



## Nathan Phillip Istre

March 1, 1993 - November 14, 2021

Nathan Phillip Istre, 28, of Jennings, LA, went home to Our Heavenly Father and a lost list of loved ones that he missed so much on November 14, 2021. Nathan, a former teacher, was a very private and boring person, so, while there isn't much to say about him, he tried his best to take care of other people, especially those close to him. Nathan is survived by his loving parents, Phillip and Laura Istre, and his wonderful brother, Logan, all three whom, although Nathan rarely said it out loud, loved very much and tried his best to show his appreciation for all they did for him. Nathan is also survived by his adopted Nanny and Parrian, Lawrence and Trina Fruge, and their wonderful children; Matt, Morgan, Carissa, and Carissa's husband Keaton, all whom Nathan got to spend an incredible year living with, as he did his best to help them take care of his beloved grandfather, Blackie Fruge. Also surviving Nathan are a long list of wonderful aunts and uncles: Ken and his wife Angie Istre, his godmother, Judy and husband Shawn Simon, Cathy, who took care of Nathan like no one else and her husband Joseph "Boy" LeJeune, Mike and his amazing wife Claudia Fruge, Eunice, who adopted him as her own for many years and her husband Scott Morgan, Becky, who babysat Nathan for much of his childhood and her husband John LeJeune, Nathan's Nanny, Sandra Duhon, and his Uncle Paul and wife Judy Fruge. Nathan is also survived by a long list of wonderful cousins like Jake (who was the person Nathan was closest to for most for most of their lives and Tyler, Britt and Damon, Jason, Jamie, and Jessica, Chad, Marco, Stevie, Byron "Tye," Shawntel, Katelyn, and Ashlyn, Meg and Payton, Hunter and Kolby, Kim and Renee, Caleb and Sophie, Kris and Dylan, Heather, Travis, Des, and Autumn, Katie and Sammy, Danny, Theo, and Eric just to name a few. Finally, Nathan is also survived by a long list of friends like Kade, Cam, Trevor, Matt, Courtney, Beth, and Trent, just to name a few, as well as his adopted grandmother Linda "Nonna" Lay, and his loving maternal grandmother, Annabelle Courville Istre. Nathan is finally rejoined in Heaven with the greatest man and woman he's ever known, his maternal grandparents, Helen and Lawrence "Blackie" Fruge Jr, one of his best friends, who was the most loving and accepting person in the world, Lee K. Lantz, his wonderful, hilarious cousin/friend Drue Martin and Drue's amazing wife, Nathan's cousin-in-law/friend, Joy. Nathan also gets to rejoin his fur babies; his Pomeranian, Roe, who was his "Baby Boy," his Black Labrador, Molly, who was his "Baby Girl," his Weenie Dog, Max,

who was his, "Baby Boy #2, as well as his "Sweet, Sleepy Boy," and his Chocolate Labrador, Shadow, who was his, "Lovey, Lovey Boy." Nathan finally gets to meet his paternal grandfather, Daniel Reed Istre, while also being reunited with his maternal aunt, Karen Fruge, his maternal uncle by marriage, Byron Duhon Sr., as well as a long list of cousins, great aunts and great uncles, so Nathan can assure everyone that simply being reunited with just a few of those mentioned has made him happier than he has been in a very, very long time.

Nathan does not believe in funerals and mourning his "death," but insists that his life and the wonderful memories he made, spent with the wonderful people that chose to be in his life, before he went home, be celebrated at a memorial/wake of his mother's choosing. His remains are to be cremated and kept in his old room at his parents' house, so he can always be home with them

# Comments

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“ My ears just heard the news but my brain can't process it. Dear Nathan was such a wonderful, caring person and a joy to teach. He had a calm wisdom that I admired in one so young. Whenever I saw him, we had the nicest catch-up conversations and, of course, he always gave a big hug. The last time we spoke, he told me of his teaching career and I was so proud to hear that he would be doing so. We laughed about a few things and I reminded him of what he already new. Such a light has left this world and graces the next. My sincere sympathy to his brother Logan and their parents. I'll continue to pray for them and who mourn his passing into eternal life. I'll carry your memory with me always, dear Nathan, and look forward to the day we meet again.

**Donna Richert** - November 26, 2021 at 06:42 PM

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“ Nathan's heart was bigger than this universe! He had a gentle kindness about him like no one else. He was a wonderful student but an even better young man. May he find peace and rest in his eternal home. Continued prayers for his family...

**Kathy Briggs** - November 24, 2021 at 07:12 PM

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“ Tammy Burk and Brenda Kearns purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Nathan Phillip Istre.



**Tammy Burk and Brenda Kearns** - November 22, 2021 at 04:50 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Nathan was such a kind and caring person. May God comfort and strengthen you in your grief. Flo McNally

**Flo McNally** - November 17, 2021 at 07:17 PM

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“ Phillip & Laura, So sorry for your loss... Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family.

**Darla and Mike Beardmore** - November 17, 2021 at 03:22 PM

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“ So sorry for your lost of your son

Gregory & Carla LeJeune



**Carla LeJeune** - November 16, 2021 at 05:00 PM

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“ Phillip, Laura & Logan, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family.  
Ernest, Melva & Michael Lopez

**Melva Lopez** - November 16, 2021 at 02:27 PM

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“ Nathan was four years older than my daughter Haley but they went to OLI and JHS together. I mostly remember Nathan as the sweet, precious little boy that he was in the days he attended OLI. He was always the first to greet me when I would pick up Haley from aftercare. He was always so joyful and always had so much to say. He was always so very kind to us. Definitely praying for the Istre family. God Bless you all.

**Dana Wimberly** - November 16, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family after hearing about Nathan. I can't say enough about how caring Nathan was to others while attending JHS. May he find peace in heaven. Thinking of sweet Logan as well.

**Michelle Lyons** - November 21, 2021 at 01:04 PM

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“ Laura and Phillip,  
We are so saddened to hear about Nathan. We will pray for the repose of his soul  
and for you and your family.  
Sending many prayers and much love,  
Kenny & Sue Chapman

**Sue Chapman** - November 16, 2021 at 01:34 PM

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“ Laura and Philip, your family is in our thoughts and prayers . Sincerely, Dionne  
& Rick Robicheaux & Family

**Dionne Robicheaux** - November 16, 2021 at 08:52 AM

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“ We have been blessed to share in the life of Nathan growing up in our OLI Family.  
We are also related on the Courville side. He is a gentleman! May God Bless You All  
Deeply while ya'll go thru this journey together and may there not be any footprints in  
the sand while you let Him carry you! We Love Ya'll, Phyllis and Dylan Trahan

**Phyllis and Dylan Trahan** - November 16, 2021 at 02:00 AM

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“ Tammy lit a candle in memory of Nathan Phillip Istre



**Tammy** - November 15, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. RIP NATHAN

**Tammy** - November 15, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ Shocked and saddened. Am praying for all who loved and shared in his life. Phillip and Laura, my thoughts and prayers for your peace and the repose of his soul. May God touch your hearts with healing.

Don West

**Don West** - November 16, 2021 at 04:16 PM

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“ Phillip ,Laura & Logan very sorry for Nathan's passing. Our prayers are with y'all. Eternal rest grant to him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Janice Istre LeJeune** - November 15, 2021 at 05:56 PM

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“ So sorry for the family's loss. Praying for you all

**Darrell LeBlanc** - November 15, 2021 at 03:08 PM

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“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Nathan Phillip Istre.



November 15, 2021 at 02:51 PM

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“ I only met Nathan at my office a couple years ago. But he said we were related (through J R) and he was such a sweet and funny man and we chatted a lot. My heart is broken as I know yours are too. I will miss him so much.

**susanne clement** - November 15, 2021 at 02:35 PM



“ RIP ,my dear friend...  
Our heart aches for your family.  
Lots of thoughts & prayers

**Tina Gary** - November 16, 2021 at 12:58 PM

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“ When Nathan was a little boy I remember him pretending to read a book to me. When he got to the end, he slammed the book shut and said, " And they lived happily ever after!" So cute, RIP Nathan.

**Patricia Steele** - November 15, 2021 at 01:57 PM

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“ I remember the time we visited your family with our grandson when the kids were little and we all went crabbing and to the beach. Nathan was so cute and sweet and kind to J.T. We love your family so much and pray for peace and comfort for you.  
Love, Annie Mack

**Ann Marie Mack** - November 15, 2021 at 01:02 PM