



## Nicholas John Greten III

April 19, 1948 - December 20, 2017

Nicholas John Greten III, 69, of Estero, FL, passed away on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. Formerly of Grand Island, NY, he had been an Estero resident since 2004. He was born April 19, 1948 in Staten Island, NY, the son of Lucinda Alma (née Gutschmidt) and Nicholas John Greten Jr.

A graduate of Buffalo State, Mr. Greten was a lifelong athlete and sports enthusiast. He was an accomplished high school baseball player and played competitive ice hockey well into his 50s. He also officiated high school girls basketball, mixed many good golf shots in with his bad ones, and was a devoted Buffalo Sabres, Buffalo Bills, and Florida Everblades fan. As an industrial arts teacher, he improved the lives of thousands of Buffalo students and hundreds of Buffalo teachers. He spent his summers with his family, camping, fishing, shelling, and dodging piping plovers in Cape Hatteras. In retirement, he enjoyed exploring southern Florida, and cruising with Mom around the Caribbean.

Perhaps most importantly, he spent his 69 years making friends with virtually everyone he met, helping wherever he could through charitable work, sound advice, or lending his very able hands. At every turn, he made sure his wife, daughters and son knew how much they meant to him. His greatest joy was seeing his six grandchildren grow into the best people they could be.

Mr. Greten is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Elizabeth A. (née Schafer) Greten; his beloved children, Timothy A. (Erin) Greten of Vienna, VA, Jenna G. (Steven) Deveau of Mount Pleasant, SC and Melissa Y. (Jeffrey) Owens of Bristow, VA; his sister, Joanne (the late Richard) Carlsen of Somerset, NJ; and six cherished grandchildren, Annika, Kristjana, Logan, Lorelei, Anastasia and Zachary.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Arthritis National Research Foundation, [www.curearthritis.org](http://www.curearthritis.org) or the American Heart Association, [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).

Online condolences may be offered at [www.shikanyfuneralhome.com](http://www.shikanyfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nicholas John Greten III*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Beth, Tim, Jen, Melissa and families,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sorry to read this in the island dispatch. Enjoyed the number of years together on Buckhorn Court. Unbelievable to read this.*

*Beth I have missed placed your phone number. You can call anytime. Hugs to everyone. Our fondest memory is shelling in outer banks with you. Love, Kathy and Ed*

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**Kathy Stisser** - January 03, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ *Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort and peace in fond memories of them, and the Almighty God's promise in the Bible to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth, and to swallow up death forever. (Isaiah 25:8)*

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**Greene's** - December 29, 2017 at 07:16 PM

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“ *The Gretens and us have been friends since we met in 2004 when we moved across from each other in the Stoneybook community of Estero, Florida. Nick was a great neighbor always available to help whenever and however. He was there to help with projects, always had the needed tool to lend and knew how to use them. Nick would watch ours and other neighbors homes and would get the mail when we were away. He also lent a helping hand by making himself available to neighbors by picking up their children after school when asked. He was always there when needed.*

*Most of all Nick was a great friend. We went on cruises together, rode motorcycles together, played golf together, worked on projects together and went to sporting events together, especially the Florida Everblades games. It is impossible to imagine not waving at Nick across the ice at the arena after the National Anthem and after every Everblades goal. We may not see him but he will be there with us rooting on the Everblades.*

*We will miss your helping hands, smiling face and your waving across the street and across the ice.*

*We will miss you Nick Greten*

*Barbara and Terry Meyer*



Terry and Barbara Meyer - December 27, 2017 at 12:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Nicholas John Greten III.



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December 26, 2017 at 05:46 PM