shocked to hear this, I feel so bad for you and your family, you and your family have my deepest sympathy !*

Julie Danner - December 13, 2024 at 09:14 AM

SS

“ *My biggest condolences to Tanner’s family and closest friends. My heart is broken for all of you.*

I worked with Tanner for 5 years at Farner Bocken. His birthday was the day before mine and I thought that was pretty cool even though he was several years younger than me. He was such a light with a smile that could warm a cold heart. He was always so helpful and friendly to everyone.

Fly high, Tanner. Rest peacefully, my friend.

Stephanie Sunquist - December 13, 2024 at 08:32 AM

KW

“ *Such sad news to hear...just wanted to let you know that we are so thinking about you and your family, Laurie!!!! Kristy & Jerry Weitzl*

Kristy Weitzl - December 13, 2024 at 07:57 AM

LD

“ *Tanner will be missed by many.. I worked at Farner/Core Mark with him for several years...just want Tanners family to know how sorry I am.. you all are in my thoughts and prayers.. he was a great guy!*

Lori Davis - December 12, 2024 at 08:01 PM