



Harold Nickell

July 13, 1957 - August 27, 2010

Harold Nickell, 53, of Kankakee, died Friday (Aug. 27, 2010) at his home. Visitation will be Monday from 3 p.m. until the 7 p.m. funeral service at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Pastor Kenny Hufnagel will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. Mr. Nickell was employed by Bourbonnais Elementary School District 53, at Robert Frost School. He was a former employee of Chicago Bridge & Iron Co., where he worked for 16 years. He was born July 13, 1957, in Charleston, Mo., the son of Richard and Ellen Phillips Nickell. He enjoyed bowling, watching the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team, working, and he loved children. Surviving are his wife, the former Lucinda "Cindy" Davidson, whom he married May 8, 1976; one son and daughter-in-law, Troy and Sarah Nickell, of Kankakee; one daughter, Amy Nickell, of Kankakee; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Mary Martin, of Bradley, Beverly and Charlie Brown, of Arnold, Mo.; and one brother, Gary Nickell, of Paris, Ill. Deceased are his parents; one brother, Thomas; and three sisters, Vonda Garrette, Judy Evans and Cora Mae Nickell.

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“ I really dont know where to start , Harold was such a great person with a heart as big as he was , he would do anything for anyone all you had to do was ask, and most times you didn't even have to do that . I have never seen anyone as dedicated to his job , friend's and family as Harold . One thing i think Harold taught me was ,that it is not enough that you care , you have to show you care. Harold did this every day of his life. Bourbonnais school dist. does not know what they have lost and personally i think the shock wave will last for quite some time, the things Harold did here that no one even know's but they will find out later on when they are not getting done. I can speak for all of us (support services) that he will be sadly missed and forever remembered##imported-begin##Bill Hubert##imported-end##

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“ Harold was one of the good guys. I see lots and lots of people on a daily basis and can say I always took time to stop and have a conversation with Harold. He was genuinely interested in anything that was on my mind. Outside of being a "Cardinals" fan (you can't have it all), I liked everything about Harold. He will certainly be missed.

##imported-begin##Joe Cousin##imported-end##

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“ Cindy, Troy & Sarah, and Amy:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, and we are here for you if you need anything. ĩ½##imported-begin##Shane Hood & Heather Ziller##imported-end##

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“ Harold is an outstanding individual and employee who always put children first and would help anyone regardless of how busy he was. ĩ½He loved his family, his job, and the children of Robert Frost. ĩ½He took pride in Robert Frost School, always making sure everything was top notch and was in working order. ĩ½He kept the grounds neat and clean and enjoyed planting flowers with the Frost employees in the spring. ĩ½Harold was more than a co-worker, he was a true friend. ĩ½We would talk most mornings before work about family, baseball, football, and about Robert Frost. ĩ½He always provided a good perspective on life; he will be missed but never forgotten.##imported-begin##Daniel Chamernik##imported-end##

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“ Harold was a really good guy. I got to know him through my dad Ray (who was a coworker and bowling friend). We really appreciated all that he did for my dad and our family in his time of need. Cindy and family you will be in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Harold! *ï¿½*##imported-begin##Karl Guiney##imported-end##

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“ Cindy,

Our hearts go out to you and your family. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Harold was definitely a "one of a kind" man....so supportive to his fellow employees and so loving towards the children at Robert Frost School. We are all better people for having known him. He will always bring a smile to my face when I think of him.##imported-begin##Cheryl Segneri##imported-end##

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 *ï¿½*sympathy to you and your family.

 *ï¿½*Harold was a great man and friend.

 *ï¿½*we will miss him.##imported-begin##Gordon &Deborah Guttendorf##imported-end##

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“ Our prayer are with you Cindy! ĩ ħ½Was really shocked when we seen this! ĩ ħ½We will dearly miss Harold! Remember all the fun we had at the KKK American Legion. Bingo, Kids parties and there was the two of you , always there to help where ever we needed you. He DJ our daughters graduation party at the post. When Don was commander who was always there to do what he could to help. weither it was to bartend , help sit up for a party and stay to help clean and lock up, run errands, whatever there was Harold. He will be greatly remembered and dearly missed! Our prayers are being sent for you Cindy and the family.##imported-begin##Don & June Huffman##imported-end##

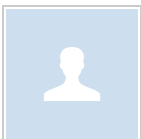
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“ I met Harold back when I worked at Gala. ĩ ħ½He was always cheerful and such as nice guy. ĩ ħ½I hadn't seen him for years, but ran into him about a year and a half ago at Victory. ĩ ħ½He remembered me right away and greeted me with a hug and a smile. ĩ ħ½Harold was just that type of guy. ĩ ħ½He made you feel good and made you want to smile. ĩ ħ½He will not only be missed by the bowling community, but by all those whose lives he touched.

Goodbye Harold.##imported-begin##Ronda Powell##imported-end##

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“ To a wonderful man who will be missed.##imported-begin##Jorie Johnson##imported-end##

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“ Harold a great man, a true friend, and just like a brother to me. Of all the thoughts of him going through my head I have this one that keeps going threw all the time. Its the time,I ran from my aunts house to Kensington park across the street, and he was on the swings and my two cousins wanted to meet him and see who he was. So I asked him his name and he told me and I told him the two girls across the street had the hots for him. And he said "No kiddin." I said "Yah they want to meet you." and we went over there and that was it. I'll remember this day forever. ĩ¿½ĩ¿½Miss you Love you###imported-begin##Scott Alexander##imported-end##

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“ NULL###imported-begin##Dale Guttendorf##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with you. Please know that we know Harold was a good and kind man. He often helped our father, Horacio. We are grateful to Harold for the kindness he showed are parents. May God bless him.###imported-begin##Rosa Acevedo Gubbins##imported-end##

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“ Harold was a great man and friend. he will be missed by all of us at the schools for which he worked. we may be missing a great man here on earth but heaven is getting a angel. ĩ¿½thanks for being a great friend to me harold!!!! r.i.p buddy!###imported-begin##steve weidner jr.##imported-end##

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“ Harold was a Great rolemodel to every bowler that came threw the jr league starting at galanes and moving to victory didnt change anything. Harold was the best head couch any league could have. Harold touched my life personally when i was a teenager he always had great advice to help me through tough times i could talk to him about anything and he was there to listen and calm me down when i was mad at the world. I personally will miss him very much and my prayers are with his family and everyone close to him God Bless.##imported-begin##Dale & Alicia Guttendorf##imported-end##

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“ To Mr. Harold's Family,

Unfortunately, I only had the blessing in knowing Mr. Harold for a short 5 months while I was student teaching at Robert Frost. With the little time I knew him, I can say that his heart was kind, strong and good. He was always there to say "Good morning" or to open a door for me. I enjoyed his presence and the kids just loved him.

I only wish you all quick healing. Just remember that he is now among the angels. I hope that you find strength in the memories that you got to share with him. We are all so grateful to have known him. He was a wonderful man and now I hope that the beauty in your memories of him will guide you through.You are all in my thoughts and prayers. You all have your very own guardian angel now and I am sure he is here looking over you. I wish you all the warmth in healing.##imported-begin##Lisa Dulek##imported-end##

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“ There are no words that will ease your pain. ĩ½Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.##imported-begin##Dennis & Beth Bisailon##imported-end##

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“ god bless you and your family.

Rest in piece##imported-begin##darin Johnson##imported-end##

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“ Harold was a wonderful man. He will truly be missed. He was a graet bowler and fun to be with.##imported-begin##mark kemp##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time.##imported-begin##Dan & Sue Demers##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. ĩ½I knew Harold through the bowling alley. ĩ½He was a super great guy. ĩ½He had a heart of gold and cared about everyone. ĩ½Harold is now in Gods hands looking over you, just look up and give him a smile. ĩ½May you find comfort in the happy memories you've made with your husband, father, brother, uncle and friend.

God Bless You##imported-begin##Pam McClanahan##imported-end##

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“ I just want to give my condolences to you & your family. Harold was a great man & a friend. the one special moment i have with him is when we were talkin 1 night about tattoos & he told me that he wanted one but was ĩ½puttin it off due to his diabetes & i told him that when we was ready to let me no & i would make him a appt. harold suprice me when he asked me 2 take him up there & i told him i would. I kepted askin him what he was going to get & he would not tell me till my tattooes asked him & when we said sl i was like what the hell is sl & laugh he said he was a st louis cardinals fan all is life & we just laughed about it. here i though he was going 2 get a skull or a heart with mom in it but never though it was sl every time i seen him after that i always ask how his skull tattoo was doing & smiled. hearold will be missed deeply & will never forget him or his friendship. ĩ½ĩ½Rob klenzak###imported-begin###Rob klenzak###imported-end##

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“ I feel like I have lost a brother. At Robert Frost we were a family. ĩ½He treated everyone one with respect and kindness. ĩ½Harold was one of a kind. ĩ½All of the children will miss him, too. ĩ½He always made a point to stop and talk to those children who needed a little "sunshine" in their day. ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½

My deepest sympathies to you and your family, Cindy. ĩ½Please know that Harold was loved by many people. We will all miss him.###imported-begin###Jan Boyle###imported-end##

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“ Harold, thank you very much for your guidance, patience, and words of wisdom during my youth bowling league days. Every Saturday morning for nearly a decade, I was able to learn from you how to bowl and how to be a good sport. I wish the best for your family, friends, and everyone else who had the honor of knowing you. **Tim Neubeck Jr.**”

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“ dad you will be missed i think you for everything you did for me you ma grand child for you i still will and they will know who there grandpa was daughter in law she is my life we love you and you will always be in ou. **troy nickell 'son'**”

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“ Our prayers are with you & your family. We will miss Harold & never forget him. He was a great friend & will always be in hearts. **Kristine Jones & John Leader**”

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“ I have to say I'm not surprised to read all the positive responses Harold's friends had for him. I also worked him at cbi and have fond memories of him... he was a hard worker who made my job safer and easier and was a pleasure to work with. I ran into him a couple of years ago at Belson's Scrap as he was turning aluminum cans for the kids at the school where he worked, again giving of his time and efforts to help someone else. I can say I'm a better person for having know him and wish his family God's Grace to get through this difficult time. My prayers are with Harold's family. RIP my Friend.

Mike Stedman###imported-begin##Mike Stedman###imported-end##

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“ I had the great pleasure of working with Harold for many years in the Paint and Blast Dept. at Chicago Bridge and Iron. He was a fun guy to work with and usually provided lots of laughs to all of us there with his steady supply of jokes. I'll never forget his unique laugh (which was just about as funny as his jokes were!).

After we both left CBI I ran into Harold a few times over the years when my wife and I were out and about and also when he stopped by with some art work projects he needed done to suprise others. He always insisted on paying me, even though I said not to worry about it because I enjoyed doing it. The Good Lord "broke the mould" when he created Harold and I'm sure he's bringing good cheer to everyone in his new Heavenly Home.

Harold affected so many people in such positive ways - it truly was a blessing to know him. Our family has you and the children in our prayers Cindy.###imported-begin##Kevin Witheft###imported-end##

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“ I am very fortunate to have had Harold as a coworker for so many years at Chicago Bridge. We had a blast working together and he always kept things loose and positive in a tough working environment.

I'm glad my sons got to know Mr. Harold as well at his position with Bourbonnais elementary schools.

He bettered everyone's lives he came in contact with, and I feel blessed to have had him as a friend.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Cindy and the family. You will remain in my prayers.##imported-begin##Joe Hilsenhoff##imported-end##

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“ We coached with Harold quite a few years ago and Ross was on his Monday night bowling team. ĩ½He was a wonderful person and will always be remembered.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½Ross & Dee##imported-begin##Ross & Dee Bertrand##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Stacey Smith##imported-end##

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“ Harold will be missed! He always had a smile and could always make me laugh. I have not seen Harold in a few years but when I would run into him he was doing something for someone else or attending a function as a volunteer or just to show support. He is one of a kind and will live on in the good i ½ memories we have of him. Thank you Harold for being part of my life!##imported-begin##Jerry Robbins##imported-end##

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“ I always felt as if Harold was a big brother, he taught me sportsmanship and respect for others. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Jeff Foster##imported-end##

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“ The world is a poorer place for the passing of Harold Nickell! i ½ Harold was a one-of-a-kind man of deep convictions and commitments. i ½ I was privileged to know him and to work with him. i ½ My prayers for your comfort and peace will be ongoing, Cindy, for you and your family and friends. i ½ Lea Sieveking##imported-begin##Lea Sieveking##imported-end##

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“ Harold is one of the most respected bowlers EVER in the Kankakee area, because he was a very good bowler, but an even better man, teacher, teammate and friend while on the lanes. I'm grateful and fortunate that I and my children had Harold in our lives. May God Bless Harold's family now, the way Harold affected and touched us.##imported-begin##scott weedon##imported-end##

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“ Harold was a life force at Frost. There probably isn't another school in the world that has IEPs with the custodian as a reward for good behavior. Harold will be sorely missed by all of us. He was the best of us and the mainstay. Teachers left, secretaries left, students left but Harold stayed. Heaven is better off for having him.##imported-begin##Cheryl Skeate##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss i have known harold for 6 years now he was the janitor at the girls school where i volunteered 3 xs a week for 3 yrs then my cousin sarah married his son troy he was a very loving person and i just want to express my feelings my heart goes out to all of you during this time.....##imported-begin##April Hennessy##imported-end##

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“ Harold was a great guy fun guy to be around im realy sorry cindy you guys have had your shere of heartach hes i heaven now if we can do any thang for just email god bless##imported-begin##MR and Miss GARY EVANS##imported-end##

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