



## Nathan David Wiesner

May 10, 1990 - April 20, 2018

On Friday, April 20, 2018, Nathan David Wiesner, age 27, passed away suddenly in Fort Myers, Florida. Born May 10, 1990, in New Bedford, MA, he was the much-loved son of David C. Wiesner of East Falmouth, MA and Kathy Wiesner-Fraga, of Fort Myers Beach, FL.

He is also deeply mourned by his brother, Nicholas, his step-father Paul Fraga, his maternal grandmother Claire Bolton, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins all on his mother's side.

Nathan's true nature was one of extreme sensitivity and empathy although he often presented with a tough guy persona to mask how easily he could be wounded and deeply hurt.

Raised in Bourne, MA most of his life, he was a 2008 graduate of Wareham, MA High School.

It was because of his kind and empathetic heart that he was drawn to choose Wareham High

where he voluntarily participated as a mentor in the Best Buddies Program -- a world-wide

organization helping to provide socialization opportunities for students with intellectual or

developmental disabilities. He served in a leadership role. After moving to Ft. Myers Beach

in 2009 he attended and received a certificate of completion in Facilities Maintenance from the

Job Corps in Frenchburg Ky. He returned to Ft. Myers for several years until moving back to MA 6 years ago. He had only recently returned to Ft. Myers in October, 2018. His greatest desire and regret was that he could not serve in the Military as his father before him who served 22 years in the Army, his paternal grandfather the late Mst. SGT Herman Wiesner who served in the Air Force, and his brother, Nicholas. A congenital leg and foot deformity prevented him from serving and he had a lifelong sadness about this unfulfilled desire.

Nathan enjoyed watching wrestling and fishing shows on TV with his dad. He had great respect for all wildlife and fished catch-and-release- giving them "suga", a kiss-like gesture, before setting them free. He also loved watching cooking shows. Riding with his dad in his Military jeep gave him great pleasure as did their habit of placing flags on Memorial and Veterans Day on the graves of the Veterans buried in the Massachusetts National Cemetery on Cape Cod. He deeply loved his yellow lab, Gunner, his best-friend and companion for almost 16 years. His loss could never be replaced.

Nathan had a great sense of humor and a quick wit. He should be a stand-up comedian his mother often said. . He had an affinity for impressions much to his mother's annoyance and delight, and Arnold Schwarzenegar and Austin Powers were two of his best. The family

shared many inside jokes and sayings, a lot based on Forest Gump or silly words shared only by them. They were always shared in an affectionate context. He was an extremely thoughtful son, always mindful of his mother's imbalance and mobility issues--ready with a hand, an arm up, to steady her. He still held doors for women and was noted for his extremely polite manner. He took great care picking out cards and choosing gifts with the intent of making the recipient feel known and loved. He had an affinity for writing and never just signed his name to a card but also penned extremely heartfelt sentiments that will always be treasured. He loved his mother like no other and his father was his hero. He respected and loved his stepfather, Paul Fraga, and they affectionately called each other Pal. Nathan desired closeness with others and very much wanted a family of his own but he never married and had no children. Even as a young man of 27 he was never embarrassed to show affection to his parents, and particularly his maternal "grandma." He rarely ended a phone conversation or personal exchange without saying: "I love you." He loved deeply and longed for the good times with his 8 cousins and brother at his grandparent's home, the late Fred Bolton and surviving grandmother Claire Bolton in Assonet, MA where they would all gather. Unfortunately, having ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder, formerly known as

Asberger's Syndrome), often led to problems in his social and personal relationships. Often, as can be a classic symptom of the disorder, he could misinterpret social cues and repond with anger or inappropriate behavior; this would sabotage the very thing he desired the most. He often was criticized or judged and could build stubborn walls to mask his pain. This would lead to increasing depression and anxiety over the ensuing years, as is often the case with ASD, but he had tremendous resilience. He faced adversity with a strength that few could mirror and always worked to better himself. He had many goals and aspirations and was working hard to that end. He had many gifts and talents including artistic and musical abilities but his gentleness and affinity for the disadvantaged and disengenuous was his greatest asset and made him truly special and admired. He battled anxiety and depression for most of his life and was battling SUD (Substance Use Disorder) at the time of his death. Like many people with mood disorders, they use other substances to medicate these symptoms. Nathan was not a chronic user but would have very short periods of binge using over the past several months. These were rare and short in duration and he had voluntarily sought help earlier in the month. Prior to the time of his death he had not been using opioids but his impulsivity, inability to deal with recent

major stressors,  
and the lure of knowing he could change the way he felt "just for one time"  
caused him to make  
what would be a reckless and fatal decision. He died alone in his apartment  
and was later  
discovered by a concerned friend. As was typical of his relationship with his  
parents, he had  
spoken to his father in the afternoon and his mother at dinner time. It was not  
apparent that  
he was under the influence of any substance at that time nor did he share his  
intent.

Why are we speaking so frankly about our son? Sharing "secrets" of such a  
personal  
nature? Because we do not want him to be defined by his death. He was much  
loved....beyond  
measure. He had good morals and values. He did not want to use drugs. If  
you had told  
us last year that our beautiful 27 year old son would EVER even try heroin it  
was one problem  
we couldn't even fathom. But it did happen. We want to shed light on the fact  
that our son  
was not a bad kid but a remarkably resilient young man whose gentle nature  
and sensitivity  
left him vulnerable to a world that could be harsh. That opioid use is a crisis in  
this nation with  
availability that is too easy and few resources for those who even want help.  
Nathan sought  
voluntary help and the need for treatment far exceeded the availability or  
resources. That  
opioids are affecting families who in their wildest dreams could never imagine  
such a thing.

That there needs to be severe penalties for those that sell drugs and that they be prosecuted in each and every death. We are speaking out BECAUSE we are not ashamed of our son and because we we loved Nathan deeply. We are speaking out because we will never recover from losing him--never. We are speaking out because it was tragic and a tragedy for our country that is only getting worse.

Nathan will return to Cape Cod for calling hours to be announced for a later date. Burial will be private. Nathan was a Christian who believed in God and we know he will be happily received by Him as well as his cherished late grandfather, Fred Bolton, his Grammie that always loved him, the late Jemima Wiesner, and his maternal uncle the late Dan Bolton who always took him under his wing. This gives us comfort in some small measure.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home  
40 MacArthur Blvd.  
Bourne, MA

## Celebration of Life

MAY 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Buzzards Bay Eagles Club  
39 Cohasset Avenue  
Buzzards Bay, MA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nathan David Wiesner*

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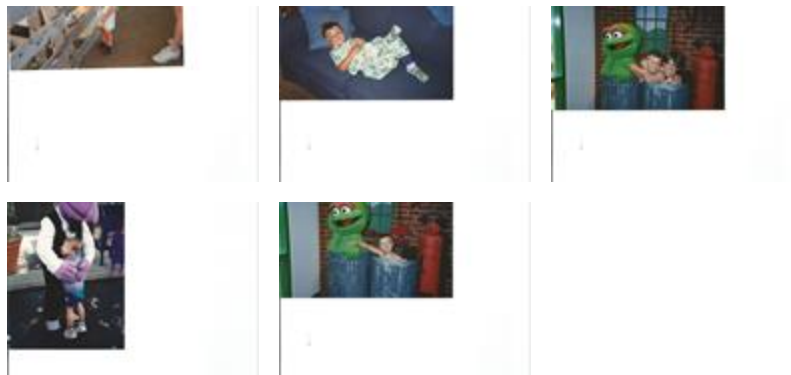
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Kathy Fraga

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Kathy Fraga

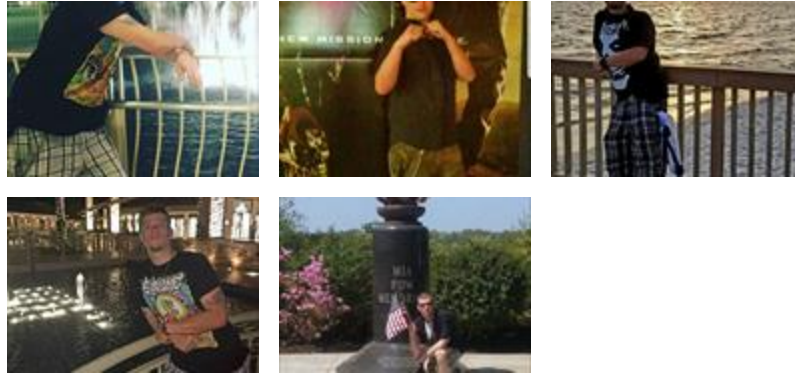
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**Kathy Fraga** - April 24, 2018 at 07:05 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to you Kathy and all the family. I felt like I knew Nathan after reading his Obit ... he was definitely a very loving and caring young man ... he definitely left his mark. Thank you for sharing.*

*You are definitely in my thoughts, and I will keep you in my prayers. May God grant you the strength needed to cope with this great loss, and the difficult days ahead of you.*

*Love  
Jeanne*

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**Jeanne Rocheleau** - April 24, 2018 at 06:40 PM

 Mike  
Fuzz

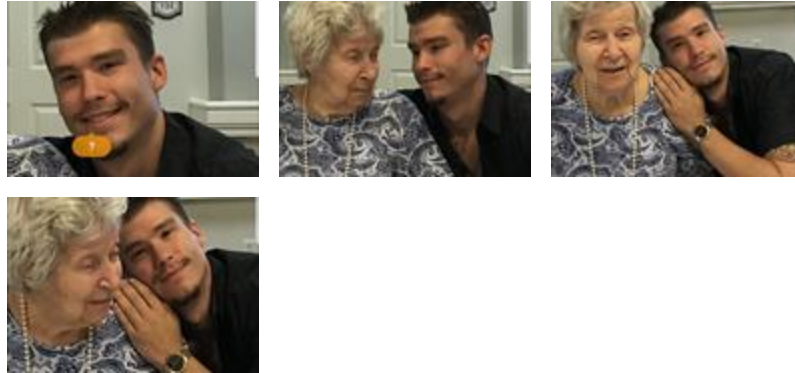
“ *Ill never forget nate!! He brought light into our lives when we needed it!!*

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**Mike Fuzz** - April 24, 2018 at 05:32 PM

Kathy Fraga

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Kathy Fraga - April 24, 2018 at 05:19 PM

ML

“ Dear Kathy, I'm so sorry to hear about Nathan, you have my deepest sympathy. May God bless you and keep you in the palm of his hands. I will light a candle in his memory. Love Micki

micki loy - April 24, 2018 at 04:33 PM

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Gendron Funeral Home - April 24, 2018 at 03:08 PM