



Nicholas Morrell Jr

April 16, 1937 - June 22, 2021

Colonie - Nicholas J. Morrell, Jr., 84, entered into eternal life peacefully at his home on June 22, 2021, with his loving family by his side. He was born in West Albany to Nicholas and Congetine (Connie) Pitcherello Morrell.

Nicholas graduated from V.I. High School in 1955 and served in the US Army Reserves, where he experienced one of his favorite stories to tell: hitting Elvis Presley with a snowball. He worked at Tobin Packing Co. for 28 years, and later was a maintenance supervisor at multiple car dealerships.

Nick was a lifetime member of the IBS where he served as a Board Member, West Albany Rod & Gun Club, and West Albany Fire Department #1. He absolutely loved the outdoors, fishing at his camp on Upper Saranac Lake, and hunting with his friends in Rensselaerville. Nick was an expert gardener with a specific love for growing tomatoes and garlic, and was an extremely talented woodworker. He made the most delicious Italian sausage with his cousin and best friend Larry Morrell, which went perfectly with his wife's homemade sauce and meatballs at Sunday family dinners. Nick was brought great joy by his entire family and most of all, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His bright blue eyes, infectious laugh, and big smile will be missed by all.

Nicholas is survived by his devoted loving wife of 60 years, Frances Tortorici

(daughter of the late Richard and Nancy Tortorici). They truly enjoyed celebrating their anniversaries in Ogunquit, Maine for more than 30 years. He was the loving father: to Nicholas Morrell III (Lori), Lauri Powalyk (Dave), Angela Tamaroff (William); proud "Poppy" of Jessica LaBello (Michael), David Powalyk, Brittany Powalyk, Nicole Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Nina Tamaroff and Anthony Tamaroff; and, great-grandfather "Pop" to Aria and Jordan LaBello.

Nicholas is also survived by his beloved sister: Theresa Gigliotti (the late A.Andrew); and brother, James J. Morrell (Kathleen); brothers-in-law Salvatore D'Amore (late sister Mary), Guy Tortorici (Nancy), Richard Tortorici (Barbara), the late Robert Tortorici; many surviving cousins, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Ronald Hoenszch and his staff for their wonderful care.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Nick's family Friday, June 25, 2021 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking doorway. Unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Funeral services Saturday at 10:00 am at Christ Our Light Catholic Church where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Those who are vaccinated need not wear a mask or social distance. Those who are not vaccinated need to wear a mask and social distance.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.LGFuneralHome.com

The family requests those desiring may send a remembrance in Nick's name to his favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors
208 North Allen Street
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 463-1566

Service

JUN **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Our Light Catholic Church
1 Maria Drive
Loudonville, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Fran, Lauri, Nick, Angela and the entire Morrell family
Nick Was a good man and I know his much you will miss him. Know
you are in my prayers and I’m always here if you need anything!*

Carol DePaulo Chiarella - June 25, 2021 at 11:57 PM



“ *Nick visited my dad many times, they always talked about the
gardens and the garlic they planted or were planting. How to fry the
SCapes to eat with eggs and or meat. And much more. All good
memories!!
Sorry that he has passed onto the next phase of his life for his
family but am happy he has because he feels no pain, see all of our
families and will now watch over his family. God Bless you Nick!!!*

teri morelli - June 25, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Nicholas Morrell Jr.*



June 25, 2021 at 10:20 AM

MC

“ Dear Fran and family -- I got to Nick, you and your children and grandchildren when his brother Jim brought them down to my family's fruit farm --, wonderful memories -- he even brought Nick last summer -- what a pleasure. He loved to pick the fresh fruit as did his father when he came to the farm. What a beautiful person Nick was, always a smile on his face. May you all cherish the memories he left in your hearts. They are a blessing. God Bless you all at this time of sorrow. Mary Lou Bartolotta-Connolly

Mary Lou Connolly - June 24, 2021 at 05:58 PM

MK

“ Fran and family, I was so sorry to read Nick's obituary this morning. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Maureen F Kelly

maureen F Kelly - June 24, 2021 at 04:42 PM

LD

“ Fran, Theresa, Sal and families, My deepest condolences on the loss of Nick. I remember Nick when I was a little kid living across the street from his Mom and Dad. He was a sweet man, I know he'll be truly missed. Hugs and prayers for all of you. Louise DePoalo-Donato

Louise Donato - June 24, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nicholas Morrell Jr.*



June 24, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Fran, Nick, Lauri and Angela. I was so sorry to read of the passing of Nick. Fran, I remember how you used to talk about him and your family all the time when we worked to gether at JCPenny. Please accept our condolences. Margaret and John Schachne.*

Margaret Schachne - June 24, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *Love Guy, Nancy, and Family - Marybeth, Linda, and Karen purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Nicholas Morrell Jr.*



Love Guy, Nancy, and Family - Marybeth, Linda, and Karen -
June 24, 2021 at 08:19 AM



“ *Fran, Nicki, Lauri and Angela, Guy and I are heartbroken with the passing of Nick. Guy always says he is my brother. We love him and will miss him on this earth as part of the family. A man with a wonderful heart and soul. God Bless You.*

Guy and Nancy. ❤️

Nancy Tortorici - June 24, 2021 at 06:18 AM

SL

“ Fran, Nickey, Lauri Angela and families: What can I say that you don't already know, I loved my "brother " so very much. He was always the bright spot at our family celebrations and the many dinners we shared with Mary, Theresa, Andy, myself and you Fran his loving wife. His smile was so infectious to all who knew him. The thing I admired him most for was his love not only for you Fran but for his children and grand children, he was the epitome of what a husband, father and grandfather should be. I love you brother, rest in peace, oh by the way, please give your sister Mary, my wife, a huge hug.

Sal D'Amore, Brother in law - June 24, 2021 at 05:15 AM

MD

“ Once again, the winds on watch will feel a little colder this fall in Rensselaerville. Nick was an integral part of Bill's Hunting Camp and we will sorely miss his presence.

Mike DiFulvio - June 23, 2021 at 10:54 PM



“ Fran and Family,
I'm so sorry to here of Nicks passing. I have no words how this crushed me. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love, Joanne

Joanne Kaiser - June 23, 2021 at 05:21 PM