



## Alexander William "Al" Nicholson Jr.

June 11, 1939 - November 24, 2019

Alexander "Al" William Nicholson Jr., 80, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 24, 2019. Formerly of Woodbridge, CT he began wintering in Marco Island, FL in 1984 and made Bonita Springs his permanent home in 1995. He was born June 11, 1939 in New Haven, CT, the son of the late Alexander and Violet (Rupp) Nicholson, Sr.

Mr. Nicholson served his country for three years in the United States Army. Al was raised in West Haven, CT and completed his undergraduate studies at New Haven College before earning his Masters of Business Degree from the University of New Haven. He then went on to work at the university where he served on the board of directors, as well as coached the golf team for 12 years. Mr. Nicholson was the owner of Statewide Insurance in New Haven and the Wild Pines Apartments in Naples.

Al was an avid golfer who had played 87 of the top 100 most prestigious golf courses in the world. He loved to travel the world, especially to Greece and Scotland. He was also member of the Royal and Ancient Club at The Old Course at St Andrews, Scotland where he won the Calcutta Cup, as well as the Queen Victoria Jubilee Vase. He had also won several club championships at various golf courses, made 5 holes-in-one and was an original member of the Bonita Bay Club in Bonita Springs, Florida.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 54 years, Karen (Shanley) Nicholson; loving children, Christine (Gerald) Nicholson Raccio of Cheshire, CT, Kenneth Nicholson of Naples, FL, Alexander (Dana) Nicholson III of Bonita Springs, FL; and cherished grandchildren, Caitlyn, Alexander IV, Luca, and Matteo. In addition to his parents, Al was preceded in death by his sister, Maryann Josephson.

The family will receive friends on Friday, November 29, 2019 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. A funeral service will begin at 5:00 PM.

Burial services with Military Honors will be held on Saturday at 9:30 AM at Palm Royale Cemetery, 6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples, FL 34119.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Palm Royale Cemetery

6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road  
Naples, FL 34119

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 29. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

## Funeral Service

NOV 29. 5:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

## Committal Service

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NOV **30**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Palm Royale Cemetery  
6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road  
Naples, FL 34119

# Tribute Wall



“ Alexander William "Al" Nicholson Jr.

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Dear Karen and Family,  
I am late in learning of Al's passing but wanted you all to know how sorry I am. I have not seen either Karen or Al in years after moving from Naples, FL but have such fond memories of both. Al and I went to a lecture in Naples on Back Aches and we were convinced our backs felt better when walking out of that room. :)  
I send my sincerest sympathies to you all and wish you comfort and peace as you remember Al in your daily lives.  
Most sincerely, Ginger Broadbent

North Branford CT  
December 13, 2019

Ginger Broadbent - December 13, 2019 at 10:07 AM



Thanks, Ginger. So good to hear from you! Keep on walking!! Al was in "perfect" health so this was a total shock!! He left when I returned from church to go hit balls. Just hit him out of the blue!

karen Nicholson - December 30, 2019 at 06:59 PM

JB

“ Karen and Family,

*I'm saddened to hear of Al's passing! Although I haven't seen him in at least 10 years I have such warm and vivid memories of him playing golf , cards , or just having a beer! He was "one of a kind " , the ultimate competitor, a total gentleman , and great friend! Please accept my heartfelt condolences!*

*Sincerely,*

*Jim Bango*

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**jim bango** - December 03, 2019 at 01:44 PM



*Thank you, Jim. He was a competitor!*

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**Karen Nicholson** - December 30, 2019 at 07:13 PM

PG

“ *My heart bleeds and my eyes weep for my special friend and UNH golf Coach Al Nicholson. I was blessed to visit with him at Racebrook CC and UNH 3 times this past summer and fall. NEVER will I forget golf team memories, especially spring trips south and St. Andrews, Scotland. Certainly the good GOD blessed me to have had the opportunity to know and appreciate his love for his teams, team members and the UNH community. He will be missed by so many that he touched throughout his life. His legacy is one of outstanding character and sincere caring and love. He was a pretty damn good golfer too! My sincere heartfelt condolences to his wife, Karen, children Christine, Kenneth, Alexander and the entire family.*

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**Peter Gerardi** - December 03, 2019 at 09:15 AM

RD

“ Dear Karen, We were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Al's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We have always felt a special connection to the Nicholson family. Love,  
Betty and Bob DeBerry

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**Robert DeBerry** - December 01, 2019 at 02:53 PM

JH

“ To the entire Nicholson family,

*I can't telling you how sorry I am to hear of the passing of Al. I didn't get to spend a great deal of time with him but it was obvious what a fine gentleman he was. I will keep him in my prayers. I wish you peace.*

*Jim Hanlon  
PGA Professional  
The Farms Country Club*

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**Jim Hanlon** - November 30, 2019 at 02:53 PM

KB

“ To Karen and family...you are in our prayers and thoughts. May God bless all of you as you handle your loss and may you always bask in the beautiful memories of your husband  
God bless, Karen Butler and John Thompson

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**Karen Butler** - November 30, 2019 at 07:56 AM

NY

“ Karen, I was so shocked and saddened to read about Al's passing. My heart and my sympathy goes out to you and your family. It is a great loss. I was so grateful to have known Al and to have been his friend even for a short time.

Fondly,

Nancy Yale

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**Nancy Yale** - November 29, 2019 at 06:53 PM

RL

“ My sincere condolences to Al's family. He was a good friend for the last 20 years and a golfing buddy 3 days a week. We will all miss him everyday.

Ray Lenhardt

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**Ray Lenhardt** - November 29, 2019 at 12:40 PM

AS

“ With sincere condolences from The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

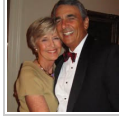
The Club was privileged to count Al as one of its Members. He loved attending the Autumn Meetings. His record of being a three times finalist in The Queen Victoria Jubilee Vase, winning it in 2014, and also winning The Calcutta Cup in 2013 with his playing partner Jack Mettler, was testimony to his love of the game.

He was the most special man, full of kindness and generous spirit. All of us in St Andrews will miss him greatly.

Aubyn Stewart-Wilson (R&A Members' Secretary 2001-2019)

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**Aubyn Stewart-Wilson** - November 29, 2019 at 05:01 AM



*Thank you so much! He loved the R& A!*

**Karen Nicholson** - December 30, 2019 at 07:18 PM

DH

“ *We send our sincere condolences and prayers for his family.*  
*D. Ray & Diana Harrison*

**D Ray & Diana Harrison** - November 28, 2019 at 05:18 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Alexander William "Al" Nicholson Jr..*



November 28, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alexander William "Al" Nicholson Jr..*



November 28, 2019 at 08:43 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Alexander William "Al" Nicholson Jr..*



November 28, 2019 at 08:20 AM

GS

“ Dear Karen and Family,

*I was so saddened to hear of Al's passing. I first met Al many years ago at the University of New Haven. He was so very special to more people at the University than you could ever know. He was first a business colleague but quickly became a friend. We would talk about our Greek heritage and he always enjoyed hearing about my annual trips to Greece. We had lunch this past summer at his club in CT.*

*He had such an impact on people even when he met them only once. Many years ago, Al was looking for a fourth at a course in Florida. I called a friend of mine in the Naples area and he joined Al's group as a last minute addition. My friend played with Al once and to this day, many years later my friend always would ask about Al.*

*It is my sincere hope that as time passes, your grief and loss will be replaced by incredible life-long memories of a life well lived.*

*I will remember Al with his smile and quick wit.*

*George Synodi*

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**George Synodi** - November 28, 2019 at 07:14 AM



*Thank you George.*

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**Karen Nicholson** - December 30, 2019 at 07:21 PM

MB

“ We have known Al since he joined Bonita Bay. Photographed him many times as he won many tournaments at Bonita Bay Club. Always a wonderful smile for photographs! I am so sad for Karen so please be strong and keep wonderful memories that you had together.  
Maryle Barbé



Maryle Barbé - November 27, 2019 at 07:21 PM



Thank you, Maryle. He was one of a kind!

Karen Nicholson - December 30, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alexander William "Al" Nicholson Jr..



November 27, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alexander William "Al" Nicholson Jr..



November 27, 2019 at 05:01 PM

SC

“ Skip and Annette Civera send their heartfelt condolences to the family. Al was a very warm and gracious person.

Skip Civera - November 27, 2019 at 04:36 PM

RD

“ Al would call me the “kid” when we would see each other. I found his spirit and love for golf infectious. I am going to miss that smile and fist tap. Condolences to the Nicholson’s.

Robert DiVincenzo - November 27, 2019 at 02:50 PM

TG

“ So very Sad to hear of Al’s death. Although we were not close friends, we exchanged warm greetings over many, many years. Always a wave, always a big smile, he was such a nice man. Our deepest condolences to all his family.

Terry and Sue Gallagher  
Bonita Bay and Oxford England

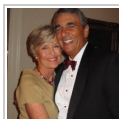
Terry Gallagher - November 27, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ We will all miss Al’s smiling face and great sense of humor. Only wonderful memories remain of this outstanding friend.

Phill and Sandy Ashkettle

Phill Ashkettle - November 27, 2019 at 01:53 PM



Thank you.

Karen Nicholson - December 30, 2019 at 07:26 PM

MR

“ Dear Karen and family, there are no words to help fill the void you’re feeling, but know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as you navigate your way through this terrible period. Unfortunately I am out of town so will not be there to honor Al on Friday or Saturday but will be in touch when I get back.  
Mimi

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**mimi raymond** - November 27, 2019 at 01:48 PM



*Thanks, Mimi.*

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**Karen Nicholson** - December 30, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Alexander William "Al" Nicholson Jr..



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November 27, 2019 at 01:20 PM