



Dr. Leland "Nick" MacDonald

September 15, 1938 - June 6, 2018

"TO BE RICH IN FRIENDS IS TO BE POOR IN NOTHING".

Dr. Leland 'Nick' MacDonald passed away in Perrysburg, OH, on June 6, 2018, at 79 years of age.

We who love him dearly will miss him every day of our lives.

Nick was born to his parents Leland and Mary (Maverkos) MacDonald on September 15, 1938 in Toledo, OH. He became a proud 'East Sider' for life when he was brought home to the east side of Toledo by his parents, residing for most of his Childhood on Freedom Street. Nick was baptized at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Toledo, OH where he attended Greek School as a child. He and his siblings Kathy (John) Horvath and Pete (Debbie) MacDonald lived a childhood poor in money but rich in Greek and Scottish family members, heritage and deep friendships.

Nick attended Waite High School and then went on to attend Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, MI and the University of Toledo in Toledo, OH after returning home to care for his father after a serious accident. Nick was the first person in his family to attend college. Due to his heritage, good looks and athleticism he was often referred to as a 'Greek God' by his peers and admirers ~ a compliment he did not mind.

Nick joined the United States Army during the Berlin Crisis of 1961. He served in the Army 101st Airborne Division in Fort Knox and Fort Campbell, KY within which he received awards for Marksmanship and then was Honorably

Discharged in November 1964.

Following discharge from the service, Nick enrolled within The Ohio State University College of Dentistry, graduating in 1967/68. His oldest children, Debbi (Bob) Tucker and Tami (Rick) Krueger were born while living at Buckeye Village at The Ohio State University. This time period is when Nick's heart began to pump Scarlet and Gray and his lifelong love of Ohio State Football commenced. Nick then, naturally, returned to the East Side of Toledo to open his first practice, eventually purchasing a building on Navarre Avenue where his practice grew to more than 4,000 patients over time.

Nick struck gold and married the long-haired Swiss love of his life Susan (Rupli) MacDonald on April 20, 1977 after proposing to her on a skiing trip in Colorado. This was the best decision of his life. Because of this decision, Nick, Debbi and Tami received the lifetime gift of an amazing wife and mother as well as two sons and brothers and fellow passionate outdoorsmen Aaron Daler and Justin (Kristin) Daler.

In 1980, Nick and Sue gave birth to the baby 'glue' of the family, Sarah (Kyle) Ruha and their beautiful, combined family was complete.

During his career, Nick served within various leadership positions on the Board of the Toledo Dental Society. He also established the first Emergency Dental Service in Toledo prior to the existence of these resources at the Medical College of Ohio. For his efforts within the State of Ohio, Nick was nominated for, and received, the Pierre Fauchard Award for his outstanding contributions to Dentistry. Following his retirement in 2006, Dr. MacDonald traveled throughout Ohio voluntarily applying his experience and compassion to helping underserved patients in need of dental care through The Dental Center of Northwest Ohio.

Nick/Dad/Daddy/Papou was our 'go to' Optimist - a life force unlike any other who enjoyed life to the fullest especially when fly fishing, attending (and rewatching) Ohio State Football games and spending time with his family. There are many times in our life when we call upon pieces of wisdom, strength and humor that we learned from him which have given us the

strength to overcome difficulty and strive to be the best versions of ourselves for those around us. We will miss him immeasurably but the gift of family which he and Sue created and nurtured will live on in us forever.

Nick is survived by his wife, Susan (Rupli) MacDonald; his children, Debbi (Bob) Tucker, Columbus, OH, Tami (Rick) Krueger, Cincinnati, OH Aaron Daler, Glenwood Springs, CO, Justin (Kristin) Daler Perrysburg, OH and Sarah (Kyle) Ruha, Columbus, OH and his 'adopted in love' children Christina (Jason) Park, Gainesville, FL and Chris Brucker, Meadville, PA. Nick was lucky enough to hold six grandchildren in his arms when born, giving them their first Ohio State football – Sophie Krueger, Cassie Daler, Aiden Krueger, Lilli Krueger, Gunnar Daler & Tatum Daler. He is also survived by his sister, Kathy (John) Horvath and Pete (Debbie) MacDonald as well as many, many family and friends who were touched deeply by his natural gift of human connection, compassion and joie de vivre.

We invite you to remember and celebrate Nick's life along with us on Monday, June 11th, at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Avenue Toledo, OH 43613, (between Secor and Douglas Roads), from 3:00PM – 8:00PM. A Trisagion Service will commence at 7:00PM.

Nick's funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 12th, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 740 N. Superior Street, Toledo, OH 43604, at 10:30AM, followed by a procession to Toledo Memorial Park, 6382 Monroe Street, Toledo, OH 43560.

Donations in Nick's memory may be made to the Dental Center of Northwest Ohio, 2138 Madison Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604 or Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 740 N. Superior Street, Toledo, OH 43604.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Service

JUN 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
740 N. Superior St
Toledo, OH 43604

Tribute Wall

SE

“ Dear Sue,
We were so very sorry to hear about Nick, and send deepest sympathies to you and your family.
Let all your wonderful memories, family and many friends be your strength.
The El Shafies

sue elshafie - June 18, 2018 at 04:01 AM

JS

“ Dear Sue,
I am so very sorry for your loss. I know how difficult it is and am sending you my deepest sympathy and prayers. You two were such a wonderful pair; you have wonderful memories from your time together. Focus on those.
Hugs, Judy Szor

judy szor - June 14, 2018 at 08:25 AM

JL

“ Our deep and sincere sympathy to you all! Nick was a genuine, kind and gracious man, who clearly loved his family. (And his Buckeyes). May you find peace and solace in beautiful memories. Go Bucks!
Ron & Judi Leck

Judi and Ron Leck - June 11, 2018 at 03:05 PM

SL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Nick (Dr. MacDonald). My Sincerest Condolences, Steve Leck

steve leck - June 11, 2018 at 02:22 PM

CM

“ Sue---My sincerest sympathy to you and your family. I remember fondly all the stories you shared of Nick and how devoted he was to your kids. You two were so blessed to have found each other a little later in life. He sounds like he was a remarkable man who impacted many. thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Michael

Cindy Michael - June 11, 2018 at 02:03 PM

MP

“ Growing up, cousin Nick was my mentor. He taught me how to fish. We enjoyed playing on a hillside rope swing and doing things boys do. Over the years we didn't see each other much until he invited me to go trout fishing. Nick would visit us in Florida on his way back to Toledo. I always enjoyed our conversations about family history. He would tell me good things about my parents and other family members that I didn't know about. I will miss him, but feel enriched having him as my cousin.

Mike Parker

Mike Parker - June 11, 2018 at 10:48 AM

SD

“ Nick had an impact on many lives, including ours. He always greeted us with a firm handshake, a kiss on the cheek and a smile that spread throughout his whole face. He made us feel a part of family; included and valued. Andy and I were fortunate to experience two of his passions with him; THE Buckeyes and fly fishing.

We enjoyed tailgating with Nick and sharing his enthusiasm for Buckeye football. He was a true fan! During the pre-game festivities many stories were told. Nick also like to share a cigar with Andy during tailgating and when it wasn't the brand he favored he would loudly proclaim, "Ain't no Macanudo!" After which laughter was heard by all. He made football Saturday an experience!

We were fortunate to spend a couple of days at Rockwell Springs Trout Club. It was there that I received my first fly fishing lessons. Nick taught me how to tie a fly to the line and how to cast. He was patient and kind. He was an excellent teacher. It was very apparent that Nick enjoyed sharing his passion with someone who was a novice.

Nick's generosity was definitely a hallmark. He was also compassionate and kind. These virtues live on with his family. He will be missed by many, including us!



Sara Dale - June 08, 2018 at 05:45 PM

JS

“ *Two of many memories (one with me and one with daughter Betsy) over more than 50 years with a wonderful person who had a gift to make all with whom he came in contact feel good about themselves and life! Can't accept that he's gone and will miss him terribly.*



James Nooney Sr. - June 08, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. A super warm, welcoming person, always a joy to be around. What a great life he lived and wonderful family he created! Jim Nooney Jr.*

James Nooney - June 08, 2018 at 01:59 PM

DP

*Sue, words cannot express our sense of loss and that which your family has suffered . Sarianne and I offer our condolences and love to you and your family .
Nick, my dear friend, my our gracious God grant you peace .*

donald petroff - June 09, 2018 at 11:27 AM

DS

What a great guy. Debbie, he always spoke so proudly of you. Peace be to you and your family.

Diane Smith - June 11, 2018 at 11:08 PM