



## Thomas C. Nicolla, Sr.

April 10, 1923 - December 18, 2013

Loudonville-Thomas C. Nicolla, Sr., 90, died peacefully after a long illness on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at Albany Medical Center Hospital. Born in Cohoes, he was the son of the late Chris and Kaliopi Vasil Nicolla.

Mr. Nicolla graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a degree in Civil Engineering. He was a US Army World War II veteran, and participated in the liberation of Bayreuth, Germany. He received an award from the Austrian government for liberating several concentration camps. He worked with NYS Department of Public Works, and retired from the Department of Transportation after 29 years of employment. He spent many years designing the bridges and highways in this area. He also operated a successful engineering and surveying consulting business. He was responsible for many of the large housing developments in this area.

He was the husband of the late Mary Anne Empert Nicolla; father of Thomas C. Nicolla, Jr. (Roxanne), Mary Ellen Dassatti (Ed), Katherine Wilson (Robert), and Joseph Nicolla (Jessica); grandfather of Jennifer Rai (Morgan), Rebecca Coffey (David), Jonathan Nicolla, Stephanie Nicolla, Thomas Dassatti (Ilaina), John Dassatti, Michael Wilson, Christopher Nicolla, and Danielle Nicolla; great grandfather of Finnigan and Samuel Coffey; brother of Rita Vangel and the late Nicholas Nicolla; several nieces and nephews survive.

Tom loved to vacation with his late wife of 60 years and in later life spent endless hours trying to conquer the stock market. Tom loved to travel and made many visits to Europe where he received awards for his actions during the war. He enjoyed sports and frequent trips to casinos in Atlantic City and Las Vegas. He looked forward to his monthly DOT retiree lunches. Tom liked to tell countless stories to his children and grandchildren of his days in the army. He was funny, charming, and generous and enjoyed being with his family and friends.

Funeral services will be private, at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Thomas C. Nicolla, Sr. may be made to Albany Medical Center Hospital c/o Albany Medical Center Foundation, P.O. Box 8928, Albany, NY 12208 or online at <https://community.amc.edu/givenow>. To leave a message for the family, please visit [www.LGFuneralHome.com](http://www.LGFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Dear Joe and family,

*My sincere condolences for the loss of your dad, Tom. My memories of him from the bridge office are of a great engineer that everyone loved working for and with and of a wonderful man who was gracious and kind to everyone. He will be missed but long remembered.*

*Len Smith*

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**Len Smith** - December 27, 2013 at 10:41 AM

MW

“ To the Nicolla Family...So very sorry to know that your Father has passed away.We have had the pleasure of knowing him for many years. To us he was always kind, honest, true and a great person. Your Mother and Father along with all of you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Mike and Judy Wildzumas

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**Mike Wildzumas** - December 23, 2013 at 06:45 PM

SD

“ Nicolla family. .. Deepest condolences on the passing of your father,grandfather and great - grandfather ....such a wonderful life he must of had ..and how great for you to have him around so long... May he rest peacefully!! ~ Serena Delsignore

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**Serena Delsignore** - December 23, 2013 at 05:13 PM

AG

“ To The Nicolla Family:

*Joyce and I will always remember fondly the many great times we spent with Tom and his wonderful Mary Anne. Our years together in the Bridge Office were a marvelous experience.*

*Joyce & Tony Gregory*

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**Anthony Gregory** - December 21, 2013 at 06:46 PM

BM

“ *Our sympathies to a great storyteller and pokerplayer at noon time lunch games at DOT. Bernie Martin and Dr. Mary Kyle Dyer-Martin*

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**Bernie Martin** - December 21, 2013 at 05:47 PM

JH

“ *Please accept my condolences on the passing of a very good man.*

*Joel Howard*

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**Joel Howard** - December 21, 2013 at 11:46 AM

PZ

“ *To the Nicolla family, our sympathies and prayers! ..... The Zanotta family.*

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**Paul Zanotta** - December 21, 2013 at 10:50 AM

PB

“ *Joe....my sincere condolences. My thoughts are with you today brother.*

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**Paul Burke** - December 21, 2013 at 08:01 AM

AT

*TO Mary Ellen, Kathy, and families,  
I am so sorry to learn that you beloved Dad and grandfather has passed away. I remember him and your Mom (what a beautiful couple they made) attending the programs at Saint Gregory's for your boys...they never missed one, always there to support their grandsons. And that smile could light up Broadway! My sincere condolences to all of you.  
Anastasia Tunny*

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**Anastasia Tunny** - December 21, 2013 at 12:21 PM