



Joseph Theodore Forster

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Joseph Theodore Forster went home to his older brother Jimmy and his parents peacefully on the evening of Wednesday, December 4, with his family by his side. Always "Teddy" to his family and friends, he was rarely without his Mardi Gras beads and could be found swinging them and smiling, ready for doughnuts and ice cream, should the mood seem right (and it was always right). Teddy also loved being with family and friends and never failed to make everyone's day brighter. Even towards the end, when dementia took so much from him, he could still occasionally muster his famous smile.

Teddy's family was fiercely supportive of him. His mother, Ellen, spent her life advocating for his inclusion into mainstream activities, and his father, James, never left his side. His brothers and sisters loved him completely and without reservation. He was, in all ways, a gift from God.

Teddy is survived by his siblings Jennifer (Nalmpantis), Daniel, and Maryellen; his brother-in-law Kyriakos Nalmpantis; his nephews Alex and Jimmy Nalmpantis; his loving extended family; and his friends and aides associated with Midwest Health in Wooster, Ohio.

Preceded in death by his older brother Jimmy and his parents, James and Ellen (nee Spring), his grandparents Robert and Mary Helen (Fitzgerald) Forster and Joseph and Marian (Schmidt) Spring, he is with all of them now, warm in their embrace. Godspeed, our Teddy. We will see you again one day.



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In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the Down Syndrome Society of Northeast Ohio or Hospice of the Western Reserve.

FRIENDS MAY CALL AT VODRAZKA FUNERAL HOME 6505 BRECKSVILLE RD., INDEPENDENCE (1/2 mile south of Rockside Rd.) ON THURSDAY, DEC. 12, FROM 4-

8 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, Dec. 13, at 10 AM at St. Thomas Moore Parish, 4170 N Amber Dr, Brooklyn, OH. Teddy will be laid to rest immediately following mass at All Saints Cemetery, 480 W. Highland Rd, Northfield, OH.






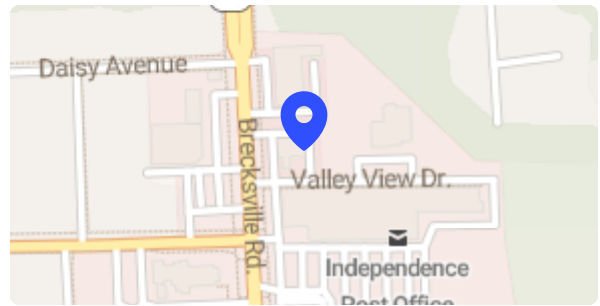
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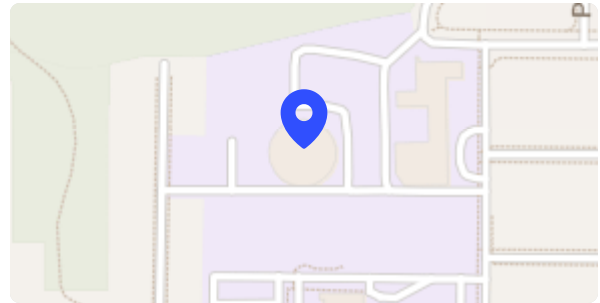
Public Viewing

-  **Thursday**, December 12, 2024
-  4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Vodrazka Funeral Home**
6505 Brecksville Rd., Independence OH 44133






Mass

-  **Friday**, December 13, 2024
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
-  **St. Thomas Moore Parish**
4170 N Amber Dr, Brooklyn OH 44144




Graveside Service

-  **Friday**, December 13, 2024
-  11:45 AM - 12:00 PM ET
-  **All Saints Cemetery**
480 W Highland Rd, Northfield, OH 44067, OH



Cemetery Details

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Judith Hoitink posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Teddy was indeed a very special person - always smiling and he loved chocolate. When my husband would bring coffee and donuts to the home on Saturday for our son Fred and everyone Teddy always wanted hot chocolate. I can see him now in heaven with his wings , halo and Mardi Gras beads.

December 10 at 4:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Forster family.



December 9 at 7:22 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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