



Mr. Philip P. Nicklaus

November 21, 1930 - May 31, 2015

Philip Nicklaus, 84, of Cortland NY, passed away on May 31, 2015 at home with family.

Phil was born in Syracuse, NY on November 21, 1930. After graduating from Manlius High School, where he captained the football, basketball and baseball teams, Phil served in the Navy during the Korean War. He then attended SUNY Cortland where he received his bachelor's degree in education, followed by his master's degree. Phil taught high school English for 34 years, first in Genoa and then in the Southern Cayuga school system, where he also coached basketball and tennis. Throughout his life, Phil maintained an active interest in reading, music, language, sports, and learning, and what we most loved in him was his curiosity and excitement in sharing knowledge. Young people were drawn to him, and he delighted both children and adults with his stories and sense of humor. His interactions with his grandchildren gave him much joy, and they loved their grandpa.

Phil is survived by his wife of 57 years, R. Anne (Casey) Nicklaus; his children Philip Terence Nicklaus, Kathryn Ivins, Michelle McSherry, and James Nicklaus; his son-in-law Mathew McSherry; his grandchildren Sarah and Matthew Ivins, and Erin, Sean, Molly, and Paddy McSherry; his siblings Doris, Mildred, and Carol; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Philip was predeceased by his parents John and Myrtle Nicklaus, and siblings Margaret, Harry, and Lillian.

The family will hold a private service in celebration of Philip's life.

Donations may be made on Phil's behalf to Caring Community Hospice of Cortland, 11 Kennedy Parkway Cortland, NY 13045, to whom his family is most grateful for the care and support they provided over the past couple months.

Arrangement are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, New York. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

FC

“ *Sorry for your loss. Mr. Nicholas was an excellent teacher and enjoyed his stories.*

flo chadwick-banner - May 18, 2018 at 11:05 AM

CP

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. I have many fond memories of both Phil and Anne from my years at SCCS. I always admired his abilities and his connection to his students.*

Connie Patterson - May 18, 2018 at 11:05 AM

MG

“ *Anne, So sorry to hear of Phil's passing. Heartfelt sympathies to you and the family.*

Mary Lou Graf

Mary Graf - May 18, 2018 at 11:05 AM

LS

“ *Dear Ann and family:
Scott and I are sorry to read of Phil's passing. It comes to us all but this age is much to soon. I will remember him as a fine English teacher who made learning easier than others. I can still see a smile on his face and hear his laugh coming out from the teacher's faculty room.*

Take care Ann.

Best,

Lorie and Scott Gross

Lorie Sellen-Gross - May 18, 2018 at 11:05 AM

SM

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Nicklaus. He was a great teacher, and funny guy. He was always interested in how, and what you were doing. I have many fond memories of him, and Mrs. Nicklaus.

Sheldon Meade - May 18, 2018 at 11:05 AM

WN

“ Phil and I graduated together and played on the football, basketball, and baseball teams at Manlius. We also played in the band and orchestra at our alma mater. I lost track of Phil after graduation and now find we were both teachers not too many miles apart. We had many fond memories growing up in Manlius and the Class of 48 will miss him.

walter norris - May 18, 2018 at 11:05 AM

JM

“ Ann and Family, Marianne and I were sad to read of Phil's passing. Although we have been out of contact for many years, I still think of the guy teaching next door. Phil was always the consummate teacher and valued colleague. The two of you raised a great family who brightened SCCS's classrooms. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

joe michaud - May 18, 2018 at 11:05 AM

BS

“ Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your Father and Husband. He was an outstanding educator and was outstanding as a parent. It was a pleasure to work with Phil and we are all a little less with his passing. I am sure that the many students he helped through the years will always remember the kind and compassionate man as well as the teacher.

Bruce Silvers - May 18, 2018 at 11:05 AM

KB

“ Dear Anne, Dick and Arlene Murphy would like to send their condolences on the passing of your husband Philip. May he rest in peace. We miss you.

Kathy Murphy Bell - May 18, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ Jim and family: So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. His class was always fun. He was a memorable teacher and so many students enjoyed his class.

*Sue Chamberlain Sullivan
Lansing, NY*

June 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM