



Mr. Nicholas R. "Nicky" Vatalaro Jr.

August 27, 1956 - September 6, 2018

NEW YORK MILLS - Mr. Nicholas R. "Nicky" Vatalaro, Jr., age 62, passed away on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on August 27, 1956, Nicholas was the son of Nicholas R., Sr. Vatalaro and the late Catherine "Katie" (Moran) Vatalaro. He attended T.R. Proctor High School. He served our country with the United States Army during peacetime in the 1970's.

Nicky worked for a number of years with the New York State Thruway Authority. He was also self-employed as the owner and operator of Vatalaro Signs. He was so creative, so meticulous, and so proud of his one-of-a-kind creations. His craft was a calling that blends art, graphics, and personalization. An amazing problem-solver and jack-of-numerous-skills, he was known as "MacGyver". He was also an auto body man and worked for several area businesses. Nicky's work ethic was impressive and enduring.

He was a hero to his children because he taught them how to sustain their core values and survive in today's world. He was a proud and honest man blessed with a non-judgmental personality. He was passionate about the things he loved and he was generous in giving. Nicky was a bit of an entrepreneur with an eye and ability to see the value in potential ideas. A comical fellow, he was the first to laugh at his own jokes and he had nicknames for everyone. At times, his health conditions limited his ability to be at his best. It was always his intention to be there and his family and friends came to know and understand his ill health.

Nicky had a passion for drag racing at Utica/Rome Speedway. He knew all the good East side mechanics and body shops and as he refined his skills, he built his own car, a modified racing vehicle 55-V, enhanced with the names of his 4 children inscribed on the car. He also raced at Fonda and other modified stock car racing tracks.

Nicky was renewed in his parenthood when his grandchildren came along, and he was affectionate like never before. He knew that his time was short, so he wanted to remind others as well as himself not to sweat the small stuff. Nicky was born a Catholic, and knew the Lord walked along with him.

Nicky is survived by his father, Nicholas; his children, Mary Kay Vatalaro-Tyksinski, Jacqueline "Jackie" Vatalaro, and twins Sandra Vatalaro and Nicholas R. Vatalaro, III; his

grandchildren, Michael Plumb, and Addison Tyksinski; Vincent Sgaglione; Luis "Louie" Lopez, and Alyssa Lopez and their dad, Danny Lopez, and Chantal Bien-Aime; Michael A. Vatalaro, Vincent S. Vatalaro, and Nicholas R. Vatalaro IV. He also leaves his siblings, Ray Vatalaro, Elizabeth "Beth" and Bob Davies, Lillian Vatalaro, and Kevin Vatalaro and Lily Oh; nieces and nephews, Allison, and Brian Davies, Tessa, and Hanna Vatalaro, and always remembering Jenna Vatalaro who preceded him; his cousins; and the friendship of many wonderful and loyal friends that crossed his life.

The family extends their appreciation to the doctors and nurses of the ICU, and the NEO/PED Unit at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center; and the Heritage Healthcare Center 2nd Floor staff for their kindness and compassionate care, especially Nurse Debbie Jadhon.

Nicky's family honored and commemorated his life at a private time. He will be laid to rest next to his Mom in Crown Hill Memorial Park.

Comments



“ You were one of a kind. Rest in ever lasting peace, Dad.



Jacqueline Vatalaro - October 05, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ Mary Kay, Nick, Lil, Ray, Beth, Kevin and family

I was saddened to hear of Nick's passing. I knew he was ill but had no idea he was terminal. I have only heard wonderful things about him from family and friends. Take solace in knowing he is no longer in pain and with all the wonderful Vatalaros that have passed before him.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Your cousin
Donna

Donna M Vatalaro Smith - September 10, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ I didn't know Nicky was sick. He called me a few times, but, never said anything.

As Nicky got older, he got wiser and more focused, Being a big hearted person, made him feel good about himself, because he made someone else happy.

Nicky will be sadly missed by many.

Sending love to Uncle Nick, Ray, Beth, Lilly, and Kevin, and the rest of the Vatalaro Family.

Love,
Sandra Vatalaro Montalbano
Sacramento CA

Hon Vatalaro - September 10, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ He was a great man,me and Nicky had good times and had some good fun,so sad to have lost him, especially when he passed on my birthday,RIP NICKY,and behave up the bud,

Eric d sahm, aka, ranger Rick - September 10, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ Mr. Vatalaro, Ray ,Kevin ,Beth, Lilly, and family's
So sorry for your loss . My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless .

Larry Cristallo - September 10, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ just let go he woukd say

sandra vatalaro - September 09, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ Very sorry to hear this- Nicky was a great guy. He gave me the name Dicky Dupont because I painted cartoons with Dupont paint. My condolences the Vatalaro family for their loss. God Bless

Dominick Velardi - September 09, 2018 at 08:50 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Nick's passing ,had a lot of great times growing up with him !!

Bob Cunningham - September 08, 2018 at 05:03 PM



“ I knew Nick from Albany School and I remember all the fun we had .Rip my friend .



patty fraccola Williams - September 07, 2018 at 05:56 PM