



Nicholas J. Africano

March 10, 1929 - March 2, 2022

Nicholas J. Africano, age 92, of Bourbonnais passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at his home. He was born March 10, 1929 in Kankakee, the son of Henry & Delia (Riberto) Africano. Nicholas married Shirley Remillard on June 26, 1954 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Nicholas was a barber and the owner of Africano's Barber Shop. He was past president of Sons of Italy, and a member of the Moose, Quadrille Club, and Knights of Columbus. Nicholas had served as Treasurer for the City of Kankakee and had also been a mayoral candidate. He enjoyed cooking. Nicholas was a volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee in the Emergency Room for 28 years. In retirement, he worked in a French bakery and volunteered for the Baltimore Orioles in Florida. Nicholas was passionate about music and was a musician and had his own band. His biggest hobby was his family.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served from 1951-1953. Surviving are his wife, Shirley Africano of Bourbonnais; six sons, Randy & Diane Africano of Chicago, Tom & Leslie Africano of Chicago, David Africano of Bourbonnais, James Africano of Bourbonnais; Dana & Charmaine Africano of St. Joseph, MI, and Nicholas Africano of Bourbonnais; one daughter, Gina & Blake O'Halloran of Grand Beach, MI; one sister, Theresa Rebholz of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; twenty three grandchildren, Nicholas and Sara Africano of Barrington, IL, Kevin and Haley (Africano) Fitzsimons of Miami, FL, Simon and Emily (Africano) Hotz of Chicago, Dan and Ellen (Africano) Wagner of

Chicago, Henry and Tessa Africano of Chicago, Capt. Frank Africano of Twenty-Nine Palms, CA, Sophia Africano of Minocqua, WI, Edie Africano of Madison, WI, Joe Africano of Colorado Springs, CO, Lauren Africano of Chicago, Charlie Africano of Bourbonnais, Benton Africano of Los Angeles, CA, Alaina Africano of Chicago, Mia Africano of St. Joseph, MI, Enzo Africano of St. Joseph, MI, Madeleine (Africano) Samuels of Louisville, KY, Claudia Africano of Brooklyn, NY, Marcello Africano of Chicago, Asconio Africano of Louisville, KY, Jack O'Halloran of Chicago, Eve O'Halloran of Tampa, FL, Gavin O'Halloran of Grand Beach, MI, and Charlie O'Halloran of Grand Beach, MI ; and eight great-grandchildren, Luca Africano, Elio Africano, Arthur Fitzsimons, Hazel Hotz, Felix Hotz, Hugo Hotz, Mavis Wagner, Quinn Wagner, Annalynn Samuels, Russell Samuels. Nicholas was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Walter Africano; and one brother-in-law, Robert Rebholz. Visitation will be held from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2022 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022 at St. Rose of Lima Chapel in Kankakee. Rev. John Peeters will celebrate the Mass. Interment will be at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care or St. Rose of Lima Chapel.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Chapel
486 W. Merchant
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ My deepest sympathy to Shirley, Randy, Tom, David, Jamie, Dana, Nicky and Gina and their families. Your husband and dad was the epitome of love and kindness. I was the babysitter to you all except Gina. My family moved to Georgia before she was born. You all are in my prayers.

Patty Young Jones - April 03, 2022 at 08:14 PM

VB

“ Nick was a nice guy who will be deeply missed. RIP Nick. 🕊️❤️



Vickie Bertrand - March 17, 2022 at 11:42 PM

BC

“ Shirley, My deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved husband Nick He will be remembered by all who loved him. He was a great man who was always smiling. Barbara (Leone) Ciaccio

Barbara (Leone) Ciaccio - March 13, 2022 at 06:47 PM

LB

“ What a loss, Great Guy, Great family. You will be missed Nick.

Larry Bauer - March 07, 2022 at 11:46 PM

KC

“ So sorry to read of Nick’s passing. My prayers are with Shirley and the entire family. Nick always had a smile on his face. You have my deepest sympathy. Karen Graveline Curby

Karen Graveline Curby - March 07, 2022 at 09:11 PM

JM

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss, Shirley. We enjoyed our time knowing both of you in Quadrille Club. When I think of Nick I always see him with a smile on his face. He was such a pleasant man! Please accept our condolences on your loss. John and Nila McCracken

John and Nila McCracken - March 07, 2022 at 03:54 PM

MZ

“ To the Africano Family,
Sorry for your loss,you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.Nick was my children's barber,he did my children's first haircuts.He always made you feel like you were family whether blood or not.He was a fellow Italian so we had always had alot to talk about.
Rest in Peace my friend.



Madonna(Mazzuchi) and Brian Zasada,Sr - March 07, 2022 at 03:18 PM

BG

“ Dear Shirley and Family- Sal and I were so sorry to hear of Nicks passing. We always thought of him as our Lakes of Carriage Hills ever ready Bunny. He just kept going and loved life and his family to infinity. We hope the many wonderful memories will console you and give you peace. He certainly lived his life with zest ! Our sincere condolences 🌸-Love Betty & Dal

Betty Gambino - March 07, 2022 at 09:33 AM

KC

“ *Kathleen Chigaros-Axe lit a candle in memory of Nicholas J. Africano*



Kathleen Chigaros-Axe - March 07, 2022 at 12:38 AM

JN

“ *So sorry to learn of Nickys passing He was really a good man.*

John Nesbitt - March 06, 2022 at 08:35 PM

DP

“ *Dave and I are very sorry to hear of the passing of Nick. Nick's big and welcoming personality was always enjoyed at the Lakes of Carriage Hill. We loved hearing about his many life's experiences and sharing his warm giving heart. We admired your strong relationship as a couple. Shirley may you find comfort and strength in your memories, your wonderful family, and strong faith. Love, Dave and Doris Pratt*

Doris Pratt - March 06, 2022 at 07:53 PM

LL

“ *Danny & Lorna Lemay*

Together here in Florida, we shared pool time, laughter, stories and French pastries at Croissant Time. As we will hold these memories in our hearts, may you find peace in knowing how special Nick was. Xoxoxo

Lorna and Danny Lemay - March 06, 2022 at 06:38 PM

WK

“ Our heartfelt payers to you & your family. Nick was a wonderful man to be around . Always smiled & great to talk to whether at the pool, social gatherings or poker games at Lakes of Carriage Hills condos in Florida. He was one of our great poker players & introduced us to new games & always kept us on our toes. He will be great fully missed by all. Walt & Joanne Kusen

Walter & Joanne Kusen - March 06, 2022 at 04:06 PM

ED

“ Shirley we are so so sad. Will always remember our days in Florida and the fun we had. Emily & Bill ❤️

Emily & Bill Deliberti - March 06, 2022 at 03:41 PM

LS

“ Shirley, our heartfelt condolence to you and your family at your great loss.
may many beautiful memories sustain you for many years. We will all remember
Nick,His always Italian outgoing exuberance .

larry skelly - March 06, 2022 at 02:48 PM

MA

“ Marcy Allison lit a candle in memory of
Nicholas J. Africano



marcy allison - March 06, 2022 at 12:24 PM

MA

“ *A life well lived. We were delighted to be his and Shirley's neighbour in Florida and marvelled at his constant energy. Condolences to Shirley and family. He is truly missed. Rick (who he loved to call Ricky boy) and Marcy Allison*

marcy allison - March 06, 2022 at 12:24 PM

TR

“ *An Outstanding Citizen has passed . Veteran , Businessman , Public Official , Caring Volunteer , and Proud Family Man, His Legacy of Kindness and Consideration will Live On RIP*

The Bucks (family of late Leo & Ruth) - March 06, 2022 at 11:20 AM

ST

“ *We are so saddened that your family has lost this bright spirit. Nick spread joy to all who knew him , and we were blessed to see him from time to time at O'Halloran events. He blessed you all, and you were a blessing to him. We're so sorry we can't be there with you . Much love to Shirley, Gina, and all the boys and your families. Dan and Sonja Trainor*

Sonja Trainor - March 06, 2022 at 08:50 AM

SV

“ *Stephen & Robert Vellutini lit a candle in memory of Nicholas J. Africano*



Stephen & Robert Vellutini - March 05, 2022 at 10:34 PM

HJ

“ I say this with tears in my eyes and nothing but love, Mr. Africano is one the finest people I have ever had the pleasure to know thru my life. He truly embraced to the letter, what family and friendship are all really about. Always a warm big smile, strong handshake and big hug for me. His legacy is his family who are exactly the same. I don't think he had an enemy in the world. God gained quite an Angel. Thank you for all the talks, smiles and your beautiful family, The Amazing Africano's

Hugh Janda - March 05, 2022 at 07:49 PM

RS

“ The name "AFRICANO" will always be meaningful to many that grew up with Nicolas 'Bud" Africano Jr. playing baseball and having Mr. Nicolas Sr. & Mrs. Africano present to cheer their son, Nick Jr. and fellow teammates on. Great memories of a family man, Mr. Nicolas Africano was a great man and highly thought of by so many. My condolences and sincere prayers for the entire family as a celebration of his life. Stay encouraged!



Rev. Danny C. Brewster, Sr.

Rev. Danny C. Brewster Sr. - March 05, 2022 at 07:09 PM

DF

“ What a great man! Every time I saw him, he had a warm smile and a kind word. What a beautiful life. Our condolences to all the Africano family. Doug and DeAnn Fiore

DeAnn Fiore - March 05, 2022 at 06:35 PM

MG

“ *An iconic Italian American man. Condolances to the entire African family.*

Martin Giardina - March 05, 2022 at 05:00 PM

BZ

“ *Nick was a great neighbor sharing many stories with us. The whole family has our utmost sympathy.*

Bob & Judy Zwahlen

Bob / Judy Zwahlen - March 05, 2022 at 02:17 PM

LM

“ *I had the pleasure of having Nick as my barber for many years, until he retired. I lived on Washington Ave for many years. I looked forward to paying him and Richard a visit. Nick was one of the nicest people anyone could ever meet. Every visit was like going to a family get together. Nick was a blessing to the Kankakee community. He will be missed by all that have had the pleasure of knowing him. May God bless and comfort his family through these difficult days.*



Larry McIntyre - March 05, 2022 at 01:15 PM

JF

“ *JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Nicholas J. Africano*



JOANN FORD-BOX - March 05, 2022 at 12:21 PM

LL

“ *Condolences to Shirley and your family. -
Michael and Lorette Lavine*



Lorette and Michael Lavine - March 05, 2022 at 11:53 AM

JG

“ *From Joseph and Teresa Giacchino:
Our sympathies to the family.
Nick was a great guy and friend.*

Joseph Giacchino - March 05, 2022 at 10:17 AM

KA

“ *We are so sad to learn of Nick's passing. Deepest sympathy to
Shirley and their family. He was such a wonderful person! Sending
our love and prayers to all.*

Kathy & Walt Andrews - March 05, 2022 at 07:59 AM

GS

“ *So sorry to read this. I have many fond memories of him during my
younger days--I even remember going to the barber shop (must
have been with my dad). I was grateful to see him in early 2019 at
St. Mary's when my mom was ill. He was such a comfort in the
chaos of the ER. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

*Gina Serafini
(Joe and Kay Serafini's daughter)*

Gina Serafini - March 04, 2022 at 11:27 PM

CM

“ *Condolences to his wife & family. Loved to listen & dance when his band played. Prayers for you during this difficult time.*

Cathie (Sederstrand Bergan) Miedema



cathie miedema - March 04, 2022 at 08:09 PM

JB

Deepest sympathy to family and prayers for Shirley to give her the strength to go through this hard time great husband and wife

jeanne benjamin - March 05, 2022 at 09:56 PM

TG

“ *So sorry to hear this. Love and prayers to Shirley and the rest of the family. Many happy and fond memories of Nick from back in the days of 5th Ave!*

Tom Guimond - March 04, 2022 at 01:13 PM

DI

“ *What an incredible man. Always cheerful and happy. When Nick would volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital he would work endlessly. Bringing coffee or a warm blanket to the patients. Constantly working to help both the patients and the ER. staff. Loved and highly respected by everyone.*



Diana - March 04, 2022 at 01:06 PM

SP

“ *Sherry (Barnett) Parks lit a candle in memory of Nicholas J. Africano*



Sherry (Barnett) Parks - March 04, 2022 at 01:04 PM

AR

“ *Shirley and Family, Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. I will be in touch when things settle down for you.*

Armeline - March 04, 2022 at 12:07 PM

JG

“ *Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Nicholas J. Africano*



Joseph Giacchino - March 04, 2022 at 11:14 AM

VD

“ *Virginia R Dominick lit a candle in memory of Nicholas J. Africano*



Virginia R Dominick - March 04, 2022 at 11:09 AM