

Joseph Peter Richard Nimchuk

SEPTEMBER 5, 2011

After a long and courageous battle, surrounded by love, Joey went home to rest with his Lord.

He will be deeply missed but never far away from his mother JoAnne Nimchuk and step father Brent Swanson, his father Warren

Nimchuk and step mother Sharla Nimchuk, his sister Chantelle Nimchuk, Sasha Nimchuk ,Krystal Johnston and numerous relatives and friends.

His life was short, but his impact was great and will last a lifetime. His courage and grace was an inspiration for all and a true reflection of the magnificent glory of God. Joey's loving spirit, outgoing personality and infectious joy for life will stay with us always.

A Celebration of Joey's Life will be held at Crossroads Church (32st. & Hwy 2) on Monday, September 12th, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Please wear bright colors!

Donations in lieu of flowers can go to: Kids Cancer Care Foundation Suite 302, 609 - 14 Street NW, Calgary, AB. T2N 2A1 or Central Alberta Ronald McDonald House, Suite 707B, 5010 - 43 Street, Red Deer, AB T4N 6H2 or Shalom Counselling Centre, 5515 - 27 Avenue, Red Deer, AB T4P 0E5.

Messages of condolence may be left for the family.



Messages of Condolence

Warren and family,

We just want to let you know that we are thinking about you and your family at this time. Joey has taught us all a true life lesson about fighting hard for what is most important. May his soul rest in peace.

Scott, Troy and Kelsey Julé

— **Scott Julé**

Dear Warren & Family,

My sincere sympathy to you in the loss of your son. Your sister, Colette, has been one of my closest and dearest friends for the past decade and she has been keeping me informed of Joey's battle against cancer and his courageous spirit since his journey with his illness began. I send you and Sharla and the rest of your family my deepest condolences and I pray that your memories of Joey will give you comfort and strength during this difficult time. As well, I know that you and Sharla have an unwavering faith and trust that if God brings us to it, He will bring us through it. Blessings to you all.

— **Shawna Hickling**

Just wanted to offer my heartfelt and sincere condolences to your family and loved ones. My thoughts and prayers are with you. What a blessing he has been for your family, such a fine young man!!

Katherine

— **Katherine Harriman**

Our most sincere condolences Warren! We will keep you in our prayers.

— **Gerald and Irene Wurm**

The impact of Joey's passing is one that has been felt pretty hard on Unit One. There was not a nurse who did not love Joey. He is such an inspiration to those of us who were blessed to spend time with him. After a really hard night in charge about a month ago I was leaving the hospital feeling pretty down and defeated and ran into Joey on his way back into Unit One around 830 am. I saw him walking towards me with his cowboy hat and red sunglasses and he smiled and said hi. When I asked him how he was he told me he was "doing pretty good". I learned that morning from Joey that if he was "doing pretty good" despite all the things that he had been through and continued to battle that there wasn't much work that could throw at me that I could not get through. Every shift since when things are busy and tough I have thought of this moment and things never seemed so bad. My love and thoughts go out to all of you.

Ellen

Unit One RN

— **Ellen Kennedy**

Dear Warren & Family;

We send our heartfelt condolences to your whole family-As friends of Connie and Vince we have been kept informed about Joey's fight. We know he fought a brave battle against unbeatable odds-we are so very sad that it had to end this way. May all your happy memories of your son and brother give you peace. You are in our prayers.

— **Yves & Michelle Lepage**

I only knew Joey from his elementary school days, but what I do remember of him was his warm and genuine smile. My heartfelt condolences go out to the family. May he be at peace

— **Shelley Rodney**

Our condolences on the passing of Joey.

— **Calvin & Liz Yzerman**

Warren, Sharla, Chantelle & Sasha:

We are so sorry for your loss. We saw the love and support your family put around Joey in his fight. Joey made deep impacts on anyone who had the privilege of spending time with him. I remember his happy helpful heart with Chantelle's fund raising bottle drive for Costa Rica. He was more into the bottle drive than most of us who were going. We continue to pray for you.

Vince, Brenda, Jamie & Cara Boyce

— **Vince Boyce**

JoAnne, Warren, Chantele, Sasha, Sharla, Brent and Krystal,

There are no words that I could pass on to you, that would be enough to explain how sorry that I am for your loss. As a mother who has lost a son, I know the pain that I felt and the feelings that I may never smile again, or heal the brokenness in my heart. I can't begin to understand how you feel, but I do know how my heart aches to have just one more moment. I also know that God will be there for you as He has been throughout Joey's battle.

God is amazing in the Grace that He shows us in times when we feel unable to move, breath or even get out of bed in the morning. I remember getting angry with all the words of sympathy and the flowers sent to me when I lost my son. However, with the passage of time, they are my greatest treasures. Grace. This is a hope that I have for all of you.

When time passes and you sit with your families and share stories of Joey, the good and the bad, you will start to see something amazing happening. Someone will cry a tear but sometimes, someone will share a laugh. Within either of those moments there will be Grace, because Joey will be there with you. He will watch over you and love you always.

During these times and in the days and months that are to come and the pain overwhelms you and you feel that you have simply just had enough of this pain, and are angry that you can't just turn to Joey and share a moment and you feel that you are falling please know one thing. Know that we, the people that have either know one of you, some of you, or all of you are here holding you in our hearts just as firmly as God is holding you in the palm of His hands. We are here praying and holding you up in order for you to make it through this day and all the days to come. My prayers for you will never end.

Warren, you spent many hours taking care of Hayden and I making sure we arrived safely to where we needed to be and I have thank God for people like you in our

lives. Know that we are praying for you and helping, with so many others, to making sure you and your family arrive safely to where you need to be, a place of peace and beautiful memories. A place of quiet thankfulness that Joey is with his heavenly family preparing to greet you when you meet with him again one day, and a place of confidence when you become aware of the amazing gift of Grace that Joey was to you all.

Sasha,

You are a beautiful young lady, my heart breaks for your journey going forward. I am here for you if you ever need to talk, scream, or cry. I love you and your spirit, you have made me smile since you chopped your hair in kindergarden. You have always been a wonderful young lady and that is a testament to the family that you have. I may pray a little harder for you this year, and I will cry just as hard for all of you while I watch you take that stage, such a beautiful young woman at your graduation. You are a shining light, keep shining, never change and you will help be a legacy for your brother. You have handled this family struggle with Grace and dignity.

JoAnne, As a mother I know that place in your heart that is forever broken. I know the devastation that you are going through, all of the moments that you were supposed to have been given with your son, oh how I know that devastation. I also know that after time, believe me after time I do have a peace in my heart knowing that my son is firmly held in the arms of God and watching over me and Hayden all these years. While the missed milestones with my son I have been forced to experience in grief, I can also look to what God's plan was for my son's short life. Hayden. Beyond that I don't need to say much. You have known my son as long as I have known all of you and you and I lady have amazing children. Joey will always be that little guy hanging off Sasha and her loving him all the while (at least at

school). I ache for you, and am here if you ever need someone to talk to. God Bless you and protect your heart for the days, weeks, months and years ahead.

God Bless you all,

Hayden and Danielle Revering

— **Danielle Revering**

Warren and Sharla, Your testimony to God's faithfulness has been an inspiration to us. I can honestly say we felt privileged to share in your journey through prayer over the past year. We rejoice with you that for Joey, there is no more mourning, crying or pain. We continue to pray that God's peace that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Love Audra, Jamie and Joshua Donison

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Rev 21:4

— **Audra and Jamie Donison**

Joanne & family, Rick and Carol

My thoughts are with you at this really sad time. I know you are all strong even in these circumstances ...if what they say is true Joey is in a better place and you can gain comfort from that knowledge

Kathy & Al

— **Kathy Kartinen**

Warren, Sharla & family we have not been neighbours for long and after reading the memorial messages, your family and Joey are very much loved. We did not get a chance to meet Joey but followed his progress through Nolan and Becky.

Our thoughts are with you and your family.

– Cal & Shary Edmunds

Warren, Sharla and family. Our deepest sympathies to you, we do not have words to express the ordeal that you have been thru. You now have a little Angel in Heaven looking down on you.

– Alain & Susan

Warren, Sharla & Family:

Our deepest sympathy and we share in your sorrow. Joey was an amazing & courageous young man and we will treasure the time that was shared with him.

Joey, you and your family fought many courageous years, however the Lord has a different plan for us all.

Our prayers are with you during this time of sorrow and grief. May your memories bring you comfort in days to come.

– Nolen Harriman & Diane Sabraw

Warren and Family, Our thoughts are with you, Joey was a good buddy to Bryce during elementary school, and we often thought how his cancer battle was going, our hearts will hold his memory, Jim Carol, Bryce and Morgan Scott

– Jim Carol , Byce and Morgan

Dear Warren and family: Your mother Pat has kept me up to date on Joey`s long and courageous journey. We are so sorry that it had to end this way despite all of our hope and prayers for his recovery. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

— **Carynn Komiyama, Tom Phillips, Jennifer Donahue**

Dear Warren & Family: We are thinking of you and your family and want to send our heartfelt sympathy. May you find comfort, strength, and peace in the days ahead. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

— **Philip & Dianne Lepage**

Warren, Sharla, Chantelle & Sasha and my dear friend, Pat (grandmother to Joey) please accept our sincere condolences in the death of Joey.

What an amazing person he was! In the overnight stay at your home we got to know him ever so briefly and yet I was touched by his smile, and gentleness. A beautiful guy!

You are in our thoughts and prayers during this painful time. God continue to give you all peace, courage and strength One Day At A Time.

Our hearts go out to all of you. . . it's been such a long, long journey.

Kathy, Scott, Patrick and Marie McDonald

— **Kathleen (Kathy) McDonald & Family**

Dear Joanne and Brent, Carol and Rick and Families, How sorry we are to here of the loss of your Joey. Please know we are praying for you all that you may draw strength in knowing Joey is safe in the arms of our lord and free from any pain.

Love Alberta and Silvano Morson

— **ALBERTA MORSON**

So Sorry to hear of your loss. My deepest Sympathies to all you.

— **Cheryl Vogel (Baxter)**

Dear Sharla and Family

I became friends with you at the Ronald McDonald House and had the pleasure of meeting Joey. Today I was told he was no longer with his family. I and my family and am just so very sorry. I cannot imagine this happening... you worked so hard with him and were so positive. I wish there was something I could do ...but there is no way to make this right and give Joey back to you. My prayers are with you and my thoughts all day have been about you and your family and Joey. Know we truly have sore hearts for you and that we will remember Joey. Love and affection

— **Jacqueline Rourke**



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