



Michael J. Nickolas

May 22, 1935 - December 29, 2018

Michael J. Nickolas, 83, of Southington, beloved husband of Eleanore (Surko) Nickolas, passed away Saturday (December 29, 2018) at St. Francis Hospital. Born in New Britain, son of the late Nicholas and Lucy (Pignatella) Nickolas, Michael is a US Army veteran and has been a Southington resident since 1963. He was employed at the Fafnir Bearing Company in New Britain and later as an Engineering Manager at Miller Company in Meriden until his retirement in 1995. Michael was a member of St. Dominic Church in Southington; was with Co. 5 of the Southington Volunteer Fire Department; and formerly played Basketball, Church League Softball and was a proud member of the "Hustlers" baseball club.

Besides his wife Eleanore, he leaves two sons, Michael Nickolas and his wife Faith of Holden, MA; and David Nickolas and his wife Laurie of South Windsor; a daughter, Karen Strobel and her husband Will of Tolland; a sister, Joyce Smoluk and her husband Walter of Berlin; a brother in law, Walter Surko of Anna Maria Island, FL; and 4 beloved grandchildren, Kristofer Strobel and his wife Kacie, Erik Strobel, Jaclyn and Sarah Nickolas. Mike was predeceased by a brother, Ronald Nickolas.

Calling hours will be held Wednesday 5 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated DIRECTLY at St. Dominic Church Thursday 10 AM, 1050 Flanders Road,

Southington. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of the donors choice. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

120 Smalley Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
45 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051
(860) 225-6361
carlsonfh@aol.com
<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Dominic's Church
1050 Flanders Rd.
Southington, CT 06489

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *To Eleanore and Family,*

I'm so sorry for your loss.. I'm remember when he was a volunteer firefighter. Actually everybody in the neighborhood was back then. I still live on Laurel street. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*love
Christine Malarney*

Christine Malarney - January 10, 2019 at 09:54 AM

EN

Thank you.

e nickolas - January 11, 2019 at 09:38 PM

BB

“ *So sad to have found his obituary without knowing he was ill.
Will miss your visits to order ROSES for your girls.
Not the order for the roses but our conversations about North Conway NH.
Rest in peace Mike, you were a great man.
Bob & Sharon at Garden Path Florist*



Bob Baillargeon - January 06, 2019 at 11:01 AM

EN

Thank you so much for your lovely note. He had a bad heart for years, but it was just the last few weeks it was worse and he was in the hospital

e nickolas - January 06, 2019 at 06:31 PM

BB

“ *Bob Baillargeon sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael J. Nickolas*



Bob Baillargeon - January 06, 2019 at 10:53 AM

RL

“ *Mike was a gentleman and loved by all whoever met him. His favorite topics were family, UCONN basketball and music. He was a joy to be around and could discuss any issues at hand. In Florida we had many conversations about the women's basketball team and the history of music. We continued these by phone when not in Florida. He always bragged on how he thought Eleanor to play cribbage but very very seldom beat her. HA He taught her well. The coach will be missed.*

robert lupien - January 04, 2019 at 02:24 PM

RG

“ *Mr. Nickolas was someone I was very fond of, based on my relationship with his son Michael. I would always know spring was just around the corner because Mr. Nick and I would talk about the Red Sox and their chances for success in the upcoming season. He and I haven't spoken much over the past several years, but I can honestly say I think about him at least once during every baseball season. My condolences to Eleanor and the entire family, he will be greatly missed. -Ray Greene*

Ray Greene - January 03, 2019 at 09:20 AM

EN

Thank you, Ray. He always enjoyed his talks with you.

e nickolas - January 11, 2019 at 09:40 PM

DE

“ *Eleanore and family,*

Our deepest and sincere condolences on your loss. We loved to hear Mickey's stories. He was a super person and he will be missed greatly.

Sincerely,

Billy & Denise Belden



Denise - January 02, 2019 at 06:44 PM

VF

“ *Childhood memories will always be with me of Mickey and the family. So sorry for your loss. Thinking of all of you at this time.*
Valerie

valerie Smith Fales - January 02, 2019 at 01:30 PM

EN

Thank you so much for coming to his funeral.

e nickolas - January 06, 2019 at 06:34 PM

RB

“ *Eleanore, It was with great sadness, I heard of Mikes passing. I have many happy memories of my time as your neighbor and friend. Mike was always there to help with his great smile and wisdom. Michael, Karen and David you certainly had a great Dad.*

Rick Bernardi

Rick Bernardi - January 02, 2019 at 11:24 AM

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Thank you so much! We had some good times together with you and Faye. They are good memories.

Eleanore Nickolas - January 02, 2019 at 01:35 PM

RS

“ Mike was always ready to help out at St. Matthews Lutheran Church even though he wasn't a member. I personally will miss him as a fellow usher. My wife Eleanor and I enjoyed putting up Christmas decorations at the church with Mickey and his wife Eleanore. Mickey had a smooth style with words and a sly smile. He will truly be missed by us and the members of St. Matthews.. Rest in peace ole friend...

Richard and Eleanor Simonides..

Richard Simonides - January 01, 2019 at 04:18 PM

EN

Thank you for your kind words. He enjoyed St. Matthews and being an usher. He liked everyone there.

Eleanore Nickolas - January 02, 2019 at 01:41 PM

JW

*“ Uncle Mike. My God father. I know you are with the Angel's now, and this news is tragic. I am glad you and Auntie El got to meet my wife and kids not too long ago. I will love you forever and always.
Joshua Wright*

Joshua Wright - January 01, 2019 at 02:04 PM

MJ

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



mjn - January 01, 2019 at 01:44 PM

EN

Great picture!

e nickolas - January 11, 2019 at 09:42 PM

CP

“ *Although we only had the occasion to be around Michael at his daughter Karen's family events, we truly enjoyed his warm and friendly nature. He was a kind and gentle soul. We will sincerely miss him. Love, Craig, Debbie, Andrew and Ryan Possardt*

Craig Possardt - December 31, 2018 at 02:11 PM

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Thank you, Craig

Eleanore Nickolas - January 01, 2019 at 11:37 AM

AS

“ *Always in our hearts, Roger & Sheila purchased the Fruit Abounds for the family of Michael J. Nickolas.*



Always in our hearts, Roger & Sheila - December 31, 2018 at 11:38 AM

KC

“ *Eleanore, Dave and family -
When I think of Mike I see his warm smile and a twinkle in his eye when he spoke of family. I'll remember his friendliness and I still think of him sitting on the green enjoying the music on a summer night with Eleanore. I and many of his summer music friends will miss him. I truly hope that this sad time soon gives way to remembering happier times together and his deep love for all of you.*

Kathie Connolly

Kathie Connolly - December 31, 2018 at 11:15 AM

EN

Thank you so much!

Eleanore Nickolas - January 01, 2019 at 11:28 AM

BK

“ *Mickey was such a happy and good hearted person and we will miss him. Our sympathy and love to Eleanore and the entire Nicholas family, I have this image of Mickey playing in a rock band in heaven. He was always entertaining and I am sure he will continue to entertain in his new resting place. We will also miss his funny stories and great outlook on life. Our deepest sympathy.
Barbara and Jerry Kukoski*

Barbara and Jerry Kukoski - December 31, 2018 at 11:01 AM

EN

Thank you so much for your comments on Mickey. We will all miss him.

Eleanore Nickolas - January 01, 2019 at 11:32 AM

CY

“ Mike was such a wonderful person. He had such a kind heart and soul. We have all been blessed to have the opportunity to know him. His legacy will live on through his wonderful family. May you all find strength in the many memories you hold in your heart. It has been an honor and a privilege to have know him and to call him a friend. Our deepest sympathy.

Cindy & Rick Yuris - December 31, 2018 at 10:38 AM

NM

“ Mike was the kindest, sweetest person I ever met. His passing hurts my heart. I will always have the memories of his kindness towards me and my son, Matt. My deepest sympathy to Karen and the Nickolas family. My God comfort you.

Nancy Morgan - December 31, 2018 at 03:10 AM

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Thank you, Nancy.

Eleanore Nickolas - January 01, 2019 at 11:36 AM