



Herman "Nick" Lee Nickles

October 17, 1954 - January 7, 2020

Herman "Nick" Lee Nickles, born in Selma, Alabama to Ella Mae Murray passed away on January 7, 2020 in Lacey, Washington at the age of 65.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force and was active duty for over 26 years in the Maintenance Career Field working on jet engines such as the F-4C Phantom II, F-15, F-16, KC-135, and C-17. His duty stations included Ching Chuan Kang AB, Taiwan; Kadena AB, Japan; Castle AFB, CA; Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, and McChord AFB, WA. He met his ex-wife (Chun Huang) while stationed in Taiwan and they have 3 daughters together. He retired from the Air Force as a SMSgt (E-8) at McChord AFB, WA. He worked as an Independent Contractor installing entertainment systems after his retirement from the Air Force.

He loved the outdoors and could often be found fishing and occasionally hunting in his free time when not smoking ribs or helping his friends work on cars. He continued to make Lacey, WA his home until the time of his passing. He also would drive down yearly to California for a fishing and bbq trip to with his daughters Chun Mei and Mei Li.

He is survived by his three daughters Diana, Chun Mei, and Mei Li, and sister Rebecca. There will be two services on Monday February 3, 2020. The first service will be at Mountain View Funeral Home in Lakewood, WA starting at 10AM at the Aspen Chapel with a reception to follow. The second service will be at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, WA starting at 2PM for the Military Funeral Honors.

Share your memories of Nick and condolences to the family by visiting the tribute wall.

Events

FEB Funeral Service

10:00AM

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Aspen Chapel Celebration of Life Center Building

Mt. View Funeral Home 4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood, WA, US, 98499

FEB Reception following the service

11:00AM

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Willow Room - Celebration of Life Building on the grounds of Mountain View Memorial Park

4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, LAKEWOOD, WA, US, 98499

FEB Committal Shelter Service / Graveside 02:00PM

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Tahoma National Cemetery

18600 Southeast 240th Street, KENT, WA, US, 98042

Comments



“ Sending energy to his soul during his passing and sending his whole family love and strength for the days to come.



Michelle Gavin - February 03 at 07:41 PM



“ Mike Gavin lit a candle in memory of Herman "Nick" Lee Nickles



Mike Gavin - February 02 at 11:04 PM



“ William L Blake lit a candle in memory of Herman "Nick" Lee Nickles



William L Blake - February 02 at 11:43 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the family.I truly share in your lost. Nick was Family to mine also.

William L Blake - February 02 at 11:40 AM



“ First and foremost I extend sincere condolences to the family.”Nick”was a great friend and classmate.We grew up during a historical time in Selma ALABAMA, It taught us a lot lessons which was carried forward thru our lives. Nick always had a calming demeanor and could make a difficult situation into a positive one .His sense of humor and wit could have a lasting effect on all he met. I’ll miss my friend, I wish we had spent more time together at reunions and get togethers....I’ll miss my friend....Rest in heaven,my brother.

william moore - January 30 at 01:25 PM



“ Pop is what we called you. Sometimes not fully knowing your real name. I too was born in Selma. Pop was a favorite son of my our Great Lydia who had no children. Also Pa and Mom Babe. I hadn’t seen you since those Selma days. My cousin also Rest In Peace. Gone far too soon.

Betty Miller (Dennis) - January 31 at 11:52 PM



“ James King/Class of 1972 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Herman "Nick" Lee Nickles.



James King - January 30 at 12:48 PM



“ Nick was my classmate and friend. I remember days we would walk home from school talking about our next chapter in life after graduation. Nick was a friendly person, a gentle giant but, if you made him mad he was like a tornado. My memories of Nick will always be present in my life, he was more like a brother than a friend and I will miss him. My prayers for his family, there's no sorrow on earth that heaven can't heal."

James King - January 30 at 12:42 PM



“ Nick was a patriot, good friend and part of our family. While stationed in Okinawa Japan in the early 80s Nick and I spent many days fishing in the Pacific. He was always ready to share advise and help a friend. He will truly be missed and I salute his service and many sacrifices to our country. Our memories of Nick will always be with us and our deepest condolences go out to his family and friends.

Mike Gavin
Yorktown, Virginia

Mike Gavin - January 28 at 07:28 PM



“ Mike and Sherrie Gavin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Herman "Nick" Lee Nickles.



Mike and Sherrie Gavin - January 28 at 07:11 PM



“ Your Friend Shaky Pete Pinder purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Herman "Nick" Lee Nickles.



Your Friend Shaky Pete Pinder - January 24 at 12:09 PM



“ Erick Watson and Maria Beltrano purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Herman "Nick" Lee Nickles.



Erick Watson and Maria Beltrano - January 23 at 11:22 AM



“ I met "Nick" in July of '88 in Okinawa Japan. He was my 1st supervisor in my military career. We became friends immediately and had alot in common. Once he found out my parents came from Mississippi and Alabama that's all we talked about. I told him I was from NY and 100% of the time he would reply "yeah, by way of Alabama!" And that was him. He always had a laugh or chuckle in the holster ready to go.

In '02 I started a job that had me on the road at 5am and I knew could call him cuz he got up early with the chickens (as i said to him). So from '02 until he left I talked to him almost everyday I drove to work and drove home. Now that he is gone I am really how horrible that drive is with out. My Big Brother with whom I shared everything. You are extremely missed my dear and best friend!!

Erick Watson
Las Vegas



Erick Watson - January 23 at 11:10 AM



“ I met Nick while on active duty in the late nineties on McChord AFB. I was a Flightline Production Supervisor (Pro-Supe) for the Aircraft Generation Squadron (AGS) and Nick has a similar role representing Maintenance Squadron (Mx) Mike 2. When ever AGS needed back shop support we ProSupes would coordinate with Mike 2 for it. There would be some weekends where he would have to call someone from home to support us. There were many nights shooting the breeze with Nick. Always had a smile on his face and was jolly all the time. Never saw him angry. After we both retired we would bump into each other on McChord at the base exchange or the commissary and chit chat for a few. He will surely be missed.

John R Howell Jr.



John R Howell Jr - January 18 at 10:14 PM