# Nicholas Stephen Ruffus

*July 24, 1988 ~ November 13, 2023*

Nick was born on July 24th, 1988 at Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was a born adventurer and learned to drive a stick shift in a Jeep Wrangler on his parents' laps. His love of outdoors was the constant motivator in his life. From skateboards, grand slams in baseball, "buzzer beaters" in basketball games, snowboarding on all the canyons including out of bound areas to his mother's dismay.

His greatest moments were Jeeping in Moab with his family and friends on new trails each year, and hiking the Delicate Arch. Hiking in the canyons gave him the most solace. He was a very private person and believed in the meaningfulness of silence. He travelled to many countries around the world and especially loved the history of all the beaches in Normandy, and his beloved New York City.

The more time you spent with Nick, the greater the opportunity to hear his multi-layered views of the world and his thoughts. To know him was to love him completely.

He enjoyed working for Microsoft and Testeract companies as an IT Specialist.

He is survived by his parents Stephen and Kathy, sister Jessica (fiancé Dalton McGuire), adorable niece and nephew Kenzie and Dylan, many aunts and uncles, and his beloved cat Max. Preceded in death by his dear sister Hether Rachelle, grandparents Martha and Lawrence DeNayer, Kalliope and Socrates Ruffus, and furry companions Zelda and Vinnie.

We are all grateful for the short time we had with Nick in our lives, and we will miss him dearly, especially when he would pull into the driveway and jump out of his fancy new Jeep with his hat on.

Services will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, UT. There will be a viewing Monday, November 20th from 6-8 pm, and Tuesday morning from 9:30-10:30 am prior to the funeral. Burial at Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to your local animal shelter in Nick's name.

If you would like to watch the services please click on the blue "Watch Services" button above.