



## Nicholas Scalia

June 5, 1988 - April 17, 2020

Colonie-Nicholas Scalia, age 32, passed away unexpectedly on April 17, 2020. Nick was raised in Colonie, NY and was a graduate of The Pathway School in Norristown PA, Class of 2008.

At the time of his passing, he lived in Broadalbin, NY with his fiancé and the love of his life, Shannon Lea Smith.

Nick was a gifted athlete. At eight months, he was running- he never walked. At three years, he was riding a bike without training wheels. He grew to be six feet four inches tall, highly articulate and powerfully built, with a daredevil's approach to biking and skateboarding, and an upbeat, positive attitude toward life and its challenges, large and small. Most of all, he was an exceptionally affectionate and caring child, traits he sustained with great joy all of his days, to the great delight of his family and friends. He had a big laugh and a big heart.

In addition to Shannon, the great passion of his life was fly fishing, at which he was expert. A very active man, with a need to be on the move and doing something physical nearly all the time, Nick found peace and contentment in

that sport. Ankle or hip deep in the waters of a stream or lake, Nick would remain there, casting and casting for hours at a time, moving only to find a more inviting spot. He was a certified New York State Fly Fishing Guide and was planning on opening his own business so he could show others how to do the thing he so loved. He and Shannon lived only a short walk to Sacandaga Lake, and they hiked and fished in their beloved Adirondacks as often as possible.

Nick is survived by his mother, Kathleen Franklin (Kevin Mednick), his brother, Chris Pfielsticker, his father, Joseph Scalia, Jr. (Rita); his grandfather Joseph Scalia, his stepsisters Jennifer Miller (Dan); Alissa Earle (Adam); his stepbrother Kevin Earle (Kelly), his uncle Philip Scalia (Lynn), his cousin Anthony Scalia and his childhood friend Dave Pulcher. Nick was a personality like no other.

He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, there will be a private service. A memorial to celebrate Nick's life will be held at a later date.

Those wishing to remember Nick in a special way may send a contribution to Wildwood Programs 1190 Troy Schenectady Road Latham NY 12110 or donate online at [wildwoodprograms.org](http://wildwoodprograms.org).

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ Nicholas Scalia

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *I understand that this is not the best place to reach out to Nick's friends and family here, however, this is an extremely urgent situation and I KNOW that Nick would never want me to go through what I am going through. In fact, I believe that he was hiding the true magnitude of the harassment that he was experiencing right before his death, as I have literally had murder attempts since his passing. I have reached out to a lawyer and am looking for help in these matters. If you could read my link here, and help if you can, I would be most grateful. The events that have occurred taking Nick from all of us should NEVER have happened, and the offenders are still being allowed to continue their abuse of me, while the police gaslight me and refuse to even make proper reports, which I have made plenty of including to higher government agencies. This truly is an urgent situation and I am pleading for any help that could end this terror. Please read;<https://gofund.me/7c789055>. Thank you.*

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**Shannon** - June 16, 2023 at 03:31 PM

SS

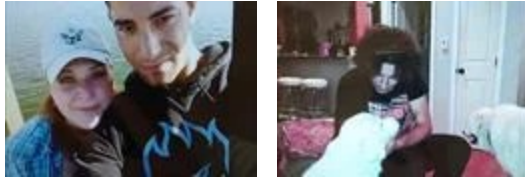
“ There is a lot of absolutely tragic things that have happened to me just before and since Nick's death. Horrendous crimes that are continuing, and the police are refusing to do their jobs. I have been stolen from, not only personal items, but theft of services, my stimulus checks and STAR tax checks, my mail including bank cards and statements. I made reports which are not being handled appropriately. The postmaster illegally gave my mail to someone whose name she refused to tell me, stating that a mail carrier named Suzanne told her that she knew me and the woman who received it, however, I do not know any one named Suzanne or any of the mail carriers. Massive corruption is occurring. Someone took the bolts out of my gas tank, which fell out of my truck while driving. I was harassed and stalked so viciously that I was forced to flee my home for my life. I was stalked across the country, asking for help from every agency that I could think of, police in every state and gaslit by them all. I had to sell my truck in Texas, which I was living out of for a year, to afford a bus ticket home. I now have no vehicle, damages done to my home so that I am without running water and my boiler in disrepair. My home vandalized along with the stolen items. I am living in terror, trapped amongst the very individuals who have stalked and harassed Nick and I, with no way out. The terror is non stop. I do not deserve this, I have never done anything to anyone to be treated so viciously. Please contact me if you know of anyone that can and is willing to help me. These individuals are involved in the reasons for Nick's death and I fear for my own life. My email is [shannonlotooleireigns@gmail.com](mailto:shannonlotooleireigns@gmail.com). I have no one that I can trust to reach out to.

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**Shannon Smith** - June 05, 2023 at 08:00 AM

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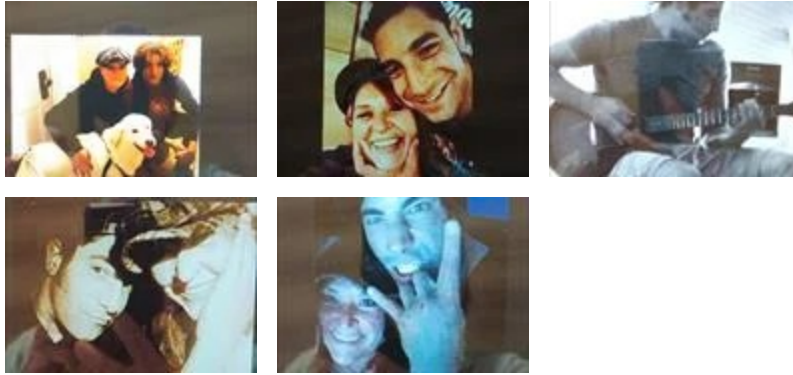
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Shannon Smith - June 05, 2023 at 06:54 AM

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Shannon Smith - June 05, 2023 at 06:47 AM

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Shannon Smith - June 05, 2023 at 06:42 AM

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“ Shannon Smith lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Scalia



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Shannon Smith - June 05, 2023 at 06:27 AM

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“ Today, on what would have been Nick's 35th birthday, I think of the day that he proposed to me. Not a decision that either of us took lightly and my love for him is enduring, as I know his is for me. I think back on the events that lead up to the day he died. The harassment that we were receiving from neighbors and how crucial it was for us to move as quickly as possible. The illegal surveillance that we were being put through, and which continues, as evidenced by me being approached repeatedly by strangers in stores giving me explicit details about my activities in my own home, such as what I cooked for dinner with details on how I cooked that meal, what I wore to bed and bathroom routines. Neighbors taunted Nick and have continued to do so to me. My mail has been stolen, including bank cards and statements and tax information and the police refuse to help. My phone and computer hacked. Many serious crimes that they refuse to investigate and gaslight me on. There were many times that we told others about the harassment and were gaslit repeatedly. When I made that vow to love Nick for the rest of my life, I meant it, and I am going to stand up for him knowing that he would still be alive today if we weren't attacked in the manner that I continue to be accosted in. I hope hope that someone here will see my messages and reach out to me. I sincerely am in need of help in finding representation to fight against the cruel and inhumane actions that took the love of my life from me. Please see my last post for my email. Nick was one of the most loving people that I have ever known and the truth needs to be known.

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Shannon Smith - June 05, 2023 at 05:13 AM

SS

“ I have been pursuing the criminal investigation into Nick's death and the drugging and raping of me just before in my home. I am being kept from proper access to investigation and representation and am hoping that SOMEONE here will see this and reach out to me at shannonlotooleireigns@gmail.com. I have had many murder attempts and have had to flee my home and am still currently being stalked. There are many corrupt individuals trying to stop me from revealing that Nick's death was in fact a murder and government agencies are involved. Please help me. I have enough evidence to set a foundation for a case.

Shannon Smith - November 02, 2022 at 01:16 PM

SS

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086790193490> Read through my Facebook for more information.

Shannon Smith - November 02, 2022 at 01:17 PM

SS

Nick and I told several family members about the harassment that we were experiencing, but we were gaslit, with statements that it wasn't as bad as we were saying. Since he has been gone, it has gotten so horrifying as neighbors have harassed me-one yelling out 'Yay, he's dead' to me, less than 2 weeks after he passed. Heckling me after coming home from his burial service, saying that I am now on the prowl, because I was dressed up. This individual also driving near my home stating that I should get out of the neighborhood, if I know what is good for me and calling me filthy names. This individual being one who regularly harassed Nick. The bolts in my gas tank were taken out, and my gas tank fell out of my truck while I was driving down the road. My home broken into with many items stolen and my home vandalized. Many strangers coming up to me and giving explicit details about what I was doing in my home. My mail being taken and many other crimes against me. I wish someone had listened to us. I wish he was still here. We were about to sell my house and buy a place to create a fly fishing lodge. I wish we had moved sooner. I don't understand why we were gaslit so badly and why it is still continuing for me. If anyone has any information that may be helpful, please contact me at the above email.

Shannon Smith - May 30, 2023 at 06:46 PM

SI

“ I can't believe I'm just seeing this now. Nick was a great dude with a big heart and awesome sense of humor. We hit it off from day 1 with lots of laughs and goofing around as well as talking about our mutual interest in high performance cars, as well as talking about lifes challenges from time to time. I can't believe he's gone, this truly hurts. Rest in peace my dude.

Steve Italiano - September 27, 2022 at 01:03 AM

KA

“ I am speechless he this is such a great person open hearted person he was so kind to me School he was a great associate in my life and I pray that he has found peace



Kasey - May 14, 2020 at 06:14 AM

KA

Sorry for my spelling I am just shocked and speechless as he was a great person here and I'm sure he is a great person or he is now God be with him

Kasey - May 14, 2020 at 06:16 AM


LR

“ I have many fond memories of Nick, while he was with us at The Pathway School. I was the Director of Admissions when Nick first enrolled and had the pleasure of being the first person Nick and his lovely parents got to know. I remember Nick as an active, curious and engaging young man. Nick was athletic and motivated through sport activities, which often provided the leverage needed to complete academic work which often seemed to be less motivating! Since his passing, many alumni students have shared how much Nick influenced them and how they valued his friendship. He will not be forgotten and his memory will continue to impact those who had the privilege of knowing Nick. May he rest in peace.

Louise (Frederick) Robertson  
The Pathway School

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**Louise Robertson** - May 05, 2020 at 08:37 PM

  
Rashonda  
Saunders

“ I had the opportunity to work with Nick at Pathway. He was so sweet, funny, and caring. I'm going to miss his infectious laugh. The world lost a beautiful soul

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**Rashonda Saunders** - May 05, 2020 at 07:50 PM

JR

“ Damn it, just damn it.

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**Josh Rudolph** - May 04, 2020 at 10:10 AM

NB

“ Nick was a bug brother to me. He understood the damage that my previous place did to me. There were a few ugly fights with some others I got into and he broke them up explaining I didn't have to fight my way out anymore as a solution. I owe him a lot. I want to cry but the tears just don't come. Instead the memories overflow of the good times we had. Nick showed astonishing intelligence when I brought up the occult and philosophy and grasped many of the underlying messages and principles in them that many didn't understand. He was open minded and quick to be my friend. He saved my butt many times over when I needed a friend. Sure we had some tussles and fistfights and disagreements but who doesn't in a good brother-friendship. He was insightful and had an awesome attitude towards physical sports and he loved his skateboards. I really miss him. I want to see him one final time. I hate myself that I can't make it to his funeral because of how poor I am. Rest in peace. You deserve a good afterlife. Thank you for everything. You won't be forgotten.

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**Nicholas Brown** - May 03, 2020 at 07:13 PM

NB

*Typo in first sentence "Big brother".*

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**Nicholas Brown** - May 03, 2020 at 07:16 PM

LA

“ I worked with Nick while at the Pathway School. I have have many memories of talking about life with him while watching him fish. He really was an amazing fisherman. He has such a passion for the sport. He left an impact on me and all those around him. Rest In Peace Nick.

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**Laura** - April 30, 2020 at 12:31 AM

TL

“ My deepest condolences go out to nicks family . He was a cool guy never really got to know him but went to school with him we talked a few times here and there . He had a cool personality and was kind to everyone

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**taylor langton** - April 29, 2020 at 10:47 AM

Sam  
Preminger

“ Nick Scarlia was a very good person and a good friend to me. he was not just a friend he was like a bro too me . Me and him had some great times together he had a big great heart and was just a good kind person inside and out I am sooo sorry too everyone of Nicks family and friends you will be missed soo much in my heart I love you Nick . I Well never forget you Nick rest in peace hugs to you and your family .

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**Sam Preminger** - April 29, 2020 at 02:09 AM

CW

“ My heart is broken for all of Nick’s family and all that knew him. I’ve known him since he was a little boy and though we didn’t see each other more than a handful of times he was always so sweet and kind. I will cherish those memories forever. God bless you all and know that he will forever watch over you from above.



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**Caroline Wilken** - April 26, 2020 at 12:29 PM

IS

“ *Rest in Peace*



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**I knew him at the pathway school** - April 26, 2020 at 12:50 AM

DP

“ *First and foremost, my DEEPEST sympathies to ALL effected by the loss of Nick. I had one encounter face to face with Nick, after years of knowing OF Nick. But only that once is all it took to understand everything beautiful about him. I finally had an opportunity to visit my friend Shannon and see her new home and meet this love of her life that I was so incredibly happy to see her finally have. We spent hours all chatting over some tea and sharing stories of how each of us knew each other, had met, some of our adventures together and what made us special in each other's lives (obviously me to Shannon in this case). I learned so much about Nick in what now seem like such short hours, that it was if we had all been friends reunited after many, many years. I admired his ability to bring a calm into the conversation when I knew he loved adventure. I could tell from all I had seen through good old Facebook and heard from their stories, that Nick was a force like no other, but in a beautiful way....and he showed it that night, welcoming me in as if I was his family. I will never forget how in awe I was of his presence and how perfectly matched he was with Shannon. I will cherish that evening with the two of them and Roman of course, always. Thank you for sharing the beautiful gift of Nick with me. May he be at peace and may everyone find peace in time.*

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**Diane Perkins** - April 24, 2020 at 09:27 AM

IS

*Rest in Peace Nick*

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**I knew him at the pathway school** - April 26, 2020 at 12:48 AM

AD

“ *Dear loved ones of nick I offer you my condolences and prayers for your loss the fondest memories I have of nick was that he was never without his skate board I remember one afternoon he was trying to ride down the railings and he missed and split his pants I helped him up and gave him my sweatshirt to tie around his waist till he was able to get another pair of pants. He never gave up on that railing . He was amazing soul and I hope one day I will see him again.*

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**Alanna dolan** - April 23, 2020 at 04:36 PM

KG

“ *Dear family and friends of Nick, I am very sorry for your loss. Nick was one of the most inspired classmates in Pathway School. I'm very grateful to have him as my classmate years ago during middle school and high school. I'm very sad that he was gone all of the sudden. But I know that he is never truly gone. He'll always be in your hearts. I send you my love and prayer. Rest in peace, Nick.*

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**Kendall Garofolo** - April 22, 2020 at 11:17 PM

MS

“ *Dear Kathy,*

*I am so desperately sorry for the loss of your beloved Nick. He was such a joy to be with. Having met him just recently, as an adult, I was delighted with his conversation and humor. He was so kind to an old cousin that he barely knew. You are all in my prayers.*

*Mary Sheevers*

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**Mary Sheevers** - April 22, 2020 at 07:41 PM

RM

“ *It's a shock to hear about Nick's passing. I knew him years ago from Lexington. May he r.i.p*



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**R Mason** - April 22, 2020 at 07:36 PM

KB

“ *I was heart broken to learn of Nick's passing. I had the privilege of working with Nick for a number of years. He challenged me and made me more effective and thoughtful at work and life. It was a joy to watch him mature and test his wings. I last saw him about a year ago at Subway. He looked terrific and told me about earning his guides license. He introduced me to his fiance and wrapped me in an immense bear hug upon parting.*

*I am so deeply sorry for this devastating loss to all who loved him. He inspired passion everywhere he went! Karen Brown*

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**Karen Brown** - April 22, 2020 at 07:25 PM

SC

“ *Nick, We will miss you. Wish we could have spent more time together.*  
*Aunt Sue*



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**Suzanne Coonley** - April 22, 2020 at 03:43 PM

KM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss . This breaks my heart

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**Kristy mulhall** - April 22, 2020 at 01:23 PM

JC

“ To Kathleen and Joe and all of Nick's family,  
Nick always hold a special place for me in his thoughtful, gentle  
presence and the innocent, direct way that he looked at life. He will  
be missed by all of us!

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**John Carnevale** - April 22, 2020 at 11:01 AM

KP

“ Dear Joe, Rita and Family,  
There are no words to describe how sorry we are for the loss of  
your son Nick. Nick always brought a smile to the faces of those  
who met him. He will always be in our thoughts.  
Your friends  
Kim and Tom Perry

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**Kim and Tom Perry** - April 22, 2020 at 09:56 AM

MW

“ Joe, Rita and Family,

Although I only met Nick a few times, I admired his love for fishing.  
Certainly much more capable than my talents.

Our deepest condolences and payers.

Mike & Cindy Wall

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**Mike & Cindy Wall** - April 22, 2020 at 09:27 AM

DS

“ Thank you Nick for all your patience with Emily💙 Because God knows I did not have any specially with putting a worm on a hook!!

Debbie Stazio Scheiba - April 22, 2020 at 07:41 AM

DS

“ Debbie Stazio Scheiba lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Scalia



Debbie Stazio Scheiba - April 22, 2020 at 07:39 AM



“ I am truly saddened by this news. Nick was one of my students at The Pathway School. He was one of my favorites and always kept me on my toes with his outgoing personality, telling me all of his interest, and overall free spirit. My condolences amd prayers for the family during this most devastating time.

Gina Kline - April 21, 2020 at 11:31 PM



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Gina Kline - April 21, 2020 at 11:32 PM



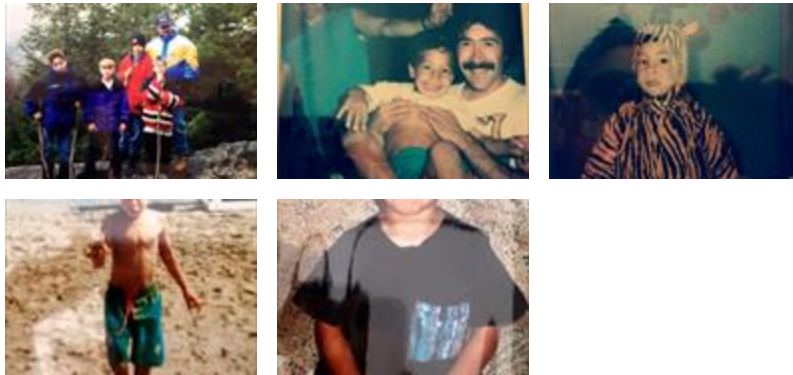
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Shannon Lea - April 21, 2020 at 09:02 PM



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Shannon Lea - April 21, 2020 at 08:03 PM



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joescalia - April 21, 2020 at 05:55 PM



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joescalia - April 21, 2020 at 05:41 PM



*I'm very sorry for your loss! My thoughts are with you and your family.*

Valerie Scalia Swaine - April 21, 2020 at 08:59 PM

JO

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joescalia - April 21, 2020 at 05:41 PM

GH

*Didn't know him a long time but became good friends fast! Thanks for the memories. Our condolences to your families with lots of love ,Colette and George Hoffman*

George Hoffman - April 21, 2020 at 07:48 PM

JO

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joescalia - April 21, 2020 at 05:40 PM

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joescalia - April 21, 2020 at 05:39 PM

JY

“ Joe, Rita, and family,  
We want to echo everyone's sentiment here on how very very sorry we are for your loss. Nick was fine person, always kind, friendly, and gracious every time we met. Through our faith we know that he will be together with everyone again someday. Sincerest condolences and please let us know how we can help in any way.

*Jim and Chris Yannotti*

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**Jim and Chris Yannotti** - April 21, 2020 at 05:28 PM

LR

“ Joe, Rita & Family,  
I am so very sorry for the loss of your beloved Nick. What a lovely tribute to a life well lived in his heartfelt obituary. I only met him a couple of times, but he was always so friendly, warm, welcoming, eager to help & had a great sense of humor & hearty laugh. He will be so missed & fondly remembered by all who knew him. You are in my heart & thoughts... Lynn Rivers

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**Lynn Rivers** - April 21, 2020 at 12:40 PM

MS

“ Joe, Rita and Family,

*What a beautiful obituary! What a beautiful soul. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Nick all that well. The times that I was in his presence were remarkable, however. He had a genuine friendliness and sincerity about him. He was gracious and would offer to help wherever he could. He had a large presence and a heart to match. My condolences on the loss of such a sweet soul.*

*Maryann Strauss*

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**Maryann Strauss** - April 21, 2020 at 11:20 AM

TL

“ Joe, Rita and Family

*We are so very sorry for your loss. Nick was a wonderful person. We have seen him grow over the years to be a very friendly and compassionate soul, with talents that we were aware of and apparently quite a few that were unknown to us. We especially recall the time two years ago when we had suffered our own misfortune. Nick reached out to us with a great deal of empathy and spent a good amount of time with our son Michael to help him cope with a tough situation. That is just one example that speaks to his character as a warm and caring human being. He will be missed, and we will hold him and your family in our prayers.*

*Tom, Gail, and Michael Lamparski*

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**Tom Lamparski** - April 21, 2020 at 10:29 AM