



Dr. Nicholas Passodelis

February 7, 1935 - October 21, 2021

Dr. Nicholas Passodelis of Hopewell Township passed away peacefully on October 21, 2021.

He was a loving husband to Andrea Sarris Passodelis and a devoted father to his two daughters; Barbara Hamill (Gerry) and grandsons Philip Hamill and Stephen Hamill of Bangor, Northern Ireland and Maria Giles (Gary) and granddaughters Nicole Giles and Rachael Giles of Bethlehem, PA. Growing up in Aliquippa, he was the youngest of eight children to the late William and Molly Spiradellis Passodelis. He is survived by his sister, Agnes Johnell of Panama City Beach, FL as well as many nieces and nephews.

Nick attended Aliquippa High School where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and wrestling and was inducted into the Aliquippa Sports Hall of Fame. His talent and skills earned him a scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh where he played football under Coach John Michelosen. Pitt was ranked 11th in 1955 and 12th in 1956, enabling Nick to play in the Gator Bowl and Sugar Bowl, an achievement he was immensely proud of. After graduating from the University Of Pittsburgh Dental School, Nick served in the U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant. When his service commitment ended, he practiced dentistry before returning to the University of Pittsburgh to specialize in orthodontics. Nick practiced as an orthodontist for over 40 years with offices in Wilksburg, Penn Hills, and Aliquippa. He was very proud of his practice and the patients he helped over so many years.

An avid sportsman who enjoyed skiing, hunting, scuba diving, fishing and golf, Nick was a long-time member of Edgewood Country Club. His sporting interests took him on many adventures and he travelled extensively. Wherever Nick went, he always came home with a new friend and great stories.

Nick was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He always placed high value in his faith and family. Those who had the opportunity to meet him were blessed to share time with him, hear his stories and just enjoy his larger-than-life personality. His family and friends will dearly miss Nick, Dad, Papou or as he was fondly known, Doc.

Friends and family will be received at the Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home, 2026 McMinn Street, Aliquippa, PA on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM. A Trisagion Service will be held at 6:00 PM. Additional visitation will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 10:00 AM until the time of funeral services at 11:00 AM at the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church where Father Yanni Verginis will officiate the service. Following the service, Interment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery, Aliquippa.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice or the Greek Orthodox Church, 2111 Davidson Street, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home, Inc.
2026 McMinn Street
Aliquippa, PA 15001
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<https://www.mastrofrancescofuneralhome.com>

Service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Kimisis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church

Tribute Wall

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“ We’ve all been entertained by Nick’s big personality and the stories of his adventurous life, but how he inspires me the most for how to live my life are the stories he didn’t tell. Nick truly followed Christ’s teaching to “Give your gifts in private and your Father who sees everything, will reward you.” Nick never boasted about his generosity and I am sure that we only know a small fraction of his cheerful giving. May God reward him in Heaven and may His memory be eternal.

Kristine Bilotto Scharf

Kristine - October 27, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Nicholas Passodelis.



October 26, 2021 at 05:08 PM

JJ

“ Andrea, I am saddened to hear about the loss of your husband Dr. Nicholas Passodelis. My prayer for you is inner peace over time as you walk back through the memories carved into your heart by your life with Dr. Nicholas Passodelis. Take care and know you are in my thoughts during this journey.



Juliann Johnson
Coworker

Juliann Johnson - October 25, 2021 at 12:26 PM

TG

Andrea, I am so sad to hear about Nick's passing. He wasn't Dr. Passodelis to us, he was just this kind and gentle man named Nick who loved to tell stories on Tina's porch, and we loved listening to them. I hope that visits from me and my girls gave Nick some happiness, because he sure did make our day special. ❤️

Tracey Duncan & girls - October 26, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Nicholas Passodelis.



October 25, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Nicholas Passodelis.*



October 25, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *Andrea,
I send my love and prayers to you at this hard time. Just remember he is not truly gone as long as he lives within your hears.
Prayers,
Debbie L.*

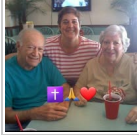


Debbie - October 25, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ *Dear friends...
We are so very sorry for the loss of this beloved man . The pain is overwhelming , I know . May the memories you've experienced, the laughter and love fill your hearts for always . Thinking of you all with love and care during this painful time.
Dennis & Barbara Angione*

Barbara Angione - October 25, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ My Dear Uncle Nick, I have always loved you so much, words could not express. "LOVE Of FAMILY" that is the Passodelis way...I cherished all the your visits when I was a child and growing up in New York. My Mom Agnes, your sister would tell us Uncle Nick was coming, or you would just surprise us with a visit and bring JOY, Happiness and Laughter to our home. I remember going to Yiayia's funeral and being so sad, you wanted to make me smile. Oh, how I Loved your hugs. You offered, made arrangements, and paid to have me see an orthodontist and have my teeth straightened. That was one of the many Loving, and Generous Memories I have of you. I always loved calling you and hearing your voice as I have done through the years, speaking to you and Aunt Andrea. May your Memory Be Eternal. In GODs Kingdom Find Peace. Please give ALL My Aunts and Uncles, your Brothers and Sisters Hugs and Kisses From their Loving Niece Irene. GOD Bless You and the Whole Family, In JESUS Name Amen.



Your Loving Niece Irene P. Johnell

Irene Johnell - October 25, 2021 at 09:15 AM

GG

“ 35+ years ago Nick graciously accepted me into his family. The memories we shared are so numerous I wouldn't know where to begin. Nick was a lot of things to a lot of people but the one thing he shared with all of us was his love of life. Nick leaves a hole in my heart that will not be filled but I know that he is at peace. Nick always told Maria that i was the son he never had but what i hope he knows is that he was the dad i never had. Rest In Peace Nick!

Gary Giles - October 24, 2021 at 04:54 PM

RL

“ No one will ever dispute that Nick Passodelis lived life to the fullest and never met a stranger. His larger-than-life personality and millions of stories from his football days at Aliquippa and Pitt to his travels and adventures entertained everyone he met. His wife, daughters, son-in-laws, and grandchildren were his world. Greek heritage and faith grounded him his entire life and the generous spirit he embodied allowed him to recognize the goodness in everyone he met. We will miss him dearly and are deeply saddened by his passing. Much love and prayers for God's comfort to my dearest Aunt Andrea, Barbara, Maria and their families.

May his memory be eternal.

Renee Lane - October 23, 2021 at 09:52 PM

MG

“ I always told my dad, that God truly Blessed me by choosing him to be my father, and I always told Dad, that mere words could never express my love for him and that I am so grateful for everything he did for me. So Dad, as my last letter to you, I want you to take these special memories with you, and hold onto them till we meet again. Dad, our memories; the fishing trips in the wee hours of the morning, our endless vacations together traveling to fabulous destinations. The first Hawaii trip when on the second day without sun you called the travel agent and told her to fly us to sun! The trip to Greece where we toured and shopped and drank too much ouzo, and the countless trips to Florida or business meetings with Uncle Bernie. You never missed a Halloween, the Christmas presents which started arriving the first of December, and by Christmas Day the presents filled the room! The girls would always know Papou sent presents when UPS showed up. But within all of these memories Dad, it was the lessons you taught me which made me who I am today. You taught me to always have confidence in who I am. You taught me to never allow anyone to belittle me, and you taught me that life is a gift and to Live it to Its Fullest! Even as a little girl, we would dine in the finest restaurants, and if the Chef was upset that I asked for Ketchup, you would stand up for me and Lord Knows, I got my ketchup! But Dad, I became the woman I am today for this reason- you always treated me as if I were the most beautiful woman in the room. You treated me as a lady, even as a young girl. You gave me so much confidence and courage that no matter the situation, I always was at ease. I never had to want for anything, because you always said, what's wrong Boo Boo, then you'd take me shopping or book a trip. You hated to see me sad. I always knew that it would take a very special man to become my husband, as you had shown me a life so full. But the first time you met Gary, I knew it would be. Thank you for loving him as your son. On our last night together Dad, I was so blessed to be with you. I whispered into your ear so much more. Take those words with you and know that I will always have them in my heart so we will always be connected. I Love You, I Miss you

already and I will always be "YOUR LITTLE MOON" May Your Memory Be Eternal and May You Rest in Peace 🙏

Maria Giles - October 23, 2021 at 06:40 PM

MG

“ *Maria Giles lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nicholas Passodelis*



Maria Giles - October 23, 2021 at 05:45 PM

NG

“ *There aren't strong enough words to express how truly amazing my Papou was. Anyone who knew him can attest to the joy and warmth he brought to any room he walked into. Full of stories, laughter, generosity and a passion for life, my grandfather taught me that there is nothing more beautiful than living life to its fullest potential. I am so eternally grateful for the man I was named after. My fondest childhood memories will always include our endless games of trouble, Halloween visits, trips to OCNJ, and so many more. I will miss him so deeply.*

Nicole Giles - October 23, 2021 at 05:04 PM

BH

“ My father was a kind, generous and loving man. I cannot begin to share how much he influenced my life. He taught me to be confident and trust in my abilities and to never let anyone, through their comments or actions to undermine me. We shared countless experiences from skiing, sporting events, concerts, plays, holidays and most importantly just time together talking and more than likely laughing. I was blessed to have such a wonderful father. I know heaven is a better place with him and I thank God for blessing me to have Nicholas Passodelis as my father. Rest in peace Dad.

Barbara Hamill - October 23, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Nicholas Passodelis.



October 23, 2021 at 02:39 PM

BR

“ I worked for Doc for over 6 years and during that time we had so much fun! He would take his staff on adventures like Seven Springs or kennywood or spend the afternoon on a pontoon boat! Lunch was always on him during the work day! He would never let you pay! He accommodated the work schedule in order for me to attend college! I have so many fond memories and will miss him! Love you Doc! May you fly with the angels and make them laugh! 🥹❤️❤️❤�

Bette Romeo - October 23, 2021 at 02:31 PM

WP

“ I can't express what a Wonderful man! So kind and generous ! Caring, Compassionate, a Heart bigger than anything! Always pleasant and smart too! An example to me, of how to be, and how to live! I will miss him!

May his Memory be Eternal!

William E Passodelis

William E Passodelis - October 23, 2021 at 12:54 PM

VF

“ Doc was like a 2nd father to me . We worked together for 30 years and we always enjoyed our work and time at the office. To say you worked in one place for 30 years says something about how you felt about the job and your boss. Doc would tell people “ I'm not the Boss She is” referring to me, then we would laugh together. Doc was such a kind and loving soul. He would always worry about me as if I was his daughter, being so giving over the whole 30 years and even after. We had so many laughs and good times ,I will always treasure the memories. Rest In Peace Doc, love you 🙏

Valerie

Valerie Forsythe - October 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM

FB

“ What can you say about a man treated you like a son? 44 years ago, Dr. Nick adopted me. Some of the most memorable moments of my life were spent with him.

Nick had a big personality and an even bigger heart. I learned so much from him just by watching what he did. No one ever had to ask him for anything, because he always knew what to give. So many times I saw him quietly pay for what a stranger needed. And when it came to me, his generosity was unlimited. We played hundreds of rounds of golf together and shared even more meals. No matter how hard I tried, he would never allow me to treat him.

But what I really value most about our relationship is the wisdom he shared with me, the most important of which is when I was thinking that I was too old to return to school. I said to him, "Nick, I'm 29 years old. If I go to law school, in three years, I'll be 32." Nick respond with profound simplicity, "So how old will you be in 3 years if you don't go to law school?"

All the wonderful moments we shared together have been rushing through my mind these past few days. If I tried to list them all, the Pirates would likely win another World Series before I finish.

May your memory be eternal, Dr. Nick.

Frank Bilotto - October 23, 2021 at 09:48 AM