



# Nicholas L. Stewart

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*WEIGEL Funeral Home*

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On Thursday May 31st, 2018 Nicholas L Stewart died in Batesville IN and met the Lord. Nick was born to Adam and Helen Stewart Westrick on December 24th, 1933. Upon his mother's death shortly after his birth, he was adopted and raised by his grandparents, Leota and George Stewart. Nick married Mary Baker on Sept 7th, 1957 and she preceded him in death on March 15th, 1998. Nick is survived by three daughters and their husbands: Patricia and Kurt Rauscher, Pamela and Lakish Hatakar and Elizabeth and John Ruehl and three grandchildren: Maryasha Hatakar, Michael Rauscher and Daniel Rauscher. Dad would remind us, "I won't be gone. I will just have gone ahead of you."

Nick was a Korean War veteran and was proud of his service and our country. Nick worked many years as Director of Purchasing for Batesville Casket Company. However, when asked about his favorite job, he would say with a big smile, "helping Santa Claus every December". He also cherished his years serving on the Batesville Library board and City Council. Nick truly loved Batesville and always tried to do his part to make it the best community possible in which to live and raise a family. Visitation will be Wednesday June 6th at Weigel's Funeral Home in Batesville, IN from 4 to 7 pm. Celebration of Life Mass will be Thursday June 7th at St. Louis Catholic Church at 10 am. Memorials may be made to the Ripley County Humane Society, Batesville Memorial Public Library or Safe Passage.



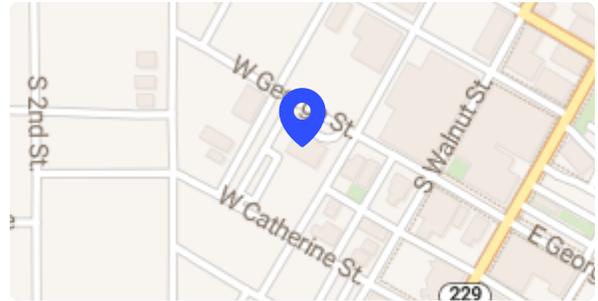
# Events

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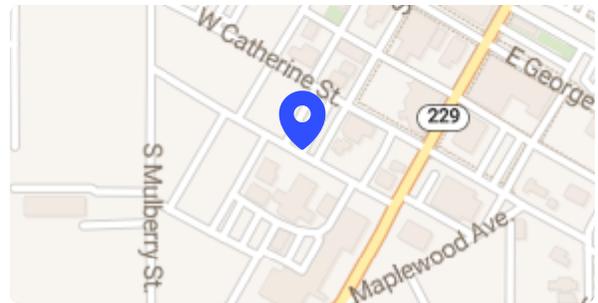
## Visitation

- Wednesday**, June 6, 2018
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Weigel Funeral Home**  
151 W. George St., Batesville IN 47006



## Service

- Thursday**, June 7, 2018
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. Louis Church**  
13 St. Louis Place, Batesville IN 47006





## Tribute Wall

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CH

**Connie Heneghan** posted:

Missing Nick, especially at this time of the year. Connie Heneghan

December 16 at 12:57 PM

JG

**Jill Weisenbach (Gigrich)** posted:

Pat, Pam, and Beth So sorry I could not make it to Nick's services. I saw him in church a few months ago. He didn't recognize me and was surprised when I told him who I was. He said, "this is my niece" many times. It was so good to see him. Then a month or so ago, mom told me and I was hoping I could come visit him. I had a card on my desk ready to mail but it never got to him. I work at Riley in the diabetes department and our diabetes camp for kids was all last week up in Northern Indiana. I just have so many memories of Uncle Nick when we would have sleep overs, he would make us laugh and he would drive to fast down St. Mary's Road and let us drive which we just thought was the best. He was a special man and will be missed. I didn't have any of your addresses to send a card and this was the only way I knew how to just tell you I am sorry and I will hold on to those memories. I hope you all are doing well and hate that we have all lost touch. I am now Jill Weisenbach. I married Scott Weisenbach from Batesville. I am on facebook and my contact info is below. Please take care. All my best, Jill (Gigrich) 5840 Carvel Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46220

June 11 at 10:27 AM

PN

**Peg Neth** posted:

Dear Family of Nick Stewart-I have so many memories of your Father, Grand-father, and mentor as I first met Nick with his wife , Mary, when first moving to Batesville 30 years ago. I knew him as a wit, joke teller, and Santa for the Square. He was a catechists for me when I was DRE for St. Louis Church for a year or so. Always a smile on his face, and I don't believe I ever heard a harsh word from him. Sweet man in my book. Found out on Friday that he had passed...and had to verify with friends in Batesville when I saw a reference to his Obit on FB. My prayers and best wishes to you all...he is a very hard act to follow! Margaret (Peg) Neth

June 9 at 8:47 AM



**Glenda Bise** sent a virtual gift in honor of Nicholas.

Nick will Always be remembered and missed by me. Graphic Artist.

June 6 at 2:44 PM





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LM

**Love, Cindy Maciak** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Stewart family.



June 6 at 11:00 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Stewart family.



June 6 at 10:43 AM

ML

**Mlr** posted:

Nick was always bigger than life. He never met a stranger and always remembered them year over year. My favorite memory of Nick was attending the Ruehl Family Reunions, rolling in with whatever the latest car was. He would roam the crowd, greeting, meeting and taking pictures. We would spend the day sitting under the trees, trading stories and tall tales. A day or two after the event Nick would have a CD with all the pictures he had taken...I still have those CDs as a memory of each event. He will be missed...

June 6 at 5:07 AM

JC

**Janice Cleary** posted:

Nick and Mary will always have a special place in my heart as will you three girls. I share a lot of great talks with him and so have my kids. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers for all you.  
Janice Cleary Laugle

June 5 at 6:50 AM

KH

**Kimberly Hartsock** posted:

We always enjoyed Nick's sense of humor and welcoming smile when we attended the family reunions. We was a jokester, loved entertaining and making people laugh. He usually drove a sleek, fast car to the reunion which the boys would immediately flock to! They would take turns taking a spin with ol' Nick up and down the country road! We love his saying that he's just gone before you, what a wonderful way to experience our departure from this world. Our heartfelt sympathies to his family. We are so sorry for the loss of your Dad. May you find peace and comfort knowing he lives on through you. Love, The Hartsock's

June 5 at 4:16 AM



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NM

**Nanette Molina** posted:

I will so miss my Uncle Nick. I last saw him when my mom Nomi was very ill. I know you missed Nomi so much and I know you are catching up with her and dad. I so wished that I could have come to Batesville to see him and visit with cousins I haven't seen in a long time. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. Well done good and faithful servant. Love you and will miss you Uncle Nick.

June 4 at 10:57 PM

VS

**Virginia Stewart** posted:

Nick was a great step Father to my children. They loved him as did my Grandchildren and Great Grand daughters. He was Grandpa Nick to them. We were very fortunate to have been able to share dinner with him and my family at my house a week before he passed..He will be missedJinny

June 4 at 5:29 PM

SW

**Sally Widener** posted:

I will always remember you for your kind heart and for always being my friend Hope your singing with the Angels and reminising with all your family about the changes in Batesville Over the years Always remember the good times we had at Batesville Celebrations 😊

June 4 at 11:18 AM

RG

**Rick Green** posted:

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care in hopes that ST. NICK soon would be there!"As a Batesville native, I've known Nick for most of my life. He was timeless...never changed. He had a childlike quality that endeared him to everyone he met. And he was probably the most "youthful" senior citizen I've ever known. If it's possible for Heaven to be a happier place it did when Nick arrived.RIP, Nick! And get your batteries recharged! Christmas is only 6 months away!"

June 4 at 6:18 AM



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PG

**Pam Gerdowsky** lit a candle in honor of Nicholas.

Nick was always the friendliest man around. Would always say, hi Pammie how you doing ? I loved hearing him play Santa Claus on WRBI. He made those children feel so important and had a great voice for it. I knew his daughter Elizabeth & son-in-law, John from Emmaus. He had a wonderful family. Mary was always just as kind as Nick. May you rest in peace Nick. I know you will be glad to be with Mary again. Pam Gerdowsky



June 4 at 2:48 AM

HH

**Holly Hullemeier** posted:

Nick made Christmas magic for my nephews and niece! I'll miss his big greeting and warm smile. Wonder what he's driving in heaven?

June 3 at 3:27 PM

TL

**Terri Litmer** posted:

RIP NICK. Thanks for being my friend and for your love. I hope you're with Mary. I'll miss you.

June 3 at 2:48 PM

TC

**Tina Crowe** lit a candle in honor of Nicholas.

Pam and family: So sorry for your loss. Praying for you all. Tina Moeller Crowe

June 3 at 12:57 PM



**Amy Mehlon** June 4 at 8:41 AM

I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know you're in my thoughts and prayers. Amy Mehlon

**Fred Scheele** June 4 at 6:01 AM

We shared many fun years in Purchasing @ Batesville Casket. Fred Scheele



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Nicholas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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