



Mr. Nicholas R. "Nick" Rabice

October 1, 1949 - August 22, 2016

Mr. Nicholas R. "Nick" Rabice, age 66, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, August 22, 2016 in his home.

Born in Utica on October 1, 1949, Nicholas was the son of the late Ralph N. and Anne L. (Migliaccio) Rabice. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of Notre Dame High School. On June 8, 1985 he married the former Shirley Hyde with whom he shared 31 years in a union founded upon mutual understanding. Nick was Shirley's best friend.

Nick's working life included a 27-year career with the General Electric Company. Subsequently, he worked as a Business Representative and a Union Negotiator for the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers (IAMAW), a serious position that only a well-respected gentleman could properly balance. He was well-organized, meticulous, and had a good rapport with management. His duties included traveling the country to address a range of labor relations and negotiate the best possible contract for the people he represented. And Nick had the attributes to get the job done, including relationship and strategic skills, self-confidence, and unified support from the membership.

As a patriarch, Nick's family came first. At times, he was stern, but always fair. He instilled the right set of values to his boys, giving them a proper foundation to succeed in life. A supportive parent, Nick coached Little League Baseball and encouraged his sons to excel in their sports.

He was competent in the kitchen where he cooked up batches of meatballs

that were a family favorite. He also had a sharp sense of humor. During his younger years, he was involved with hunting and field trials with his beagles. He was a member of the Mid-Valley Beagle Club where the hunting dogs sharpen their searching and tracking skills. He was also a member of the Kuyahoorra Hare Club. Nick was also a passionate sports fan, particularly supportive of the Celtics, Orange, Dodgers, and Eagles. It's fair to say — he never missed a game. He was of the Catholic faith. Throughout his many accomplishments in life, Nick was most proud of his part in raising his sons and providing for his family. To him, it was a labor of love.

Nick is survived by his wife, Shirley; his sons, Marc Rabice and fiancée Jennifer Evola of Utica, and Daniel Rabice of Florida; his step-children, Kelly and Scott Witherell, Maria and Mark Gauthier, Charles and Marsha Bills, and Kristy and Tony Citriniti; his grandchildren, Amber, and Haylee Rabice; many step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Patti Rabice of FL; nieces, nephews and their families; and many in-laws of the Hyde family.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Nicholas' funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 10:00 at the funeral home with Rev. Mark Pasik officiating the ceremony. Interment will follow graveside in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

AUG 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Tribute Wall

Jl

“ *My late condolences to the Rabice family sorry I missed the services . I remember Nick as a kind respectful man. He hired me to do a few remodeling projects at his home, he never questioned my price as long as the job was done correctly he paid immediately. He was a great customer & gentleman . I will miss him. May he rest in peace .*

John Maio III - September 16, 2016 at 07:28 PM

LB

“ *to the family of mr . nick rabice
Sorry i missed the visitation. I worked with nick for many years in the micro lab at french road. Him and I got along very well.
Larry Bastien*

Larry Bastien - August 28, 2016 at 01:46 PM

MA

“ *Shirley & Family,*

No words to express the deep sadness. Please know that we are holding you close in thought and prayers during this difficult time.

*Love,
Maria & Carmen DiNigro*

Maria - August 28, 2016 at 07:57 AM

KD

“ Always happy with a smile for people. We grew up together as cousins. Nick and his brother Ralph left many happy memories of childhood for me. May God bless Nick and keep him safe in His arms. You will be missed Nicky! Love Cousin Karen

Karen Dunham - August 26, 2016 at 07:52 AM

SW

“ Scott And Kelly Witherell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas R. "Nick" Rabice



Scott and Kelly Witherell - August 25, 2016 at 08:34 PM

BH

“ Time has gone by way to fast. So many miles have kept us all separated. But we have wonderful memories to hold on to. Times the family got together for special occasions. Remembering Nick's hearty laugh. His love of the Italian Community. The pride he took in his work at GE. His love for Shirley and Family. But most of all the times we talked sports about his beloved Eagles. How we would tease Nick on how the Packers could beat the Eagles on any given Sunday. Yes he loved his Eagles...but most of all he loved Shirley. His Best Friend and Care Giver to the end. Shirley, no words can express your loss. We know he is and always shall be the love of your life. But know Nick is in the best place ever. God will hold him close now. An take care of him. Our Sympathy to you Shirley and the rest of the Family.

With Sincere Sympathy

Bob and Ginny Hyde

Bob Hyde - August 25, 2016 at 05:31 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Nicholas R. "Nick" Rabice.*



August 25, 2016 at 04:23 PM



“ *I never met Nicholas Rabice, but I know his son Danny. I always found Dan to be a respectful, hard working and personable guy with a lot of talent. You can tell he was raised right by good parents. Condolences to the Rabice family and their friends.*

John Kelsey - August 25, 2016 at 12:46 AM



“ *I remember spending time with my cousin Nicky and Ralphie at Uncle Ralph's camp in the summer. We always had a great time and I felt bad when the week was over and had to go back home. That's how I'll remember Nicky since I didn't get to see him much once I moved to California. Comforting thoughts to Shirley, Marc and Danny. He will be missed.*

Love,

Phyllis Moracco

Phyllis Moracco - August 24, 2016 at 10:01 PM



I will always remember the fun cook outs at Walker Road. With Sean, Marc and I at the little kids table and Danny in the high chair. Family time was always important to you Uncle Nicky and you passed that on to me. Love, DeDe

Jazzy Layton Stafford - August 24, 2016 at 10:42 PM

KB

I spent a wonderful summer in 1965 with Nick and Ralph at our camps on Kayuta Lake. Everyday was a fun adventure on the lake. I'm sorry for the loss.

Kevin Bellosa

Kevin Bellosa - August 25, 2016 at 06:59 AM

BD

So sorry Shirley and family for your loss. Always remember the times at GE Lockheed. With all my sympathy Bonny Drewnowski

Bonny Drewnowski - August 25, 2016 at 08:02 AM

RA

Sending my love, thoughts and prayers...Nick, you were an impact in more ways than one. I will remember your kindness, family comradery and the way you taught and delivered respect that had a special way, a very rare way these days that is not seen much, it was infectious and it radiated from your aura. I always walked away from our encounters with a smile, a new memory and a sense of warm heartedness. Know that I see a piece of you in both your sons as they both carry a piece of your flame. Your dedicated love to your family, Shirley and all the kids is what I will remember also. You will be missed, rest easy cousin - Love Rob

Rob Ambrose - August 25, 2016 at 02:27 PM

PW

Nick I wil always remember the the great times going to the Hockey games with you & Abe & how he teased you. You used to get so mad. I also remember with fond memories our good times at camp & driving around in the "mafia" car! You will be missed dear cousin of mine. To Ralphie & Pattie, Shirley, & your boys my sincerest sympathy. rest in peace.

Your cousin

Pam Wehby

pam Wehby - August 25, 2016 at 06:31 PM