



Nicholas Joseph Nicolaidis

February 15, 1943 - June 9, 2016

Nicholas Joseph Nicolaidis, age 73, of Toledo, Ohio passed away after a lengthy battle with Type II Diabetes, Heart, and Kidney Disease on June 9, 2016, surrounded by his family and loved ones.

Nick was born February 15, 1943 at Mercy Hospital to parents Catherine and Nicholas Nicolaidis and was raised in the 15th St. neighborhood of downtown Toledo. Nick proudly graduated from Toledo Scott High School in 1962, where he played football for four years as a guard and was named to the All City Team. He also served his country in the National Guard Reserves from 1965-1966.

Nick had many physical fitness interests over the years, including tennis and golf. His love of running led to competing in 5k and 10k races throughout the city. College football was a love he shared with his family and friends. He was a huge fan of Notre Dame, The Ohio State University and The University of Toledo.

His love of sports and people led him to his favorite hobby, photography. He was a noted amateur photographer who captured his 3 son's countless sporting events, nature, and social events in and around town. He was often found on the sidelines capturing shots for the University of Toledo football team as well. Many of the images he treasured of friends and family were framed and displayed in both his homes and restaurants.

The restaurant industry was where Nick shined as a hard worker, innovator, storyteller, and friend to all. His extensive early work in the hospitality industry

throughout Toledo, most notably The Faba and the famed Peppermint Club, led him to his business partnership with his brother, Gus Nicolaidis. Together they collaborated on many ventures including Nick's Hot Dog, The Gatsby I, The Governor's Inn, The Downtown I in the Spitzer Building, and the legendary Oak'en Bucket and The Hungry I. Nick was the sole proprietor of the iconic Nick's Hungry I from 1984 until he moved to Dallas, Texas, where he spent several years.

Nick never met a stranger and he always left you with simple words of wisdom, showing what a sweet and loving person he was; his love of family, friends, and life was apparent in everything he did. He was a man of many mantras and life lessons that he loved to share. Some of his favorites were: "Give the people what they want!" - "Keep it Simple" - "Enjoy the View" and most importantly "Life is Good!"

Nick was preceded in death by his parents Catherine and Nicholas, as well as son, Nicholas III, in 2009. Nick is survived by his sons: Anthony (Susan) Nicolaidis of Dallas, TX, Marcus (Lilah) Nicolaidis of New Jersey; his siblings: Gus Nicolaidis (Cheryl), Elaine Nicolaidis, Joe Horvath (Philomena); his grandchildren, Marta Elaine, Jude Joseph, Lena Sofia, and Daphne Danice Nicolaidis; his nieces Nicole Nicolaidis, Ashley Nicolaidis; Nephew James Nicolaidis, and goddaughter Stacey Scott Buechel (Andrew) of Columbus, OH.

Visitation will be Monday, June 20th at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road Toledo, Ohio from 4p.m. - 8p.m., and Tuesday June 21, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. A memorial service will immediately follow the visitation on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be private.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Special thank you to the caring staff at Astor House, Spring Meadows Senior Community, and Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Please view Nick's Memorial Video tribute and leave a condolence message for the family at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Visitation

JUN **21**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

JUN **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KW

“ *My sincere condolences to the family for your loss.
Nick was a very nice man and will be missed.
Karen Monica Weller*



Karen Monica Weller - June 21, 2016 at 04:02 PM

TK

“ *Marcus & Anthony, Gus, Elaine and Nicole,*

I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad/brother/uncle, and am sorry that I could not be there to celebrate his life with you. He was an incredibly likable person, had a contagious laugh, and was very proud and protective of those whom he loved. He will surely be missed...a personality I will never forget. May God grant him a peaceful rest, and may He give you comfort in this time of sadness.

Tony Khoury - June 20, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nicholas Joseph Nicolaidis.*



June 20, 2016 at 09:52 AM

TJ

“ *My sincere condolences to Marcus and Anthony. I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. I remember your Dad fondly. I hope family and friends comfort you in the days ahead. Hold on to the beautiful memories with your Dad. Love and hugs Tamra*

Tamra Janatowski - June 20, 2016 at 12:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nicholas Joseph Nicolaidis.*



June 18, 2016 at 08:51 PM

FS

“ *Gus and Elaine and Family.....We were so saddened to hear of the loss of your beloved brother, Nick... We know how much he meant to you and how important family is in your lives. Nick was a great guy and lived a great life and now deserves and has earned eternal happiness with Our Heavenly Father. Although we know that we must always go through the grieving process, we hope you find some comfort in knowing that Nick is at peace with no more suffering and enjoying the rewards of heaven. God Bless.....Love you guys....*

Frank and Sharon Unkle

Frank & Sharon - June 18, 2016 at 03:19 PM

NV

“ Sympathy to the entire family in this time of loss. His obituary was so special & touching. A great friend for many years back in Toledo. A man that never had a cross word with anyone that I can recall. My hello & personal condolences to Gus.
Nick Vosdoganes

Nick Vosdoganes - June 18, 2016 at 01:37 PM

MC

“ Our hearts are with all of you during this tough time of loss. We have so many wonderful memories of all you during The Oak'en Bucket times. Roger and Nick never stopped talking and we had so many laughs. My parents would drive from Florida once a year just to go to The Bucket.
I still have two glasses that Roger and I took when we were shuffled out into the parking lot during a bomb scare!
I trust Roger and Nick are gabbing away even now and are smiling down on all of us!
Count on our prayers,
Marge and Mike Clark and Roger in Spirit!

Marge Clark - June 18, 2016 at 11:45 AM

MR

“ Mark Roeder purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of Nicholas Joseph Nicolaidis.



Mark Roeder - June 17, 2016 at 12:21 PM

DG

“ The memories are sweet of all the Nicolaidis family. I think of my first meeting Nick, Sandy and Brigette behind the bar at Alfie's in 1970. I was able to know your mother, Catherine, your brother Gus, then Elaine. (And her and I born on the same day!) In Cleveland, I met Anthony by chance, as he stood at the end of a bar like he owned the place, just like you, Nick. I was meant to meet your son in my adopted home town, Cleveland. As I watched this video, I just have to say, "Nick, you were always one good looking man! " I have nothing but fond memories, loving thoughts and heartfelt sympathy for all of you. May peace find a place in your hearts.
Diana Garno
Cleveland, Ohio

Diana Garno - June 16, 2016 at 06:17 PM

BF

“ I am so sad to hear of Nick's passing. Although I haven't seen Nick in a while, I will never forget the times we had whenever I would come to Toledo. Nick was a very charismatic individual that I will never forget. My heart goes out to the family, and especially to my good friend Elaine. May you cherish all the memories you have of your brother and hold him close to your heart.
Love, Betty Fucinari, Dearborn Heights, MI



Betty Fucinari - June 16, 2016 at 09:51 AM

CV

“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - June 15, 2016 at 10:38 AM

NB

Beautiful

Nancy B - June 15, 2016 at 11:36 AM

BT

Absolutely beautiful! I will miss you Nicky! You were one in a million, my friend! Billie

billie taub-szenderski - June 19, 2016 at 03:47 PM

EH

“ *Sincerest sympathies to the Nicolaidis family on Nick's passing. He was a tremendously positive man who was always entertaining to talk with, a sense of humor that was uplifting. Wishing you the best as you work through your grieving...Ed Heintschel*

ed heintschel - June 14, 2016 at 03:46 PM

KW

“ *Gus so sorry for our loss! Prayers going out to the family. Ken Walker*

Ken and Patty Walker - June 14, 2016 at 06:04 AM

VD

“ Valerie David purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nicholas Joseph Nicolaidis.



Valerie David - June 13, 2016 at 09:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nicholas Joseph Nicolaidis.



June 13, 2016 at 08:51 PM

VD

“ Gus and Elaine and families: So saddened to hear about Nick. He was wonderful to work with and was always in a good mood and happy. I can hear him singing right now, and now he will be singing with the angels. May he rest in peace and may his memory be eternal. With my deepest sympathy and love, Valerie David

Valerie Duncan - June 13, 2016 at 07:12 PM

PO

“ *Dear Elaine and family,*

So sorry to hear of Nick's passing.

Although I did not know him personally, I heard only good things about him over the years from other family members. Jim (my husband) and I had many good times at Nick's Hungry I.

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Patti O'Connor

Patti O'Connor - June 13, 2016 at 12:47 PM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - June 12, 2016 at 08:04 PM

BT

Beautiful

Bobbie Reed Torres - June 13, 2016 at 09:07 AM

JM

“ To Gus and all the family. My sincerest condolences upon learning of Nick's passing. May he be at peace finally. As an acquaintance and young businessman, I always appreciated Nick's openness and willingness to take a few minutes and listen to what I had to say. It was always a pleasure to be in his presence, whether socially or on a business matter. He was truly one of the good guys. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Joe McCarty - June 12, 2016 at 09:05 AM

MM

“ I will forever be grateful to Nick for giving me a job waiting tables (with no experience) when my contract expired with BGSU during graduate school. I desperately needed a job, and he took a chance on me. He was a professional and a gentleman. May God bring his loved ones peace and comfort during this time of sorrow and loss.

Michael Marsh - June 12, 2016 at 08:09 AM

SB

“ Prayers to the Nicolaidis family. I guess we always remember the first love in our life and mine was Nick. He was a kind and gentle man with a magnetic laugh. He was one of a kind. God has a very special angel. He will be sorely missed by many but always in their hearts. Healing thoughts and prayers to the entire family. Rest in peace my friend. Sally Fournier Buttari

Sally Fournier Buttari - June 12, 2016 at 05:22 AM



“ *Yvonne Fox-Napier lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Joseph Nicolaidis*



Yvonne Fox-Napier - June 11, 2016 at 09:03 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go to all the Nicolaidis family. I had the pleasure of doing my 3 week Senior Project with Nick at the Hungry I. Those 3 weeks were 3 of my favorite weeks I spent in high school. Nick was such a great story teller and was such a character. He will be very missed by friends and family. Cheers to Nicholas Joseph Nicolaidis may he rest in peace.*

Shane Komives

Shane Komives - June 11, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ *Prayers for you and your family.*

Danny Osborn - June 11, 2016 at 09:34 AM



Sorry to hear of the passing of Nick. Condolences to Elaine & Gus and family. We grew up together on 15th street and went to grade school at old St. Pat's. We remained friends for the rest of our lives.

Sam Besase - June 11, 2016 at 05:45 PM



Nick was one of a kind, funny ,sweet , and just loved people, and could he tell the stories! He will be loved and missed forever. RIP Nick.

Tami Licata Rombkowski - June 12, 2016 at 06:42 AM

EF

*We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with all of you.
Michael and Ellen Fruchtman*

ellen fruchtman - June 12, 2016 at 12:54 PM

CM

*Condolences to Nick and his family ... A true
Toledo Icon" From The McMahon Family*

Carol McMahon-Williamson - June 12, 2016 at 06:45 PM

LE

*My sincere condolences to Nick's family...I met Nick 50 yrs ago &
thought he was so good looking & as the yrs went by I also got to know
the funny, warm hearted man that was Nick Nicolaidis...He will be
deeply missed by all who knew him. He is finally free from pain & at
peace in a better place. Lee English*

Lee English - June 12, 2016 at 08:26 PM

RM

*My heart breaks for your family. Nick was always special to me.
Sending sincere sympathy to you for the loss of dear Nick. May he RIP.
Rhoda Miller*

Rhoda Miller - June 13, 2016 at 12:56 PM

KM

*Gus and Elaine, so sorry to hear about Nick`s passing. we had many
great times together and he will be missed. Ken Mickel*

Ken Mickel - June 13, 2016 at 05:15 PM

RW

*Elaine, Gus and family: Loving thoughts for you at the passing of Nick.
I truly know the pain of losing a precious brother and I wish for you that
your good memories will help to ease your sadness. Ranee Mancy
Wood*

Ranee Mancy Wood - June 22, 2016 at 09:59 PM