



## Roland Dewaine Nielsen Jr

July 19, 1954 - September 6, 2023

ROLAND (ROLLY) DEWAINIE NIELSEN, JUNIOR, 69, of San Pierre, Indiana passed away on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 in Valparaiso, Indiana. Born on July 19, 1954 in Knox, Indiana to Roland and Mary Ellen (Valiquet) Nielsen, he was a graduate of North Judson-San Pierre High School in 1972 and worked in automotive tool and supply sales for almost his entire career, much of which was at Precision Auto Parts in North Judson, Indiana. Rolly married Kathy (Will) Nielsen on June 15, 1979 in North Judson, Indiana and is survived by her and their sons Craig (Ellen) Nielsen (Indianapolis, Indiana) and Kyle (Kiley) Nielsen (Havelock, North Carolina) as well as grandchildren Kylar, Claire, and Journey. Rolly is also survived by his siblings Doug (Betty) Nielsen, Kevin Nielsen, and Ellen (Tim) Prahlow, his in-laws Greg and Karen (Will) Stone and Tom and Connie (McBee) Will, and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by infant grandson Kolt. Rolly was passionate about music including playing the trumpet and in local band Country Roads. He was also a lifetime fan of automotive racing, particularly attending the Indianapolis 500, as well as the Green Bay Packers, Chicago Cubs, and North Judson-San Pierre Bluejays. His other hobbies included cooking, woodworking, and travel. He was an active member of All Saints Catholic Church in San Pierre, Indiana. The family asks, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to the American Heart Association ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)) or Ronald McDonald House Charities (<http://www.rmhc.org>). Visitation will be from 11am until 1pm CDT on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at O'Donnell

Funeral Home in North Judson, Indiana.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.  
302 Lane Street  
North Judson, IN 46366  
(574) 896-2149

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Nielsen Family! Rolly was a great man, great coworker and friend. He will be missed by all.*

Rich Deemer - September 21, 2023 at 11:22 AM

BS

“ *Condolences to Kathy and her family. Rolly was a nice man. He was one of the hardest working people in high school. Butch Smrt*

Butch Smrt - September 19, 2023 at 12:32 PM

MP

“ *Deepest sympathies for Kathy and family. Rol was a wonderful holy man. We shared the same vision of God, religion, and politics! All of our loss and heavens gain of a good man!!! Sincerely, Margie and Larry Pixey*

Margie Pixey - September 16, 2023 at 01:18 PM

CK

“ *My thoughts are with the family - we've made a donation in his memory to the Ronald McDonald House charity.  
- The Cheslyn Kettle family*

Cheslyn Kettle - September 16, 2023 at 09:20 AM

PB

“ *My deepest deepest condolences to you Kathy and Son's. Rolly was a wonderful man and dear friend and work husband ❤️. I will miss him terribly.  
Love you all  
Patty*

Patty Booth - September 15, 2023 at 07:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roland Dewaine Nielsen Jr.*



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September 15, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ *I just met Rolly this past summer when he played the trumpet with the Maxinkuckee Players. What a talented musician! He was also a very nice man! My deepest sympathy to his family and friends!*

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**Deb Cook** - September 15, 2023 at 08:45 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roland Dewaine Nielsen Jr.*



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September 15, 2023 at 07:12 AM



“ *We are so sad that “little “ Roll is no longer with all of us. He was truly a sweet man as are all the Nielsen guys. Thinking of you all and praying that the peace of the Lord be with you as we grieve Rolly. Love you all 🙏❤️*

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**Katherine Barnett** - September 14, 2023 at 10:04 PM

RV

“ I am so very sorry, Kathy & Family, and my condolences to the entire Neilsen Family. One of my fondest childhood memories was the annual Neilsen Christmas Eve. Rolly and I shared a passion for the Packers, music, politics, and interesting bits of family history. I will miss him greatly and will always remember him playing Taps at Dad's funeral, and again with Taps Across America on Memorial Day 2022 at Dad's graveside.  
May peace find each of you when possible ~ Roslynn Valiquet Bejes 💕

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**Roslynn L Valiquet-Bejes** - September 14, 2023 at 09:20 PM

RK

“ Thoughts and prayers for Kathy and Family. Rolly was a fine cousin, but a better friend. Will miss him deeply.  
God Bless,  
Rusty & Kim Kerns

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**rusty kerns** - September 14, 2023 at 05:24 PM