



Nelson Chris Haahr

March 11, 1968 - January 19, 2023

Nelson Chris Haahr, a man who never let adversity change his great attitude about life, died January 19, 2023 at the age of 54. Nelson was born March 11, 1968 in Midland to Nancey Lee Franklin. Nelson enlisted in the Army after high school, and then at the age of 21 had a severe auto accident that left him paralyzed. Although life threw him many twists and turns, Nelson's attitude about life was phenomenal, he was always good natured, funny, had a very artistic streak, and knack for always remembering names. In January of 1999 he married Sheryl Sevitts and during their honeymoon they went scuba diving. Nelson never let being confined to a wheelchair confine his attitude toward experiencing life to its fullest. This was one of the reasons that he made friends with everyone he met.

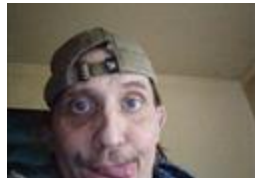
Nelson is survived by his wife, Sheryl Haahr; daughter, Sydney Hamilton; grandson, Kalub Hamilton; mother, Nancey Johnsen; step-father, Roger Malfrom; best friend, Daniel Rathke; and his "adopted" family the Statts who cared for him after his accident.

Friends are encouraged to support Nelson's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. A memorial service is being planned at a later date. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions in care of Sheryl Haahr to help with expenses. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ I cannot begin to put into words what our connection was like. It went beyond and was deeper than words can express. Nelson and I were soulmates. He was the most interesting, unique, intelligent, funny person I’ve ever known or will ever know. He definitely thought “outside the box”. The way his mind worked was so attractive & intriguing. Nelson never knew a stranger because everyone was drawn to him and he made friends with each person he encountered. We spent hours upon countless hours talking on the phone together. The nurses at the hospital thought we were so cute because we even slept on the phone together - just so we could start out our day saying “good morning baby”. When I was having an extremely rough time & didn’t know what to do with myself, Nelson would read to me for hours while I walked for miles. When we weren’t on the phone, we would call one another and say “were you crying for me?” My heart & soul cries for Nelson everyday. There will never be another. But Nelson had a compass engraved for me that reads “So you can find me in any lifetime.” So, that is what I’ll do - wait to see him in our next lifetime.



Jill Green - July 12, 2024 at 04:18 PM

MM

“ *Such a beautiful soul ❤️ Rest in Peace 🕊️*

Marisa Massone - January 23, 2023 at 08:12 PM

ME

“ *My favorite memory is when he'd get busted with his vape and be so mad he'd check himself out. Always said he was okay. Never complained about his situation. He'd come to mtgs wherever he was at; home or hospital. It didn't matter
I will miss Nelson a lot. He has a special place in my heart. RIP
Space Cowboy. Love Megs*

Megs - January 23, 2023 at 11:09 AM

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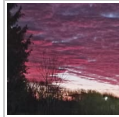
Daniel Rathke - January 21, 2023 at 11:55 AM

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“ I miss you so much dad



Sydney "wigs" Hamilton - January 20, 2023 at 11:33 PM



I love the ones of him zip-lining. God, that was so difficult but worth every ounce of sweat. thanks for finding that one sweetheart, love you xoxo

Sheryl Haahr - January 20, 2023 at 11:40 PM

DA

❤️ hugs and love.

Dawn - January 21, 2023 at 07:44 AM

CA

Nelson was a member of our family since age 13. He was the "kid that came to dinner and never left!" My mother loved him like her own, as we all did. He has always been counted in "the lineup..." when asked "how many brothers do you have?" The answer I always gave was "5." Nelson was definitely one of the most brilliant people I ever knew; an avid reader and consumer of information, he didn't let a physical limitation define what his life would be like. The end of Nelson's life was hard... Illness confined him to his home more than anyone should have to endure. He will be missed, so very much, but I take solace in knowing he has joined my mother and Gram in the hereafter. I'm going to believe he and David Crosby met at the gates, and picked up guitars and started jamming. ❤️

Carrie - January 21, 2023 at 08:43 AM

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Space Cowboy, I'll miss your quick wit and laughter. Grateful for getting to know you via Zoom and WhatsApp and proud of your accomplishments in life. Rest easy my friend, keeping a watchful eye on those of us still on this earthly world. Love you brother, Dean S

Dean S. (Spain) - January 21, 2023 at 12:36 PM

DR

In Nelson's world friends and family were everything. We often jokingly referred to his uncanny ability to attract people as, "The Abigail Effect".

I first met Nelson about a year after his accident when I was 19 working at a 7-11. He had stopped in for a 6 pack of tall-boys and asked if I wanted to hang out after work.

30 years later, I held his hand as he passed away peacefully. Along the way he shared with me all of his greatest memories and life's accomplishments while creating new ones and continuing to grow his family and beloved network of friends.

Nelson's greatest childhood memories definitely were created by the entire Stat family. According to him, they offered opportunities and perspectives he otherwise would not have had.

It was with his brothers, Peter, Eric, Greg and Tim whom he learned to play the guitar with.

This is something I hold close, because Nelson opened my ears to music by Crosby Stills Nash and Young, while teaching me how to play.

Like Carrie, I too believe he and Crosby met at the gates. The last couple of years were definitely a struggle for him, but he always maintained his positive attitude.

Listening to Nelson's nurse describe the end of life care Sheryl provided him as something she has never witnessed and definitely learned from, I would have to agree.

My only prayers are that Nelson is finally at peace and his family and friends are able to come together for his celebration of life.

Daniel Rathke - January 21, 2023 at 01:04 PM

TR

I got to know Nelson through Zoom and What's App. We talked about music, guitars, and how the world lost a great artist when Kilmeister passed. He was one of the most eclectic guys I ever met. He could talk about anything, but he could also listen when you needed a friend that would. The world has lost an old soul and an artist. I will miss him.

Tim Ross - February 04, 2023 at 10:52 AM