



## Nicholas J. Mongiardo

January 22, 1940 - October 9, 2024

It is with great sadness that the family of Nicholas John Mongiardo announce his passing on October 9, 2024. Born on January 22, 1940 in Piermont, New York to Joseph and Mariantonia Mongiardo, he grew up in Paterson, New Jersey. After High School, he attended Seton Hall University, where he played basketball.

During his distinguished professional career, he served as Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, initiating and managing many health programs affecting hospitals and nursing homes. Earlier in his career, he worked for the Federal Government in public health programs. After his retirement, he was a health care consultant with Cicero Consulting Associates Company. He has been a resident of Florida for over 15 years.

Nick's family and friends were always his top priority, and he dedicated treasured time to being with them. He led an active social and athletic lifestyle, including basketball, tennis, softball, bocce, running, and walking, well into his senior years. His family and friends enjoyed his pleasant, quiet social company and often listened to his soft and gentle singing as he crooned the tunes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and others. Nick's sense of humor was like no other. He had an incredible gift for story-telling, turning any situation into something funny. He had a unique way of making people laugh. He was an avid reader and an enthusiastic fan of the New York Yankees, New York Giants, and Florida Gators. He will be remembered as a humble, kind, loving,

and caring person.

He is survived by his loving wife, Victoria Ventresca; sons Gary (Kristy), Michael, and Mark (Gina); and daughters Donna, Denise, and Debra Hamilton (Clay). His grandchildren include Nicholas, Justin, Giavanna, Marco, Gianni, and Sophia, and great-grandchildren Enzo Vincent and Luna Jade.

Predeceased by his brother, Anthony, he is survived by his brother, Dante (Paulette), Anthony's widow, Nina, and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial visitation on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Leo The Great Catholic Church in Bonita Springs at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to support pulmonary fibrosis research at NYU Langone Health. Please send gifts to; NYU Langone Health, Attn: Jamie Bienstock, One Park Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10016 or online at <http://giving.nyulangone.org/goto/NicholasJohnMongiardo>.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Palm Royale Cemetery**

6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road  
Naples, FL 34119

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Visitation**

OCT 17. 9:00 AM - 10:30 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)

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
28300 Beaumont Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

# Tribute Wall

ND

“ My sincere sympathy to Nick’s family. I just heard about his passing today. I was a senior Softball teammate of his for several years. He was such a nice man and a joy to be around. He had a calming effect on our team! And believe me, we needed that sometimes. Again, my condolences. ❤️ Nancy Dreyer

Nancy Dreyer - January 19, 2025 at 06:45 PM

MM

“ One of my cherished memories was on our trip to the Washington DC when I was 15. We were doing a car tour of the Gettysburg battlefield. It was a closed road, so I asked if I could drive. He just said “sure” The car was manual. Didn’t even ask if I knew how to do it, just let me give it a shot.

Thinking back, I’m pretty sure mark asked for me because I was scared. I don’t know why because he always said yes to pretty much whatever we asked him.

Mike Mongiardo - October 19, 2024 at 01:31 PM

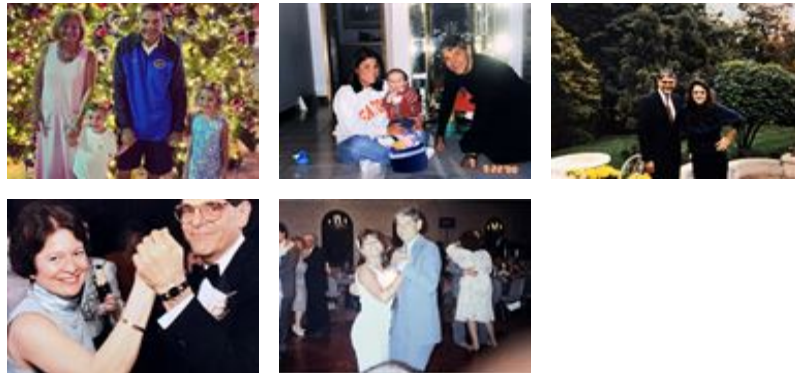
NK

“ Our sincere condolences to Nick’ wife and family. It was a pleasure to have known and played softball with a true kind and gentle man. Rest in peace kind soul and hope to meet again some day on the “Heavenly Softball Field”. Neal and Glenda Kellum

Neal Kellum - October 18, 2024 at 10:24 AM



“ 127 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home** - October 17, 2024 at 08:03 AM

GS

“ *I was so fortunate to be married to Nick for 10 years and to share four exceptional children with him. We met in college and immediately became best friends even though we went our separate ways we always remain really good friends – even to this day Nick was one of the kindest funniest, most humble men I had ever met. He was extremely intelligent and very, very funny! I am wishing him a great journey on his next big adventure and I know he will choose a really good one. I certainly hope that we will meet again down the road. I know that we will recognize each other when that day comes. Happy trails my friend. I love you with all my heart.*

**gloria starita** - October 16, 2024 at 04:56 PM

BF

“ *Brandt, Shannon & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nicholas J. Mongiardo.*



**Brandt, Shannon & family** - October 16, 2024 at 02:22 PM

KC

“ Rest in peace my friend from Paterson. I will always remember our conversations we had reminiscing about Paterson. Jim remembers how you and he would discuss NY sports teams. You a N.Y. Yankee fan and he a Met fan. Nick, I'm glad our paths crossed in Florida, we will miss you. May your heart truly be at peace. Thank you for being our friend. Kathleen and Jim.

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**Kathleen and Jim Cox** - October 16, 2024 at 11:29 AM

GM

“ Dad,  
I want to thank you for being my dad and allowing me to choose you as my father. In a high paced world you always remained calm and positive, and your ability to not judge others but always find the good in them has always made me realize how good of a person you were. Your interests, especially with athletics, became my interests and the values and lessons you taught me without being overbearing helped to inspire my career in education and coaching. Also your love for children and how easy it seemed for you to connect with them I feel was passed down to me and this has helped me in my life as well.  
Your kindness, humility, and humbleness are traits that I hope to carry on in your spirit and legacy. I am eternally grateful for all that you have done for our entire family.

Your loving son.  
Gary

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**Gary Mongiardo** - October 16, 2024 at 10:23 AM

MD

“ Vickie and Family: Sorry to learn of Nick’s passing. May fond memories alleviate your sadness. RIP, Nick.

*Muriel Dempsey*

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**muriel dempsey** - October 16, 2024 at 08:59 AM

JS

“ Nick....Joyce and I have had the pleasure of knowing you for only five years but we love and respect you like a member of our family. I’m very grateful that I was able to spend some quality time with you during the last several months. Rest in peace my friend I will see you on the other side. Joe Saggese

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**Joseph Saggese** - October 15, 2024 at 09:30 PM

MC

“ Vickie and Family,

*So sorry to hear of Nick’s passing. He was a great guy and I’m sure he will be missed by all who knew him - a true and wise gentleman. I fondly remember many good times at your house. May the many memories you share sustain you during this difficult time. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Marty and Nancy Conroy*

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**Marty Conroy** - October 15, 2024 at 06:03 PM

EV

“ A great great loss to our family. Always loved and always remembered. Grateful for the memories, Angelo and Ellanet

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**Ellanet Ventresca** - October 15, 2024 at 02:54 PM

SP

“ So very sorry to hear that Nick has passed away. He was a good man & so sad that he suffered from such a terrible illness. May God give all of you go forward with wonderful memories of Nick. Much sympathy & prayers. 🙏🙏



Susan Pirelli - October 15, 2024 at 01:07 PM

SM

“ Sending all our love to the Mongiardo family ❤️ Susan and John Mccallion

Susan Mccallion - October 15, 2024 at 09:53 AM

SM

“ Nick was our wonderful neighbor for many years in Ballston Lake NY. He would often take our son Mike with him and Mark on an errand. One time he taught my Mike to sing Red, Red Robin. ❤️



Sisan Mccallion - October 15, 2024 at 09:50 AM

YR

“ Your Friends At BHHS Florida Realty purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nicholas J. Mongiardo.



Your Friends At BHHS Florida Realty - October 15, 2024 at 09:36 AM

SP

“ So very sorry to hear that Nick has passed away. He was a good man & so sad that he succumbed  
To such a terrible illness. Sending prayers to the family. 🙏🙏  
Susan Pirelli



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**Susan Pirelli** - October 14, 2024 at 09:52 PM

“ I wanted to post from Nick's close friend from college. He has a unique basketball story that has entertained many of us for years but when Ed retells it, you realize that Nick always thanked Ed for helping reach his 1000 point career goal, even after Ed fouled him roughly. He always saw the positive side to everything. He always needed Ed for bringing him to 1000 points.

*Here is email to me - great story, great devotion between the two of them.*

*I am devastated also. This is difficult for me to write. I considered him the brother I never had. I was just about to email Nick and check on how you both dealt with hurricane Milton.*

*Nick and I were sports rivals (basketball and baseball) in high school...Nick with St. Bon's HS and I with St. Mary's HS. As fate would have it, we both received basketball scholarships to Seton Hall U. Paterson. We became the closest of friends during college and in future years, even being hired after college by the Federal U.S. Centers for Disease Control on the same day we were both interviewed. We worked together for many years with the CDC. Nick and I would often relive his last basketball game with St. Bon's. It was his last chance to reach 1,000 points for his 4 year career and, as fate would have it, the game was with St. Mary's. There was about one minute left in the game and Nick needed two points to reach 1,000. He had the ball and drove towards me, and I proceeded to foul him, very hard as I recall, as he shot. He went to the foul line and made the two foul shots to reach 1,000 points for his career. Nick would often tease me in our future years together and thank me for helping him reach 1,000. He also forgave me for fouling him so hard.*

*Nick will be in my prayers and he will be missed. Please let me know if I can be of further help.*

*Ed*

GW

“ Nick was a great player in our Over 50 CSBL Basketball League. I also became friends with him. Went to his home many times. My condolences to his wife and Children.

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**Gregory Wilson** - October 14, 2024 at 07:05 PM

GV

“ Warm memories of Nick will lighten my heavy heart. These beautiful memories will stay within me always and will keep you alive in my heart. Your grace, dignity and integrity in the face of life's many challenges are inspiring. I will miss your extraordinary voice, your friendship and your love. Your love and companionship with Vickie will always be remembered. Thank you for always telling her how beautiful she looks. You are the best of the best!

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**Gilda Ventresca-Ecroyd** - October 14, 2024 at 04:53 AM

HK

With Nick in the New York State Department of health. His kindness, integrity doing the right thing much appreciated and will long be remembered. My condolences to Vicki and the rest of his family.

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**Harriet Katz** - October 16, 2024 at 04:46 AM

BP

“ Dear Vicky ,Mark, and Gina, John and I are so sorry to hear of The passing of the most wonderful gentleman Nick Mongiardo. We remember how Nick and Vicky were so kind and very helpful to us on our visit to Naples. May he rest in peace. Sincerely Bernadette and John Peragine

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**Bernadette & John Peragine** - October 13, 2024 at 08:54 PM

DM

“ One of my most cherished memories of my father is the way his vibrant personality filled our lives with joy. He had a knack for making everyone laugh, always ready with a funny story or a playful joke that would catch us off guard. His humor was infectious, and it created an atmosphere of warmth and love wherever we were.



*I'll never forget how he would effortlessly lighten the mood during family gatherings. Whether he was cracking a joke at the dinner table or pulling off some silly impersonation, his cute antics always brought smiles to our faces. He had this incredible ability to see the humor in everyday situations, reminding us to find joy even in the mundane.*

*But beyond his playful spirit, he was a truly great man and an even better father. He balanced his humor with a gentle strength, always knowing when to lend an ear or offer advice. His kindness and support shaped who I am today, and I'll forever be grateful for the lessons he taught me through both his words and actions.*

*As I reflect on those memories, I can still hear his laughter echoing in my heart. My dad was not just a jokester; he was a loving father who brought our family together, reminding us of the importance of laughter, love, and connection.*

*I love you Dad! Always and forever! I miss you and love you so very much!*

*Your loving daughter.  
Denise*

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Denise Mongiardo - October 13, 2024 at 04:56 PM

DM

*I love you dad you were a great father and you will be missed I luv u*

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**Donna mongiaro** - October 24, 2024 at 09:39 PM

DM

*I love u a great father an I think of you all the time such a great dad*

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**Donna mongiaro** - October 24, 2024 at 09:40 PM

DM

“ One of my most cherished memories of my father is the way he lit up every wedding we had as a family. He always took it upon himself to serenade us, his voice carrying warmth and joy that wrapped around the entire room. I can still picture him standing in the middle of the dance floor, microphone in hand, his eyes sparkling as he sang our favorite songs. Each note seemed to celebrate not just the love of the couple but also the bond of our family.



Alongside his singing, my father had a remarkable gift for storytelling. He would regale us with funny anecdotes from his own life—tales of mischief from his childhood or hilarious encounters at work. His laughter was infectious, filling the space with light, and even the simplest stories felt grand when he told them.

What I remember most, though, is the kindness that radiated from him. He had this gentle soul that made everyone feel at ease. No matter how busy or chaotic things got, he would always take a moment to check in, offering a reassuring word or a warm smile. His presence had a way of grounding us, reminding us that family was what truly mattered.

As I look back, I realize those moments weren't just about the celebrations; they were about the love that held us together. My father's laughter, his songs, and his gentle spirit will forever be etched in my heart, a beautiful reminder of the man he was and the love he shared with all of us.

I love you Dad! Always and forever. Never forgotten! You were the best man and the best father anyone could ever ask for. I love you so very much and miss you terribly. Rest easy Dad!

Your loving daughter.  
Debbie

**Debbie Mongiardo-Hamilton** - October 13, 2024 at 04:45 PM

MM

“Dad, you guided me. Always guiding me to safety. You were always there for me. That was the constant. You taught me the value of hard work, the importance of family and to have integrity. We didn't always say how we felt about each other, but we knew, and we showed it.

I'll never forget having a catch with you and watching yankee games together in particular '96 world series. We watched every pitch together. Teaching me basketball, watching you with your grandchildren or in more recent years just time spent catching up and talking.

Frank Sinatra is of course a love we both shared. My Way will always hold a special place in my heart.

Dad, you're here but not here & gone but not gone. Your life lessons and love will stay with me forever. I'll miss you very much and I love you forever.

~Your Son Mark

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**Mark Mongiardo** - October 13, 2024 at 04:20 PM

DM

Love you Mark! Great write up! He loved us all so very much and he knew we loved him even more. He's resting easy now and flying high. Best dad ever!

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**Debbie Mongiardo-Hamilton** - October 13, 2024 at 05:05 PM

DM



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**Denise Mongiardo** - October 13, 2024 at 05:14 PM

GS

“ Dear Vicky and family ... I was very fortunate to have known this sweet, wonderful man .. he was kind and funny and never said anything negative about anyone .. we will all miss him. Accept our deepest sympathies. God bless all of you. Christine Simonetti

Gene& Christine Simonetti - October 13, 2024 at 04:16 PM

GS

“ Gene & Christine Simonetti sent a virtual gift in memory of Nicholas Mongiardo



Gene& Christine Simonetti - October 13, 2024 at 03:59 PM

TF

“ Turner, Ventresca and Henderson Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas J. Mongiardo.

Turner, Ventresca and Henderson Families - October 13, 2024 at 03:26 PM

TF

“ Turner, Ventresca and Henderson Families purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Nicholas J. Mongiardo.



Turner, Ventresca and Henderson Families - October 13, 2024 at 03:26 PM

LF

“ Love From the Cenci Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas J. Mongiardo.

Love From the Cenci Family - October 13, 2024 at 02:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nicholas J. Mongiardo.



October 13, 2024 at 02:23 PM

MC

“ Our lasting memory of Nick was his contagious smile. He had such an optimistic view of life that always made you happy to be around him..  
I recall what a good sport he was on the tennis court as well--  
even though he had completed a vigorous game with his peers, he always filled in with the Senior Men's Group who needed a 4th player--he never refused playing with them even though he as tired--that's great sportsmanship--that was Nick!!!



Marilyn Connolly - October 13, 2024 at 02:14 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Mongiardo-Hamilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Nicholas Mongiardo*



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**Debbie Mongiardo-Hamilton** - October 12, 2024 at 08:11 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Mongiardo-Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Mongiardo*



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**Debbie Mongiardo-Hamilton** - October 12, 2024 at 08:09 PM

EG

“ *Aunt Vickie, Donna, Gary, Debbie, Denise, Mike, Mark, and family: We were so sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle Nick. Please know that even though we are not able to be with you, that all of you have been in our thoughts and prayers at this time. I will always remember Uncle Nick for his beautiful voice accompanying the classics by Frank Sinatra on Grandma's gigantic stereo/record player. To this day, Frank Sinatra reminds me of family and gatherings and especially of Uncle Nick. He had a wonderful way of weaving stories about the family, and always left all of us, especially my father, in stitches. I can remember being very little and enjoying the scent of his pipe and his calming presence. He will be very much missed, especially at family weddings when the band plays "My Way". Be assured that he will be with us on those occasions and I am sure he will be singing along with Frank.*

*All our love, Lainie, Nick, Noelle & Melanie*

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**Elaine Gemma** - October 12, 2024 at 07:04 PM

DM

*Ty Elaine my father was a kind an a great man*

**Donna mongiaro** - October 13, 2024 at 01:49 PM

DM

*Thank you Lainie. This was definitely Dad. Love you all so much. Please give our love to Uncle Danny and Aunt Paulette. We miss you. Dad is in heaven now. Flying high and resting easy. Much love, Debbie*

**Debbie Mongiaro-Hamilton** - October 13, 2024 at 05:02 PM

DM

*Thanks Elaine and Family! Great tribute!*

**Denise Mongiaro** - October 13, 2024 at 05:13 PM

LC

*Sending my deepest sympathy on the passing of Nick Mongiaro. He was a favorite son of the St. Andrea community and, I am sure, will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Sincere condolences to all. Mrs. Andrew (Lee) Carioti*

**Lee Carioti** - October 15, 2024 at 03:32 PM

RM

*We are so sorry for your loss. Please accept our heartfelt condolences to you and your family.*

*Bonnie and Bob Richardson*

**Robert W. Richardson MD** - October 16, 2024 at 11:14 AM