



## Nicholas Joseph Russello

April 30, 2010

Russello, Nicholas Joseph 70, of Jeffersontown, passed away peacefully on Friday, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Brooklyn NY, he retired as an I.L.A. Stevedore, Standard Fruit Co, NYC Piers. Mr. Russello served in the Army National Guard during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Brooklyn and ran for State Assemblyman in the 47th AD, Brooklyn. Mr. Russello was a Little League, High School, and College Baseball Coach at St. Francis College, Brooklyn and coached Spring Training at the Kansas City Royals in Florida. He attended St. Mary's Star of the Sea School and John Jay High School (formerly Manual Training HS), Brooklyn . He spent his last four years in Louisville with his beloved wife Mary. Their four years together were full of love, fun, excitement and joy. He will be deeply missed. He was preceded in death by his infant daughter Sabrina Russello. Survived by his wife Mary Russello, nee Vanderhaar. His children Camille Pontrello (Tom), Carmine Russello (Lisa), Deven Russello, Marrassa Johns (Jason), Jami Russello, Sarri Russello, Mike Vanderhaar, Anne Vanderhaar, Margaret Vibbert (Tim), Judi Vanderhaar, Liz Bryant (David), and Jimmy Vanderhaar. A brother, Amelio Russello (Maria), sisters Nancy Castillo (Joe), and Mary Pace (Michael), as well as thirteen grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. His Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be Noon on Tuesday May 4, 2010 at St. Edward's Catholic Church, 9608 Sue Helen Dr. A gathering will follow the Mass. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Kosair Charities. Owen Funeral

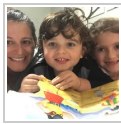
Home-Jeffersontown in charge of Arrangements. On Line condolences [www.OwenFuneralHome.com](http://www.OwenFuneralHome.com).

# Tribute Wall

SD

“ Although I just found out of the passing of Nick, it absolutely broke my heart. He and I worked together at Delta Airlines from 1994-1996 and from day one he and I were more like family than coworkers. I only had the honor of knowing Deven but could definitely see a Nick in him 100%. Nick inspired me to strive for better things in every facet of life instead of settling for being the Operations Manager at Delta. The inspiration is now 24 years of BG/Commanding Officer/Command Pilot in the USAF. Blue skies my friend, although very belated, tomorrow afternoon over the Gulf of Mexico I hope you can look down as myself with 3 other pilots will honor your memory with the flight of the missing man, you will be forever missed.

Scott Dixon - June 28, 2018 at 04:37 PM



I am his daughter, Marrison, and I'm just seeing this. Thank you for sharing kind words about our dad. He really did have a way of making everyone feel like they could do anything and everything. Thank you for honoring his memory, Mr. Dixon. Congratulations on your rank and thank you for your service. I know he would have enjoyed talking with you about service days.

Marrison Russello Johns - April 15, 2025 at 11:05 PM

RK

“ Dear Mary and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Nick was a great person and friend to me in the short time I knew him. I will be thinking about you today. Your Meijer pharmacist. Ross

Ross Kushner - June 28, 2018 at 04:37 PM

JS

“ Jimmy and I met Nick and Mary 3 years ago aboard the Belle of Louisville. We approached them and asked them if they would take our picture. We ended up spending the rest of the evening with them, dancing on the boat and talking. After the boat docked, we went out to dinner with them. The next morning, Nick called and said, "Get up! We're going out to brunch!" And so began our friendship.

Nick was quite a character! Full of fun and laughter, he always was ready to go out and have fun. Every day was obviously an adventure to him and his love of life was infectious. He embraced Jimmy and me as old friends and we enjoyed every minute of it. When he asked Jimmy to be his best man at his marriage to Mary, we both were honored.

I will never again hear "Amore" without remembering Nick singing it. Rest in peace friend.

With love,

Jenny Smith and Jimmy Mann

Louisville, Kentucky

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Jenny Smith - June 28, 2018 at 04:37 PM

SS

“ I will always have many fond memories of Papa Nick...we had so much fun skiing a few years ago. Nick joined three of us at Kissing Bridge one sunny morning in Buffalo. I remember Nick dancing outside on the patio with us girls in between runs. He was always smiling and loved life. Nick will be missed very much. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family especially his wife Mary who I told Camille is an angel from heaven who took such good care of Nick. Peace, Sandy Smith

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Sandra J. Smith - June 28, 2018 at 04:37 PM

TF

“ *Camille, Tom & Family: You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Papa Nick will surely be missed by all! We will continue to pray for his eternal salvation.  
God bless you all, The O'Brien Family and everyone on the St. Mary's Prayer Chain.*

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**The O'Brien Family** - June 28, 2018 at 04:37 PM

KB

“ *Nick, I wish for you a safe journey to a happy place!  
I mourn the loss of a good man and a great friend.  
My condolences to the family....you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Kerrilin*

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**Kerrilin Bruther** - June 28, 2018 at 04:37 PM

DP

“ *Mary and family,  
please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Nick will be greatly missed. He will always be remembered by me with pleasant memories of his outgoing nature. Always there to bring a smile to your face.*

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**Diane Nalley (the RN who Nick referred to as Sarah Palin)** - June 28, 2018 at 04:37 PM