



Nicholas Peter Baldukas

April 21, 1948 - January 12, 2019

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RACINE - Nicholas 'Nick' P. Baldukas, 70, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 12, 2019 surrounded by his loving family and friends. A lifelong resident of Racine, he was born on April 21, 1948, son of the late Peter Nicholas and Gladys (Kanyuh) Baldukas. Nicholas was a graduate of Wm. Horlick High School "Class of 1966." His working career was primarily at Twin Disc, where he ushered in Computer Numeric Control (CNC) manufacturing. During his 21 years there, he continued studying engineering, attending Bradley University, UW Parkside, Carthage and numerous workshops and seminars at major manufacturers around the US. He also worked at Styberg Engineering before switching careers to land development and general contracting. He designed and developed Mallard Shores on property he and his wife owned surrounding Halter Lake.

Nick loved his new career and continued designing and building high end homes in southeastern Wisconsin, until illness required him to retire.

In 1985 he married Dr. Ann-Mari (Ingebrigtsen), his soul mate and loving companion. Together they pursued their common love of tennis, hiking, skiing, travel and spending time at their lake home on Castle Rock Lake where he developed lasting friendships, especially with Dave and Karen Janssen. He loved taking off on road trips throughout the US and going to Norway to meet with Ann-Mari's family and friends. Nick loved speed, whether driving his corvettes on deserted country roads or speeding over Lake Gogebic on his

snowmobile with Ann-Mari urging him to go faster. He shared his love of motorcycles taking grandson Morgan and son Peter on motorcycle trips, or exploring wide swaths of the US, riding next to his special friend, Gary Grissom. When it came to going fast, Nicholas was very competitive. A good example is his jet ski race with a friend on Castle Rock Lake, when lo and behold his friend out ran him. The very next day the garage was strewn with jet ski parts and Nicholas was hard at work engineering a faster ride. And he succeeded, leaving his friend in his wake during the next day's "friendly race." Nick's lifelong friend Dale Zierten, some years ago invited him to join a group of early school friends for coffee and discussions of the past. He loved meeting with his morning coffee buddies.

Nicholas was an active hands on father/grandfather, who coached his sons softball team and attended multiple sports events to cheer on his children and grandchildren. These events included t-ball, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and basketball. His reputation for being able to fix anything, resulted in late night calls from the children's friends with car trouble on the interstate. He always came to their rescue.

Nick was an active member of the Greek Orthodox Church, an altar boy as a child, working the annual festival and serving on the church council for many years, as the treasurer. He was a member of Twin Disc Twenty Year Club, Kiwanis, a two time past president and Lt. Governor, Sons of Norway, where he also was past president and member of District 5 Board of Trustees.

His joviality, zest of life and desire to be of help to family and friends, were hallmarks of his personality. Nick had a true love for the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, hiking and swimming. He was a hard working, dedicated man, who always gave life his best. He had a love for the outdoors, his family, his pets and for life. Here was a person who probably wouldn't say "there was something I wish I had done." Nicholas and Ann-Mari enjoyed hosting parties on their beautiful covered porches, especially the annual Sons of Norway Picnic, the September Multiple Myeloma Support Group Picnic and as well as family cookouts, with swimming, fishing, horseshoes and trampoline.

Nick is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years, Ann-Mari and their children, Dana Baldukas, Pamela (Andrew) Patch, Nicole (Jonathan) Eckblad and Shane (Victoria) Peirce; grandchildren, Dr. Thomas (Shvaughn) Paulick, Daniel (fiancé Alexis Jensen) Eckblad, Ariel Harrington, Amanda Eckblad, Petra Harrington, Cassidy (Scott Schindelar) Crowell, Morgan Patch, Megan Patch and Peter Eckblad; great grandchildren, Kenneth, Declan and Brynn Paulick, Chase and Brecklyn Peirce, Atlas and Isle Schindelar, and Rylee Lempke and Alexandra Eckblad; sisters, Vivian (Tony) Merlo, Sharon Baldukas and Demetra Baldukas; sister-in-law, Randi (Aage Breiby) Ingebrigtsen of Norway. He is further survived by a Goddaughter, Xanthi Merlo, a special nephew "son," Kristian (Lynn) Wergeland Digranes, who is a Park High School graduate and he also attended Gateway Technical College and UW Parkside before returning to Norway where Kristian is currently a canine police officer in Oslo. Nick is further survived by many nieces, nephews other relatives and many dear friends.

Nick was preceded in death by his son, Peter Nicholas Baldukas on November 29, 2004.

Funeral services will be held at Kimissis tis Theotokou, Greek Orthodox Church, 1335 S. Green Bay Road on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Fr. Athanasios Pieri officiating. There will be a visitation at Sturino Funeral Home on Sunday evening from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. with Trisagian Prayers at 7 p.m. Nick will be laid to rest next to his son at Graceland Cemetery following services.

In lieu of flowers or those wishing to remember Nick in a special way - donations to the following have been suggested: Kimissis tis Theotokou Church, Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation <https://themmrf.org>, National Kidney Foundation <https://www.kidney.org/support> & <https://www.kidney.org/transplantation>, Sons of Norway District Five www.sonsofnorwayracine.com/index.html, Contact Mike Palecek, 262-886-5547, Kiwanis Club of Racine <https://www.facebook.com/Kiwanis-Club-of-Racine-170911539484>

A special heartfelt thank you to Aurora St. Luke's Hospital and Aurora Zilber Family Hospice for their exceptional doctors and staff. Nick was blessed to be in their care.

We're sure you all will remember Nick's famous optimistic words

"I never had a bad day in my life."

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

Racine, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

JAN 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

Kimissis tis Theotokou Church
1335 S. Green Bay Road
Racine, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nicholas Peter Baldukas*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 17, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Nicholas Peter Baldukas*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 17, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ *Nick was a fabulous man taking us around when visiting US from Norway. He really touched our lives. Randi and Aage*

Aage Breiby - January 20, 2019 at 12:44 PM



“ 3 files added to the album RANDI AND AAGE



Age Breiby - January 20, 2019 at 11:43 AM

AB

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Aage Breiby - January 20, 2019 at 11:35 AM

RA

“ *What a wonderful man. I haven't known Nick for long but he still touched my life in a very positive way. His smile was contagious and he has never known a stranger. You only had to meet him once to be sucked into the vortex of positivity that surrounded him.*



Ann-Mari, Pam, Morgan, and Megan; my love to all of you. He was loved and you are loved. I've heard Nick's name mentioned in several different places around town these last few days which is a testament to how many lives he has touched.

*My sincerest condolences to you all,
Rachael Benson*

Rachael - January 18, 2019 at 11:41 AM

AB

Thank you so much for your comforting words, Rachael

Ann-Mari Baldukas - January 18, 2019 at 04:48 PM

BH

“ *Ann-Mari,
Randy and I are so sorry for your loss. Nick was a great man and friend and we will remember him with only good thoughts. Randy and Bonnie Hansen*

Bonnie Hansen - January 18, 2019 at 11:23 AM

MP

“ *9 files added to the album Nick - Sons of Norway pics*



Mike Palecek - January 17, 2019 at 11:16 AM

JH

“ *Dear Ann-Mari , I hope you remember us from our days at KCC in Racine / Kenosha .
We were so sorry to hear of Nick's passing , and send our sincere condolences to you and your family at this sad time .
Hopefully , in time , you will only remember all the many good times you shared .
With love and sympathy from all our family Julie and Barry Harris .*

Julie Harris - January 16, 2019 at 07:24 PM

AB

“ *Aage Breiby purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Nicholas Peter Baldukas.*



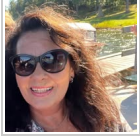
Aage Breiby - January 16, 2019 at 05:41 PM

GG

“ *GARY & PEGGY GRISSOM purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nicholas Peter Baldukas.*



GARY & PEGGY GRISSOM - January 16, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ We're so glad we got to know you, Nick. You were a generous, lovely, smiling, warm and caring person. The times we came on holiday until you opened your home and hoped that we would stay long. We look back on these experiences with good memories. We also have good memories when you visited us in Norway. And you, Andy, Øivind and Walter drove over the Gaustadt peak on each our MC. On one occasion we rented a large cabin on Sjusjøen near Lillehammer where the families from Norway and the USA were gathered. You enjoyed yourself well in Norway with Ann Mari's family and was fascinated by the Norwegian nature. Rest in peace now from pain. We want you to know that our thoughts are with you in grief. Big hugs from Lillian, Walter and Sindre



Lillian Storvik Luther - January 16, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ 17 files added to the album Sindre, Lillian og Walter at USA visit



Lillian Storvik Luther - January 16, 2019 at 12:20 PM

MB

“ I remember Nick being so stubborn. He insisted on going home for Christmas Day after receiving his transplant. His feet were so sore that he was wearing moon boots. He promised he would not drive, which of course I found out afterwards that he did. You were a great guy and always had a smile no matter how you felt. RIP Nick, I am sure you are so happy to not be fighting your cancer any longer.
Mary (Collier) Bohn RN.

Mary Bohn - January 15, 2019 at 09:00 PM

KH

“ Nick was one of the first people I met in our support group, approximately 10-1/2 years ago. He showed such strength and positivity. My husband and I will never forget him and our prayers and positive energy go out to his family and friends.
Scott & Kathy Thomas

Kathy Hermann-Thomas - January 15, 2019 at 08:31 PM

MP

“ Nick touched our lives. Nick was a larger-than-life personality. Nick was a great servant-leader. Nick was energetic, vital and had a can-do-anything attitude.

Our prayers go out to Ann-Mari, their children, grandchildren, Nick's sisters and other relatives in this great time of sorrow. Nick told me that he loved them all very much, was very proud of them, and was sorry to have to leave them.

Please see Sons of Norway Nordlyset lodge's tribute to Nick at: <http://sonsofnorwayracine.com/in-memory.html>

*Mike Palecek
Nordlyset lodge president, Sons of Norway*

Mike Palecek - January 15, 2019 at 03:07 PM

GS

“ *He touched our lives and will stay in our Hearts Forever. Nick will be missed by all of us Kiwanians.*

*Gary Sieckman
Lt. Governor Division 1
Kiwanis International*

Gary Sieckman - January 15, 2019 at 01:21 PM

GS

“ *We want to express our deepest condolences and our most heartfelt compassion in these grievous times. It is not only your loss, but for many others too, ourselves included. We will always remember him as the great & kind & clever man he was. Right now our prayers and thoughts are with you, with a hope that your family will be the best support for you to carry this sorrow in the days to come, and that Jesus our Lord will give you comfort. Geir & Anne*



Geir Spachmo - January 15, 2019 at 02:42 AM

CR

“ *Blessings to the family. Nick and I were cousins, but have not seen each other for years. Peace to you Nick.
Cindy (DuCharme) Robinson*

Cynthia (DuCharme) Robinson - January 14, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Nicholas Peter Baldukas.*



January 14, 2019 at 09:18 PM



“ *Nick was always quick to laugh and truly was "present" in all conversations with friends and family. Such an amazing man, who will be missed greatly. May his memory be eternal.*

Kate Baldukas - January 14, 2019 at 09:08 PM