



Stan J. Nice

November 21, 1946 - August 21, 2022

Rye - Stan J. Nice, 75, of Rye, formerly longtime resident of Portsmouth, passed away peacefully from complications of heart disease, August 21 2022 at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, MA, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA, November 21, 1946.

He attended Hanover, PA schools and joined the service at age 17 serving as a medic in the US Air Force. While stationed at Pease Air Force base he met his true love Donna, marrying in December of 1967. Stan obtained an associate degree as a tool and die maker and retired from Pratt and Whitney after many years of dedicated service.

Stan was a humble man who's priorities were serving the Lord, cherishing his wife, and treasuring his children and grandchildren. We are honored to walk the legacy of a man who led a life guided by selfless and unconditional love for all whose lives he touched.

Stan was a family man and his happiest hours were found attending the sporting events of his grandchildren, taking them fishing, watching Patriots games, smoking homemade kielbasa, and ultimately being surrounded by family at the dinner table. Stan was a person of faith and served Corpus Christi Parish throughout his life. He was active in the Knights of Columbus Council 140, serving in the Fourth Degree as a Faithful Navigator. An

organization for which he tirelessly volunteered even as his body was failing him, his indomitable spirit did not.

Stan had a passion for gardening and will be forever known on the seacoast for his "Stan's giant tomato" plants. Stan the tomato man took pride in his 2 lb tomatoes and friends and family enjoyed helping him eat them.

Stan is survived by his loving wife and best friend Donna (LaCourse) Nice of 55 years, his children Keith and spouse Marianne Nice and their two children Cameron and Natalie Nice of Newmarket, his daughter Alena (Nice) Cusson and her husband Barry and their two children Lauren and Brayden Cusson of Eliot Maine, his brother Alan Nice and family from Pennsylvania, as well as several cherished in laws, nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his loving father and mother, Stanley and Amelia Nice and his younger brother Paul Nice all of Wilkes-Barre PA.

Visiting hours will be 4-6 pm Friday, August 26, 2022 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home- Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A mass Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 am Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Immaculate Conception Church, Corpus Christi Parish , 98 Summer Street, Portsmouth. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Portsmouth. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Knights of Columbus Council 140, c/o Bob Valarie Treasurer, 3 Market Street, Stratham, NH 03885. The family of Stan would like to issue a heartfelt thank you for the outstanding care and support provided to him by the nurses and providers at Tuffs Cardiac unit as well as the love and friendship of both staff and residents he found in his last few months at Webster

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Rt 33, Greenland, Rd.
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church
98 Summer Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Tribute Wall



“ *Stan J. Nice*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Stan you left this world too soon and with many broken hearts to heal. You were like a brother to me and the McCoomb family. My best friend, we did so many things together. Bull fights in Spain, trips to Canada, Ireland, Florida, Pennsylvania and dinner with your parents was so very special to Betty and I. Living across the street from you and Donna for 50 years, we depended on you with your medical advise and comfort. You put up with my jokes like the time I built a snow fort blocking your driveway at night, and the 8' green turtle I screwed to your fence. You had such patience as we connected and built our friendship. You did so much for your community and the Knights of Columbus. My family and I were so very lucky to call you best friend and neighbor. We will miss you dearly, Love Tom and Betty McCoomb*

Thomas McCoomb - September 01, 2022 at 12:58 PM



Well said Mr McCoomb, Whenever we spoke with Stan and Donna at some point the conversation would come around to some adventure with the McCoombs! He really loved you both. "what is that food.." "meat!"

Ronnie Jay LaCourse - September 02, 2022 at 09:11 AM



Thank you so much Mr. and Mrs. McCoomb. Your words made me cry and smile. He LOVED you guys so much and so do we. We truly had the best neighborhood growing up.....and its because of great people like you. Thank you for always being there for him, and today for us. We love you!

Keith Nice - September 02, 2022 at 12:52 PM

KL

“ *A life well lived with kindness to others and devotion to family and community. My thoughts and prayers to Donna, Keith and Alexa and families. Warmest regards Ken Lajoie and family*

Ken Lajoie - August 27, 2022 at 06:19 PM

DF

“ *Our love and prayers go out to all of you. So many great memories with Stan. We love you and we will be thinking of you all.*
- The Duffy Family

Duffy Family - August 27, 2022 at 07:39 AM

AE

“ *"Stan was one of the kindest and most thoughtful men I had ever met. He sponsored me when I made my Fourth Degree in the Knights. My thoughts and prayers go out to Ms. Nice and his entire family."*

Arthur Eddy - August 26, 2022 at 09:42 PM

JC

“ *My condolences to the family. I knew Stan for many years at St. James Church in Portsmouth. Stan was always kind and welcoming to me.*

Jackie Cali-Pitts - August 26, 2022 at 03:58 PM

LF

“ *Stan was such a kind, beautiful soul. I miss him so much. Sending Donna and his whole family my love, and keeping all of you in my prayers.*

Liz Faiella - August 26, 2022 at 08:24 AM

TD

“ Dear Donna, Keith and Alena. We are so sorry to hear of Stan’s passing. Our sincere condolences to your entire family. Often we talk about the wonderful memories of bringing up our kids in the Maple Haven neighborhood together. Chasing kids on big wheels, closing down the streets for summer end parties, planting gardens and celebrating special occasions. One of my favorite memories was Stan and I chasing wood chucks with the kids hockey sticks and our garden shovels. We will always remember Stan with a smile.

Tom and Patti Daubney

Thomas Daubney - August 25, 2022 at 05:57 PM

KN

Thank you so much Tom and Patti for your kind words and memories. Such a painful time, but I am very grateful for the great neighborhood and memories we all experienced in Maple Haven. Thanks again.

Keith Nice - September 02, 2022 at 12:54 PM

VE

“ Donna, Alena (Barry) Keith and to your children and families I had the pleasure of working with this fabulous family during the sale of Suzanne Dr. I was treated with such kindness and felt like I became part of the family instead of just a Realtor. My last visit with Stan was him sharing his beautiful 2 pound tomato plants which I am harvesting and enjoying every bite. Alena, thank-you for bringing your Dad and your Mom into my life. I will be forever grateful

Valerie G Ellmer - August 25, 2022 at 11:26 AM

PA

“ I have known Stan for several years from contact in the Knights of Columbus. I served as Portsmouth District Deputy for two terms. I was always welcomed by him as I entered the meeting room. He always made me feel welcome and made me feel comfortable visiting the Portsmouth Council. He was a true Knight.

Paul K McManus

Paul K McManus/ Faithful Admiral - August 24, 2022 at 11:42 PM

RL

“ I’ve had the honor and pleasure of having Stan as my brother-in-law for over 50 years. He had a major influence in my life, helping to guide me and many others, into manhood. He was a mans man, yet humble and dutiful to the Lord. A perfectionist in all the things that matter in life, at work, at play, at leisure...he was always ready to help or guide us on our way.

I had the pleasure of traveling with him and my sister Donna and wife Elaine to the far corners of the world. From Alaska and the Grand Canyon to so many islands of the Caribbean. In Italy, Turkey, and Greece, Australia, New Zealand, and Mexico we explored new worlds, fished and caught exciting species, ate exotic meals we often cooked ourselves! Zucaritas! His perfectly measured , mine a dash of this and spoonful of that! We visited old religious sites that gave us chills and let us know we were not alone...that we had spiritual company.

I will remember our times sitting contemplating life, our children, our family, our good fortunes and those times of difficulty. I will miss Stan forever but God willing I will remember him and our great times forever as well.

Ronnie LaCourse - August 24, 2022 at 05:25 PM

KN

Thank you Uncle Ron. He always looked at you as his little brother. I am so grateful he had you in his life, it made him an even better man (if that's possible). Thank you so much for your words about my Dad as they have helped during this tough time. He cherished you and your family!

Keith Nice - September 02, 2022 at 12:57 PM

JB

“*Dear Mrs. Nice, Keith, and Alena,
I am so sorry for your loss and am thinking of you all. "Mr. Nice" (I never felt comfortable calling him by his first name!) was one of the kindest people I will ever know. I remember interviewing him and Mrs. Nice for a school project many years ago, and have so many fond memories of Mr. Nice's grin after he'd make a joke. May your precious memories bring you some peace. With love, Julie Bolduc and family*

Julie Bolduc - August 24, 2022 at 04:22 PM

HR

“ Dearest Donna, Keith, Alena and the entire Nice family,

I've had the privilege and honor of knowing Stan's son Keith who has been my best friend and brother for nearly my entire life which means I knew Stan for over 45 years. Stan (or Mr. Nice, as I knew him) was someone to whom I always looked up to and respected. Stan was a man of conviction with uncompromising principles and always gave us great worldly advice, although Keith and I didn't always heed it.

The world lost a great one in Stan's passing but if I can share one of my fondest memories it would be back in the early 80's when Keith and I scored tickets to my first Rush concert at Worcester Centrum in Massachusetts. Keith and I were young bucks back then with no means of getting to the concert.

Without hesitation, Stan and Donna graciously offered to drive us to Worcester, wait for us outside the concert hall and then drive us home which was an hour and a half drive and late into the night. I remember after the concert meeting back at the car, ears still ringing from the blaring music, and Stan's first comment as he turned around and looked at us in the back seat was it must have been one heck of a show because we could hear it about a mile away. It certainly was and I'll never forget his smile as he said it.

My deepest condolences to the Nice family. I'll always cherish the times we shared together.

Howard Rubin - August 24, 2022 at 02:50 PM

KN

Thank you Howard. My Dad always knew you were special; and it's even more evident today; just how right he was. Thank you for those kind words and memories; they help more than you know. The Nice's love you Howie! Thanks again!

Keith Nice - September 02, 2022 at 01:01 PM

BL

“ Dear Donna and family, my condolences on Stan’s passing. Many memories of working together at GE and Pratt . Many memories of talking over just about everything from children to Pennsylvania good eats.

Bernard Liberi - August 24, 2022 at 08:26 AM

BV

“ My sincere condolences to Donna and the Nice family. I have only known Stan for about 6 years when I moved to NH and transferred my Knights of Columbus membership to Council 140 in Portsmouth. Stan was a welcoming friend from day 1 and my love and respect for him only grew as time went by. I will always remember when he, as Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree, and Donna, accompanied my wife Kathy and I to my Exemplification when I was initiated into the Fourth Degree. After driving over an hour each way and the event itself, we couldn't have been more impressed with both Stan and Donna as human beings. They truly acted as firm believers in the Catholic faith as well. This phrase can sometimes be overused, but he truly was "the best."

Bob Valeri - August 24, 2022 at 08:11 AM

LL

“ Dear Donna, I was so sorry to learn of Stan’s passing. I think of you both often. We enjoyed having you and Stan come and pick blueberries for your delicious blueberry pies. I have made them many times and everyone wants the recipe. You and Stan were such a wonderful couple. I am forever grateful to you for letting me work for you so you could take a vacation. My thoughts are with you at this very difficult time. May Our Lord be with you. Lois Laurence

lois Laurence - August 24, 2022 at 08:04 AM

YB

“ Sincere condolences to Donna, Keith, Alena & family
Yvette Bailey

Yvette Bailey - August 24, 2022 at 07:29 AM

DR

“ Dearest Donna, Keith, and Alena,
Our heartfelt sympathy is sent to you during this most difficult time. Although distance separates us, thoughts of family have always made us close at heart. We have all suffered such great losses recently and our loved ones will always be truly missed. Please know that you will all be held in our thoughts and prayers. Stan was a wonderful cousin and looking at his picture brings back so many great memories. May the love and memories you hold dear bring you comfort during this time. We love you all.
Ted and Dianne (Tometchko) Ruch and family

Dianne Ruch - August 23, 2022 at 11:21 PM

MC

“ Stan is just about the nicest man I ever met. It was a pleasure growing up with the Nice family as next door neighbors. Wonderful family and non-judgmental. My condolences to Donna, Keith, Alena and family. Michael Champagne

Michael Champagne - August 23, 2022 at 09:26 PM

KN

Thank you Mike for your kind words! You have no idea how much they help. We really did have a great neighborhood. Thank you again for taking the time to comment on my Dad. You are a good man!

Keith Nice - September 02, 2022 at 01:03 PM