



# Austin James Nielson

December 20, 1994 - July 29, 2025

Austin James Nielson, 30, tragically passed away on July 29, 2025 in West Jordan, Utah. He was born December 20, 1994 in Sandy, Utah to Thomas Rue Nielson and Janel Rutland McDaniel. He married the love of his life, and high school sweetheart, Brianne Nielson on August 19, 2016.

Austin was full of life and adventure. If you knew him, you loved him. He had a genuine care about other people and always made sure you left him with a smile on your face. He had an unprecedented work ethic. He put everything he had in his work, and grew with each employer. His coworkers would say, "He was not only a great teammate but a truly great person who left a lasting impression on everyone he worked with. We will remember him for the way he carried himself, the relationships he built and the positive impact he had on so many lives." Austin loved to camp, hunt and be with his family in the mountains. He always had an amazing smile on his face, and it was his personal goal to make people around him laugh. He has an amazing son that was his whole world; their friendship was one to be jealous of. He would play games with him, hang out with him, and teach him how to work hard, be a gentleman, and honor his mother. His wife was his top priority. He always made sure she had the things she needed, that she was comfortable and knew she was loved. He loved his family fiercely, and showed that in his daily actions. Bree was his queen, and he proved it every day.

Austin is survived by his wife Brianne, his son Oliver, his parents Janel McDaniel (Wyatt), Thomas Nielson (Angela), his sisters Paige, Kaylee and brother Jordan. He also had bonus siblings Alex (Jenn), and Mercedes (Erick). He had in-laws Brock (Lara), Bailee (Caleb), Father-in-law Robert (Michelle). His childhood best friend (aka brother from another mother) Tyson and many other Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews and Grandparents. Far too many to mention.

There will be a celebration of life for Austin on August 4th at 11:00am at Serenity Funeral Home 13863 S 2700 W Suite 101F, Bluffdale Utah 84020. After which he will be laid to rest at Redwood Memorial at 2:00pm.

The family would like to thank all those that have reached out and shared their support. His employers at DLB and Siemens have shown up in ways we never expected. The kind words, meals and genuine concern for our family have been overwhelming.

Please share memories and condolences at [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Serenity Event Center  
13863 S 2700 W  
Bluffdale, UT 84065

# Tribute Wall

HL

“ Every time I would see Austin through the years I was so impressed by how much he loved and doubted on his wife and what a fun dad he was! I especially remember a time where we were all playing tag for Kysen’s birthday, and him and Bree were so much fun playing with their son and all of us! So full of laughter and joy! And such a loving, protective Brother. ☐

Heather Long - August 14, 2025 at 10:40 AM

HL

*Doted*

Heather Long - August 14, 2025 at 10:41 AM

RJ

“ Austin was a real, genuine, and kind man. Friendly to all who knew him, and easy to get to know. His passing is like losing a brother although he's in good heavenly hands now. My sincere condolences go to his family and friends during this difficult time. Thanks for your friendship Austin. Rest in peace brother.

Robert Jones - August 04, 2025 at 10:01 AM

JO

“ I am too... me. Too serious. Too hard on myself. Sometimes mean. We had worked together and met quite a few times over the years, but in November we knew we were in it together. He confessed he was scared of this. I did too. We were certain that everything and everyone was going to be the obstacle. But we promised we wouldn't let the bastards get us, nor would we let either of us fail.

*He changed how I acted. Small, seeming imperceptible. But huge to me, as I'm moving a mountain of emotional learning. I attempted to do the same with him. The edge started dulling. Austin has in 6 months softened the anxiety and seriousness to something he would call "almost chill:" the best I ever got. He made humor, inappropriate mostly, acceptable. Mistakes can be corrected. Absurdity laughed at.*

*I'll never be able to make jokes and carry attention to the ridiculous after a hard day the way he did. The laughter will never be from me, but he taught me how to accept it and even seek it where it is. I still take it all too seriously. Even this. Which he'd probably give a horrific joke about, likely questioning my manhood or ability to regulate blood pressure. I'm sorry I wrote and edited this too many times, Austin. Right at the deadline and over-analyzed is how I do. Maybe with a little more time I'd be a tiny bit better at it.*

Justin Olson - August 04, 2025 at 01:42 AM

AJ

“ His love for his family was undeniable. I will forever be grateful for the support he gave to his sister’s family and the love he showed to his nephew. Sending love to all of his family

Amy Jacobson - August 03, 2025 at 03:21 PM

AM

“ I considered Austin to be my work husband. On the worst days we had he always found a way to make them better and put a smile on everyone’s face. On our best days he could always make them better. There was never a day that I had with Austin that was a bad day, even if it was hiking to the top of Mt Timpanogos in the worst possible weather, knowing we shouldn’t be there because no one else was there but we still had a great time!!

Austin, you will be missed by so many and never forgotten!!

Alex Moitozo - August 02, 2025 at 05:55 PM

JB

“ Austin taught me a great deal about honesty.

In high pressure situations we often found ourselves in, where most would be tempted to hide or cover up an issue, those were the moments Austin would be upfront and tell the truth. Even if, as it always did, it meant Austin was now going to have to work long hours to provide a fix, he never did shy away from addressing the problem.

We spent a lot of time together on weekends working, but it never felt like weekend work with Austin. Just a good time. He would bring his Hamilton beach breakfast sandwich maker into the trailer or something similar and had a way of making hard times easy.

He taught me that elbow grease and resilience are better than any amount of know-how. In the end, he always won or outlasted the challenge, no matter the magnitude of grief.

You live on in my life, Austin. Love you buddy.



Justin Barrett - August 02, 2025 at 12:20 PM

AJ

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Amy Jacobson - August 03, 2025 at 03:19 PM

MD

“ *There are few people that instantly shine a light in life. Austin was definitely one of them. I'll carry some great laughs for the remainder of my days. Stellar young man. Much love to all friends and family.*

Michael Durner - August 02, 2025 at 02:52 AM

SJ

“ *Austin was always such a happy kid he would hang out at our house with our sons Tyson and Alex. He always had something witty to say and loved teasing Cody. He was a part of the family and we loved him. I will miss making him pumpkin chocolate chips cookies in exchange for his eggs and miss him coming over with his son to visit and see how are were doing. He was so proud of his son and loved his wife. Thank you for all of the memories, you will always be a part of our family. Love Cody and Stacy Johnson*

Stacy Johnson - August 01, 2025 at 11:15 PM

AJ

“ *Austin was my oldest big “brother” and someone I always looked up to. We shared countless amazing core memories growing up, From burning his sisters Barbie dolls on the side of the house with gasoline to jumping into daybreak lake with our peddle bikes to having my first encounter with the cops at age 8 cause Austin had a great idea that we could cut some branches off a tree pretending we were part of Naruto with our swords and I guess the neighbors didn't like Naruto as much as us. Austin was full of life and no matter how horrible the situation was he would make the best of it. No matter how sad you were he always managed to make you laugh or smile. He filled every dark room with light with his presence. He was not only a truly amazing brother friend co worker father and husband to his wife and his son. He did nothing but show love and support to his wife and his twin (son) not kidding it looks like someone hit copy and paste with that kid. Love you Austin fly high big bro ☐*

alex johnson - August 01, 2025 at 07:57 PM

PO

“ *Such a good dude! I had several heart to hearts with him ❤️. Gone but never forgotten 🙏❤️*

Patrick O'Leary - August 01, 2025 at 06:13 PM

NP

“ Austin was always a source of life and laughter for many people. One thing that'll never leave me about him is how he was with his wife and son. He was obsessed in the best way possible. He would do anything and everything for them. He was an amazing husband and even better friend to his wife. Being around them was infectious in the sense of how much love oozed from them. His son looks just like him, little doppelganger. I know that kid is gonna grow up and remember everything his dad taught him and he'll show him how amazing he becomes. Austin was a wonderful friend and always made you feel welcome. Even though he is gone from this earth he is not gone in soul. He lives on in each of us through memories and laughs of his crazy antics. I raise my glass to him. One day we will all see each other again and for that I'm forever thankful.

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**Nicole Peterson** - August 01, 2025 at 04:42 PM

TK

“ This man was truly a brother of mine that was wasn't blood, but acted like one more than my actual blood brothers. This man was a friend that truly cared, and would go through length and bounds to prove so. I remember when I was in high school with him, on my A days, we would talk and laugh all the time, looking at Epic Rap Battles of History Videos and laughing so hard we couldn't breath, buying monsters at the beginning of the day and talking about who's house we were going to, playing videos games and watching dumb movies until the sun came up and laughing till we cried, and above all, hanging with the boys whenever we could. You man, we're truly a blessing to me in my time of youth, and I'm so happy that god gave you to me as not only a friend, but a brother, you have, and will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace my friend, we will see each other again, I promise you that. Love you bro, fly high.

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**Tanner Kelly** - August 01, 2025 at 03:23 PM

TJ

“ Austin was my best friend, and my brother. I am going to miss him so very much. He was always trying to put a smile on everyone's face. Im glad I got to be a part of his life. I enjoyed watching him with his wife and child, always doing his best for the bolth of them. I have lots of great memories with him. We were always getting in trouble. Lighting fire crackers off in the house blowing up the toilet in the process. Riding with 3 people on a 4 wheeler and him falling off the back and breaking his arm. He went and got his cast on and came back that same day so we could keep hanging out. Trying to shoot a deer with our bows at my grandma's house. Emptying .22 gun power into a can and lighting it on fire. He definitely lived to live his life to the fullest. I going to miss him very much.



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**Tyson Johnson** - August 01, 2025 at 01:40 PM

AU

“ I didn't know Austin for very long, but one thing that was obvious from the start was how much his family meant to him. He was always ready to lend a helping hand and everyone at work loved him.

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**Audrey** - August 01, 2025 at 01:11 PM