

FOREVER 22: HELP ME HONOR MY SON NICK

My name is **Abra**, and on **October 15, 2026**, I received the phone call no mother should ever have to receive.

I was in California for work and getting ready to fly home the next day when a nurse who had been at the accident called me. My son, **Nicholas "Nick" Cooley Archuleta**, had been seriously hurt.

Nick was only **22 years old**.

I could not get across the country fast enough. I canceled my original flight and booked the earliest one I could find, but by then my beautiful boy was gone.

One of the hardest things for me is knowing that I could not be there with Nick during his final moments. But I find comfort in knowing that **he was not alone**. Family and friends who loved him were there by his bedside, surrounding him with love when he went to heaven. As his mom, I will always be grateful that when I could not be there to hold him, people who loved my boy were there for me.

Nick was not just my son. **He was my best friend.** We grew up together in so many ways. We talked every day, supported each other through everything, and had a bond that is impossible to put into words. He was my Nickster, and there will never be another soul like him.

Nick was smart, kind, funny, sarcastic, mischievous, and proudly a **supernerd**. He could look at something and figure out how it worked. He loved cars, especially **Mustangs**, and he loved anything with an engine that he could take apart, fix, and put back together.

That passion followed him into his work at **AutoZone**, where he earned Extra Miler Recognition

and Parts Expert Certification. Being a mechanic was not just something Nick was good at. **It was who he was.**

Nick loved loud pipes, riding, fixing things, laughing with his friends, and the people and animals who filled his life. He leaves behind his parents, siblings **Phoenyx, BriElla, Freya, and Eric**, a huge extended family, friends he considered brothers, and his beloved pets **Ginger, Nala, Jolene, August, and Mulli**.

Nick had already known loss too. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, **Patricia Kwiatkowski**, and his dogs **Destiny and Mona**.

Forever 22 Ride for Nick

On **Friday, October 23, 2026**, family, friends, riders, and supporters are invited to join us as we accompany Nick to his funeral service.

Motorcycles and Mustangs are welcome.

Meet up: Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home, Biloxi
Arrive by: 9:30 AM
Kickstands up: 10:00 AM
Destination: Ocean Springs Chapel

Nick's funeral service will be held at **12:30 PM at the Ocean Springs Chapel of Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home**.

You do not have to have known Nick personally to join us. We would love to see the road filled with the motorcycles and Mustangs he loved and surrounded by people showing support for our family.

Funds raised through HelpVy will help me with **Nick's funeral expenses, hospital bills, and the unexpected costs that come with losing a child far too soon**.

Nick knew people from all walks of life and from across the country. If you knew him, loved him, rode with him, laughed with him, worked with him, or simply want to stand beside a grieving mother, please donate or share his story.

Forever 22. Loud pipes forever, my Nickster. Until we meet again, may this be your last ride to heaven.

Abra Cooley, Nick's Mom

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