

Vincent Salem Nicolai was called from his earthly home to his heavenly one on May 18, 2018.

He was just seven, but had already touched the lives of many and left behind sweet memories that will be forever treasured. His smile was captivating, his laugh infectious, and his wonder and curiosity about the world never-ending. Vincent's sheer abandon for life inspired all who knew him. You could venture all over New York City with Vincent and it wasn't a rare occasion for people from all walks of life to greet him by name and ask him how he was.

Even at his tender age, Vincent was an accomplished artist with painting exhibits shown in multiple galleries. Vincent's musical talents came naturally; he could play the piano by ear, was learning to play the drums, working on his guitar skills and like his namesake, Grandpa Vince, could already hold his own on the harmonica. Vincent loved everything about trains – riding them, listening to them, watching them, memorizing their schedules, their stops, and their speeds.

His attention to detail and memory were extraordinary God-given gifts and he often shared treasures and signs he found in nature with the people he loved - a bald eagle noticed soaring through the sky was always "a visit from Grandpa Vince". Although his intellectual gifts gave him wisdom and insight beyond his years, he had a childlike joy that shone like a sunbeam through the clouds. For Vincent, every day was "the best day ever." We could all take a lesson from Vince and strive to treat every day like "the best day ever."

Not all of Vincent's family members left here on earth, or who have gone before, are known to us and they are recognized and honored. Vincent was dearly loved and will be forever missed by many, including: his father Charles Nicolai; his paternal grandmother Sandra Nystrom; his maternal grandmother Jessie Carter; his aunt Doreen Adams; his aunt Yvette Adams; his uncle Tyrone Adams; his uncle Heath Marsh; his uncle Michael and aunt Cheri (McAtee) Nicolai; his uncle James Nicolai; his aunt Caryn Woodstead; his uncle Thomas and aunt Nyrie (Breidenbach) Nicolai; his uncle Christopher and Laura (Dahlby) Nicolai; his uncle Gabe and aunt Maria (Nicolai) Gietzen; his uncle Steven and aunt Nicole (Nicolai) Scherweit; and a plethora of cousins. Vincent was accompanied in death by his mother, Stephanie Adams Nicolai. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Vincent Nicolai; his maternal grandfather Salem Adams; and his aunt Teresa Nicolai.

To honor his son's life, Vincent's father, Charles, will be establishing a fund for the purpose of saving lives through awareness, early detection and prevention of mental illness. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Vincent Nicolai Memorial GoFundMe site are welcome. <https://www.gofundme.com/vincent-nicolai-memorial-fund>.

In God's Care



Vincent Nicolai

June 21, 2010 – May 18, 2018

Sunshine on My Shoulders

*Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy
Sunshine in my eyes can make me cry
Sunshine on the water looks so lovely
Sunshine almost always makes me high*

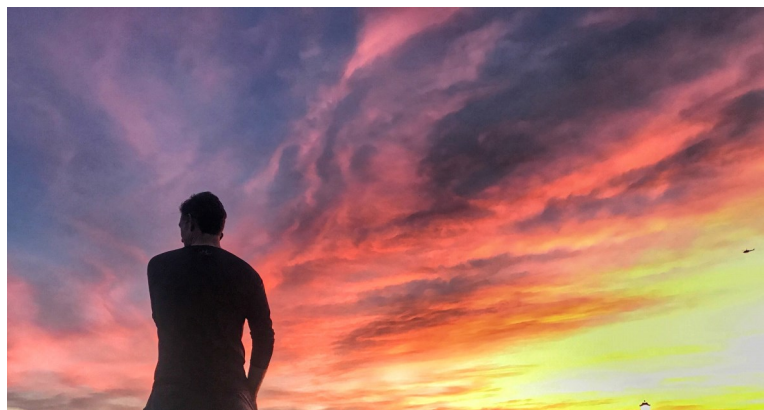
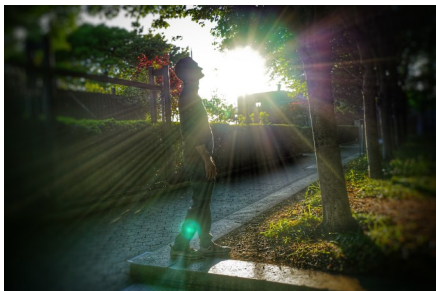
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I'd give to you the day just like today
If I had a song that I could sing for you
I'd sing a song to make you feel this way*

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Sunshine in my eyes can make me cry
Sunshine on the water looks so lovely
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*If I had a tale that I could tell you
I'd tell a tale sure to make you smile
If I had a wish that I could wish for you
I'd make a wish for sunshine for all the
while*

*Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy
Sunshine in my eyes can make me cry
Sunshine on the water looks so lovely
Sunshine almost all the time makes me high
Sunshine almost always*

John Denver



In Loving Memory of

Vincent Nicolai

June 21, 2010 – New York, NY

May 18, 2018 – New York, NY

VISITATION

Thursday, May 31, 2018 – 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Evans Funeral Home,
New Rockford

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, June 1, 2018 – 10:30AM
St. John's Catholic Church,
New Rockford

OFFICIATING

Fr. Reese Weber

MUSIC

Heather Klocke - Pianist

CASKET BEARERS

Noah Nicolai, Seth Nicolai, Matt Nicolai,
Myles Nicolai, Kendra Woodstead, Kyrie Nicolai

HONORARY BEARERS

Isaiah, Micah, Rachel, Grace, Claire, James, Korinthia, Joshua,
Jared, Josiah, Jonathan, Joseph, Krissa, Miquela, Julia, Asher,
Katrina, Lucas, Isabel, Evelyn, Anika, Sophie, Emma, Chase

BURIAL

St. John's Catholic Cemetery,
New Rockford

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – New Rockford & Carrington, ND

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