



Nicholas James Peterson

January 14, 1948 - March 6, 2024

Nicholas James Peterson, 76, of Asheville, NC, passed away on March 6, 2024. Born January 14, 1948, in Asheville, North Carolina, he was the son of the late James and Dena C. Castanes Peterson. He was a native of Asheville, NC, and graduated from Lee Edwards High School in 1966 and went on to Mars Hill University where he graduated with a BS degree in 1971.

He was married to Dabney Sue Peterson of Asheville, NC for 43 years and has a surviving son, James Nicholas Peterson of Asheville and a brother, Chris J. Peterson and wife, Mari Peterson; niece, Allie M. Peterson, Brother and Sister-in-Law, Rick, and Pauley Thrash; Niece and Nephew, Lola, and Rick Thrash; Cousins, Nick Tsiros, Ann Tsiros, and Effie Stamatiades.

He was a lifelong member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Asheville where he also served as an altar boy and choir boy. He was also a pioneer in the renaissance of downtown Asheville during the 80s with Peterson Amusement Company, Magnolias Restaurant, Cinjades Nightclub, Vincenzo's Restaurant, and 45 Cherry Street. He was best known for his 32-lane bowling alley, Tarheel Lanes, in Hendersonville, North Carolina, which he owned and operated for over 40 years.

A visitation will be held at 11:00 am with the funeral service following at 12:00 PM, Monday, March 11, 2024, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church with

Father Michael Diavatis officiating. Entombment will follow at Lewis Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Nick J. Peterson to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Building Fund, PO Box 8369, Asheville, NC 28814.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
227 Cumberland Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.holytrinityasheville.com/>

Entombment will follow at the Lewis Memorial Park Mausoleum

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Sue, Chris and family,

I just learned of Nick's passing and wanted to extend my sincere condolences and sympathies to you all. I have fond memories of the many lunches at Magnolia's with Joe when Nick would share a good joke or tale and brilliant smile. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Mike Browne
Asheville/Charlotte, NC*

Mike Browne - April 28, 2024 at 05:12 PM

LI

“ *I will always remember your kind heart and hospitality. Listening to you and Sue talk about your past in Asheville, the two of you showed me how much you love this place. You touched many hearts - across the borders.*

- Your family friend Lisa from Germany

Lisa - April 11, 2024 at 01:40 PM

PR

“ Dear Sue, Chris and all of Nick's family - Nick and I were best friends at Lee Edwards High School and I was privileged to spend a lot of time with this wonderful man throughout those years. Nick was a true gentleman and a kind, caring person. He was also a lot of fun and I remember all the dances and gatherings and celebrations that we shared. I especially loved the Greek dancing at Nick's church. We went our separate ways after high school but I never forgot him and never will. Nick, I hope you are dancing in heaven right now, and I send loving blessings to you for your journey onward. To the family, I send my deepest condolences and best wishes.
With love, Pamela Roberts in Atlanta

Pamela Roberts - March 18, 2024 at 06:11 PM

JM

“ Sue, Chris and the entire family, I am sorry to hear of Nick's passing. He was a great guy and fantastic business man who was a leader of entertainment and dining options in the Asheville/Hendersonville areas. Nick will be remembered by many for all his contributions to the Asheville area live music history. My condolences and God bless. John McDuffie, Asheville

John McDuffie - March 16, 2024 at 03:31 PM

DW

“ Forever grateful to Nick for all the assistance in preserving, protection, and maintain the mountain.
The best neighbors anyone could ever have.
Will miss you neighbor.
David Wright

DAVID WRIGHT - March 13, 2024 at 03:37 PM

DG

“ I am so sorry to learn of Nick's passing. He was a cherished friend in high school and although he graduated a year after me we always connected at our reunions. He was a good friend and will be missed. May God's grace be with his family.

David C Garrett - March 12, 2024 at 04:50 PM

CC

“ I will always remember Nick being so friendly and with a delightful personality.
He was also a great friend to Ronnie! Love and prayers for all the family 🙏

Carole F Cooper - March 11, 2024 at 01:09 PM

CC

“ Carole F Cooper lit a candle in memory of
Nicholas James Peterson



Carole F Cooper - March 11, 2024 at 01:04 PM

DP

“ Condolences to Sue, Chris and family. I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you today. God Bless!

David Plaisance - March 11, 2024 at 10:53 AM

JI

“ Deepest Condolences
Jim Medford - Medford Family

Jim - March 11, 2024 at 09:59 AM

JW

“ Jimmy Wooten...I really hated to hear about Nick. Nick was one of a kind. He and I always had great visits and Nick always raised a little \$%%\$# with me as his hair was getting gray and mine was still mostly brown. We were all altar boys under the late Father Nick Spirakis and Nick took me, Tommy A, Spiro, and Pete to Greenville SC to visit with Father Nick. We had a great time. I was close to Nick's dad also as he and I were in the U S Naval Reserve together. I will not be able to attend Nick's funeral as I have two important appointments tomorrow but my thoughts about what a great person Nick was will be with me tomorrow.

jimmy wooten - March 10, 2024 at 05:28 PM

YH

Nick was a very nice person, he was my son's baseball little league coach with North Asheville. God will see you through these difficult time.

Youalandra Hunting - March 11, 2024 at 07:12 PM

AR

“ My condolences to Nick's widow, children, and family. Nick (with Chris) was so important in re-establishing downtown Asheville from its lowest point to what it is today; the whole community owes him thanks for his dedication to his (and my) hometown.

Andy Reed - March 09, 2024 at 08:05 PM

JP

“ A friend to us for many years, Nick will also be remembered by many as the mayor of Lexington Avenue. He will be missed.

John and Candy Powell - March 09, 2024 at 04:17 PM

JJ

“ Judy Judy Judy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas James Peterson.

Judy Judy Judy - March 09, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Nicholas James Peterson.



March 09, 2024 at 04:00 PM

RJ

“ Roberson Family - Jay, Debbie, Justin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nicholas James Peterson.



Roberson Family - Jay, Debbie, Justin - March 09, 2024 at 02:23 PM

PC

“ Nick's laugh and sense of humor are what I will remember and cherish. He always had a smile to share. My heart goes out to his family for their loss.

Paula Cooper - March 09, 2024 at 12:15 PM

SP

“ *Stom, Kathryn, Eirene and Peter purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Nicholas James Peterson.*



Stom, Kathryn, Eirene and Peter - March 09, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ *I really hate to hear of Nicks passing. I knew him from bowling at Tarheel Lanes. I grew up bowling there and I knew Nick for a long time. He knew my papaw, Ab Brown, who bowled there too. I remember he did a lot for the youth bowling. He will be missed. Praying for his family.*



Jeremy Case - March 08, 2024 at 07:45 PM

SA

“ *I don't know where to start, suffice it to say he was my brother in every sense of the word. Words cannot express how much I will miss him.*

Spiro Aliferis - March 08, 2024 at 02:55 PM

AF

“ *Aliferis Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Nicholas James Peterson.*



Aliferis Family - March 08, 2024 at 02:48 PM

AF

“ Aliferis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas James Peterson.

Aliferis Family - March 08, 2024 at 02:48 PM

JM

“ John M. purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Nicholas James Peterson.



John M. - March 07, 2024 at 07:11 PM