



## Nicholas “Nick” Benjamyn Wade-Whiteman

*September 15, 1992 ~ January 21, 2026*

Nicholas “Nick” Benjamyn Wade-Whiteman of West Jordan, Utah passed away unexpectedly on the evening of January 21, 2026.

Nick was born on September 15, 1992, at St. Marks Hospital in Salt Lake City to Edward Whiteman and Suzanne Irene Wade. He grew up surrounded by family and formed especially close bonds with his cousins and siblings, sharing childhood passions like Power Rangers and Dragon Ball Z that stayed with him well into adulthood. In his teenage years, Nick could be found rolling around the streets of Murray, he loved to long board and would go forever; it was his happy place, his escape.

Nick had a big personality, an even bigger laugh, and a legendary supply of terrible dad jokes. Known affectionately by many as “Afro Thunder,” Nick was often the life of the party and someone people naturally gravitated toward. His friends meant the world to him—he loved them fiercely and wholeheartedly, showing up for them with loyalty, humor, and an open heart. The love he had for his friends was deeply returned.

Nick was a master of many trades including his work in Oregon for a few summers building trails. He eventually found his calling with the Utah Department of Corrections, where he became a corrections officer in 2018. He took immense pride in his work, especially serving in the men’s mental health unit at Draper Prison. Nick was known for his dedication, leadership, and compassion. Many officers and staff respected and admired him—if you saw a big guy in white sunglasses walk through the gate, you knew it was going to be a good day.

On March 26, 2022, Nick began a loving relationship with Morgan Hansen. Together they built a life full of humor, shared traditions, playful bickering, and plans for the future—including a home, a honeymoon in Croatia, and endless debates over decorations and baby names. Morgan was his soulmate and the love of his life.

Nick is survived by his father Ed Whiteman and wife Kerri, Mother Suzanne Wade, Stepfather Nazar Sidigg, Aunt Robin Wade, Uncle Gary Wade and wife Judy, Aunt Teresa Bayley, cousins Misty Campbell, Aaron Wade and Amber Wade.

Sister Tea Szukala and her wife Karen, and brother Andre Harris, Uncles Alan Whiteman, Jeffrey Whiteman, Philippe Whiteman, Aunts Jacqueline Mehala-Murray, Linda Joseph, Diane Martinez, Mary Mehala, and the love of his life and soulmate Morgan Hansen.

We are guessing your grandpa Luc is giving you a “proper tune- up” and Grandma Marian is telling you “Nicholas Wade Whiteman. You are incorrigible!”

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Nick will be deeply missed by all