



NICHOLAS J. PETRELLA

July 18, 1924 - January 7, 2021

Nicholas J. Petrella, 96, of Solvay, passed away Thursday January 7th at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was born in Syracuse to the late Carmen and Josephine (Cerio) Petrella in 1924. As a member of our Greatest Generation, Nick proudly served his country during WW II with the US Army. He worked many years as a photographer for the NYS Department of Public Works and the NYS Department of Transportation before retiring. He was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Beth (White), son, Nicholas A. Petrella, granddaughter, Angelina Petrella and sister, Virginia Pilch.

He is survived by his daughter, Marybeth (Tom) Bonczek, of College Station, TX, sons; Dan (Sharon) and Jim (Karen), both of Liverpool, 11 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, daughter-in-law; Geraldine Petrella, of San Angelo, TX and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 9:30 am Tuesday at St. Marianne Cope Parish-St. Cecilia Church, Solvay. Private interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt. Face masks are required and NYS guidelines on distancing will be followed.

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, has care of arrangements.

His family with to send their heartfelt thanks to the staff of St. Joseph's 2-4 and 2-5 units and Brookdale for their compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. Marianne Cope Parish, 105 Stanton Ave, Solvay, NY 13209.

Please share online memories and tributes at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Cemetery Details

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY - PRIVATE INTERMENT

4100 E. Genesee St.
DeWitt, NY 13214

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 12. 9:30 AM (ET)

ST. MARIANNE COPE PARISH; ST. CECILIA CHURCH
1001 WOODS RD.
SOLVAY, NY 13209

Tribute Wall



“ *NICHOLAS J. PETRELLA*

January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Nick's passing. My deepest sympathy to Dan and Sharon and the Petrella family for their great loss. Nick was one of the nicest and kindest guys that I ever met and I enjoyed talking and working with him at NYSDOT. It was an honor to know such a gentle person. RIP Nick, you will be greatly missed.*

Ida Holmes Taylor - January 12, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ *To Dan, Jimmy & Marybeth,
Our condolences on your dad's unfortunate passing. He was such a soft spoken and sweet man. We will miss his interesting stories and tales from the old days, and we will never forget him dancing at our wedding almost 34 years ago. We pray for your mom and dad in heaven.*

Love Corey & Cindy Lehr

Corey Lehr - January 12, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ *I met Mr Petrella and his sons recently at Preventive Medicine. I was very impressed with how devoted Mr Petrella's family was to him, and Mr Petrella was a delight- upbeat and with an ever present sense of humor, kindness and appreciation. It was a privilege to get to know him for the brief time I did. My condolences to the family, your dad, grandfather was certainly a force of nature, and left a lasting impression on all of us at PMA. Lynne Carey*

Lynne Carey - January 12, 2021 at 05:19 PM

DP

Hi Lynne, your kind words mean so much. PMA always seemed much more than just a doctor's office to us. We know all of you cared for Dad, and not just for his health. Our family appreciates all of the time and effort you took to find the best way to manage his care. We will miss seeing you and the staff also.

Dan Petrella - January 13, 2021 at 01:45 PM

LP

“ To Marybeth, Tom and Kalya,

I am so sorry to read of the death of your father and grandfather. I remember Mr. Petrella as such a warm and sweet man who was always supportive of you. He was very friendly and welcoming, and I liked him very much. I know this is a deep loss for all of you. My sincere sympathies.

With love,

Linda Pennisi

Linda Pennisi - January 12, 2021 at 09:07 AM

KW

“ Your parents were wonderful people and took good care of us while we lived in their house. Wishing you all peace and good memories!

Karen Wheeler

Karen Wheeler - January 11, 2021 at 11:19 AM

RH

“ My sympathy and prayers to Dan and Sharon and Jim and Karen and families on your father's passing.

Regina Harty - January 10, 2021 at 04:47 PM

DP

Hi Regina. Great to hear from you and your prayers mean a lot to us. We miss you at CTK. We hope you are doing well.

Dan Petrella - January 13, 2021 at 01:41 PM

BH

“*Nick was one of the nicest people I ever met. My condolences to Dan and Sharon and all the Petrella family.*

Bill Howland

Bill Howland - January 10, 2021 at 03:43 PM

DP

Bill, we do appreciate it and I never tire of people saying how nice he was. It is often the first thing folks point out. Thank you.

Dan Petrella - January 13, 2021 at 01:39 PM

DK

“*Dan, Sharon & Family,
Our heartfelt condolences on Nick's passing.
He will be remembered by us and many others as a wonderful man, always fun to chat with, while working with him at DOT, as well as after his retirement. God rest his soul.*



Dick & Karen - January 10, 2021 at 03:40 PM

DP

Hi Dick and Karen. DOT was a huge part of his life and he never left it. With so many good people like you, it is easy to stay.

Dan Petrella - January 13, 2021 at 01:38 PM

CF

“ I was sorry to hear of Nick's passing. My condolences to Dan, Sharon and the rest of the Petrella family.

Carl Ford - January 10, 2021 at 12:11 PM

DP

Thank you Carl. Dad still used to ask about you on occasion. We appreciate your thoughts.

Dan Petrella - January 13, 2021 at 01:36 PM

TT

“ I worked with Nick in DOT. 51 years ago Nick did our wedding and produced our beautiful wedding album. God Bless him.
Tom Tomb

Tom Tomb - January 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JF

“ I first met Nick shortly after my Employment with NYSDOT. He was always someone I could look to for advice when needed within NYSDOT. We sometimes talked of his experiences as a Photographer serving our Country during WWII. I want my friends Danny/Sharon and the rest of the Family know I am thinking of them at this time. My Best to all. Joe/Debbie Firenze

Joe Firenze - January 10, 2021 at 10:15 AM

DP

Hello Joe. Great to hear from you and taking the time to write. He was definitely one of the Greatest Generation and not shy with advice either.

Dan Petrella - January 13, 2021 at 01:35 PM

JF

“ *Mr Petrella (Nick) was a class act, a man who brought so much to all of those who knew him. He will be remembered by our family as a loving and caring man. He was someone who loved his family immensely and they will sadly miss him. Our thoughts and prayers to the family, Nick will never be forgotten. Fred & Joanne Fonehouse Vero Beach, FL*

Joanne Fonehouse - January 10, 2021 at 09:02 AM

PM

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your loss I loved Nick family friends for my whole life my prayers are with you and your family 🙏🙏. All my prayers and love Pam Falcone McGann*

pam falcone mcgann - January 09, 2021 at 08:47 PM

DP

Pam, We appreciate it very much. The Falcone's have meant so much to Mom and Dad.

Dan Petrella - January 13, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ *To the whole Petrella family: I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Petrella's death. I remember him as a very kind man who loved his family. We have lost so many great residents of Solvay in the past year and he is another one of them.*

Sharon Testone

Sharon Ann - January 09, 2021 at 06:56 PM